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FISHING FORECAST FOR 2007

The Annual Fishers Meeting and First Salmon Ceremony have been held. The Spring Chinook have returned to the White River and the sockeye are swimming through the Ballard Locks. So it's time to take a look at this year's fishing prospects. MIT Fisheries Biologist Mike Mahovich has provided the following rundown, in chronological order:

SPRING CHINOOK. We're just finishing up our White River Spring Chinook fishery, and it's been very successful. To date, we've had the most fish harvested ever, at about 350. We're in the process of gathering all the numbers, and depending on those numbers, it's possible we could be opening it for another short season. We've got a few more fish on the table to harvest.

So everything is going ahead as planned, and that's good news for everybody. It shows how successful this project is, and that you've got to be patient. It takes many years to rebuild a stock, and that's the point we're at now with the White River Spring Chinook.

SOCKEYE. The second fish that returns are the Lake Washington Sockeye. Unfortunately, the run that's expected back this year is the weakest of the four years. We're in the season right now, as everybody knows. To date, the run looks like it's going to come in pre-season or a little bit more than pre-season. So right now, I would probably say we're not going to have a fishery.

But looking ahead, 2008 is the dominant year, and that's where we usually have the biggest run. We've fished on that run for the last three cycles, in 1996, 2000, and 2004, so I think we're all expecting to fish next year, in 2008.

But this year is more of a rebuilding year. We'd like to see 200,000 return, and have good river conditions, good egg-to-fry survival, good smelt survival in the lake, and then good marine survival. If all that happens, maybe four years from now, in 2011, we'll have a chance of a fishery. But 2007 is more of a rebuilding year.

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Paddle to Lummi 2007:

SOUTH SOUND ROUTE

The canoes will land at Alki Beach on Monday, July 23 and depart on Wednesday, July 25.

HOST TRIBE	ARRIVE	DEPART
Squaxin Island	July 19	July 20
Nisqually	July 20	July 22
Puyallup	July 22	July 23
Muckleshoot	July 23	July 25
Suquamish	July 25	July 26
Mukilteo	July 26	July 27
Tulalip	July 27	July 28
Swinomish	July 28	July 29
Samish	July 29	July 30
Lummi	July 30	

ENUMCLAW SCHOOLS NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM RECEIVES FUNDING FROM TRIBE

MUCKLESHOOT – Friday, June 15, was a very good day for the Enumclaw School District's Native American Program – a day that could mark the beginning of a bright new era of cooperation.

It was on this day that Superintendent Mike Nelson came to the regular Friday meeting of the Tribal Council to formally sign a grant agreement with the tribe that will boost funding to the program, providing enhanced services to the 96 Native American students it serves, 13 of whom are Muckleshoot tribal members.

"We are grateful and honored to be a part of this partnership," Nelson said. "We believe in helping to support every single one of our students, and this partnership really helps to build a program that will connect our Native students and help them to be very successful in school."

The new agreement provides funding for a wide range of activities, including staffing, tutoring, field trips and training, as well as dance instruction and travel expenses for the school's song and dance group, which has long been popular with its Native students.

This partnership didn't just come about overnight, though,



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Signing Ceremony. Left to right: Marie Starr, Charlotte Williams, Mike Nelson, Joseph Martin, Virginia Cross, Kerri Marquez and Marcie Elkins.

according to Assistant Tribal Operations Manager for Education Joseph Martin. It was the result of much hard work and careful planning.

"Fiscal accountability and responsibility have been woven into the language of this grant agreement," he said. "It's very specific about what is going to be done with the grant, and provides for definite measurables,

deliverables, benchmarks, and timeframes for exactly how and when the funds are to be expended."

Muckleshoot tribal member Sharon Calvert, who's been with the Enumclaw School District for 35 years, agreed that it was a historic day, saying that the new Muckleshoot grant will help them to better meet the needs of Native students, not

only culturally, but academically as well.

"We want to make sure that all of our kids are prepared to go to college," she said, "and so when they come in as freshmen, we start to prepare them to take their SATs and to do all the things they need to further themselves, so that when they leave Enumclaw High School,

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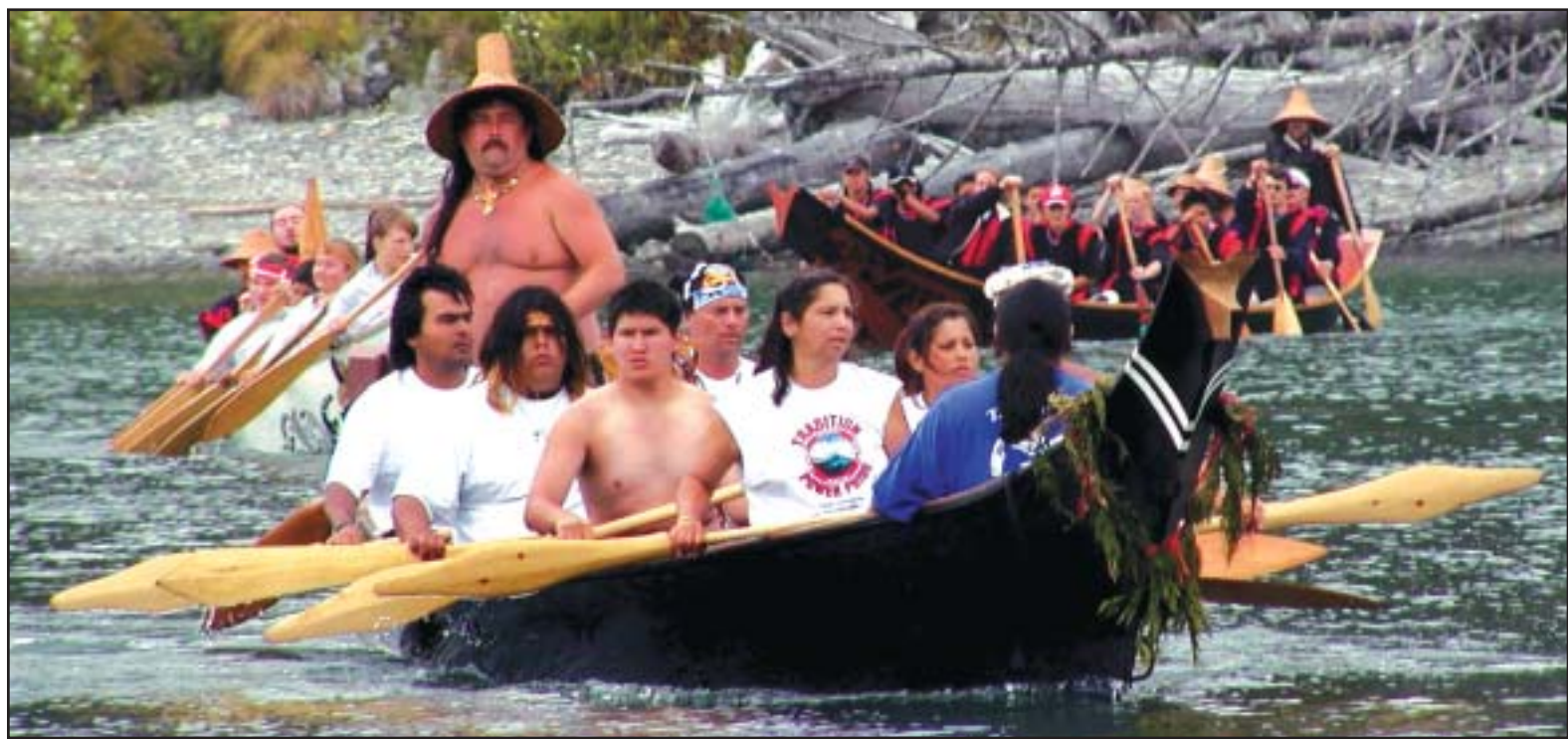


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MAIDEN VOYAGE. Muckleshoot's Great Seal Spirit canoe, skippered by Reggie Ward, glides toward the beach at Taholah as the Canoe Family completes its first-ever Tribal Canoe Journey in 2002. Pullers, from left to right, were: Rob Rodarte, Dennis Halliday, Eric Pacheco, Todd LaClair, Connie "Corn" Daniels and Bettina Brown. Their mother/grandmother, Yvonne James, was watching them from the shore. Canoe Captain Walter Pacheco, in blue, is seen from behind. Will Murphy, Mike Gulla and Roy Moreno are unseen behind other pullers.

Canoe Family begins Paddle to Lummi July 19 at Squaxin Island

It's hard to believe, but this year's Tribal Canoe Journey – the 2007 Paddle to Lummi – will be starting in just a matter of days.

Although some of the faraway Tribes and First Nations are already on the water, the Muckleshoot Canoe Family will be departing from Squaxin Island on July 19. For the first time, the South Sound canoes will all be traveling together. Schedules have been coordinated so that the grand flotilla will converge at Lummi on June 30.

There have been some new additions to the Canoe Program for 2007. There is now a committee, whose members include Les Nelson Sr., Birdie Starr, Virginia Cross, Colleen Anderson, Joylene Simmons and Charlie Sailto. Another addition is Mike Edwards,

who will oversee the day-to-day activities of the program as its new Cultural Coordinator. Walter Pacheco will continue to serve as Canoe Captain.

Now that June graduations and the 4th of July have passed, Mike is urging everyone – especially those who have participated in the past – to help pull together this year's journey in the short amount of time that remains. He can be contacted by e-mail at Mike.Edwards@muckleshoot.nsn.us – and by phone at 253-876-3192.

"My cell phone is 206-255-0115, and that's always on," he adds. "I encourage everyone to join in so we can make this one of the best paddles ever for Muckleshoot."



Tribe's Hard Work Pays-Off in 2007 Legislative Session

The recently concluded legislative session marked an important milestone for Washington State Indian Tribes. This session saw Native Americans take their rightful place in the Senate and House and play important leadership roles in passing a number of important pieces of legislation. Newly elected senator and Muckleshoot employee Claudia Kauffman joined representatives Don Barlow, John McCoy and Jeff Morris to comprise the largest number ever of Washington lawmakers claiming Native heritage.

This emergence of Native political activism reflects the hard work and political involvement of Muckleshoot and other Washington tribes over the past decade. The Muckleshoot Tribal Council long ago recognized that if we are to sustain the progress we have made over the years we must remain committed to active involvement in the legislative process. That involvement and commitment resulted in a number of important legislative victories this past session.

Some of the more notable accomplishments this past session are;

- Senate Bill 5382, sponsored by Senator Kauffman, passed the legislature and was signed by the governor. This bill allows tribe's to conduct background checks on prospective school employees directly through the state system rather than contracting with local public school districts or other authorized agencies. It not only streamlines the background check process for tribes, it more importantly stands as an important recognition of tribe's status as sovereign governments.
- Another bill sponsored by Senator Kauffman and passed by the legislature, Senate Bill 5640, allows tribes to participate in Public Employees Benefit Board programs to the same extent that counties, municipalities and other political subdivisions of the state are authorized to do so. This bill not only provides an avenue for substantial monetary savings for tribal government medical, dental, life and long-term disability programs, it also stands as another affirmation of tribal sovereignty and self-government.
- A bill was passed allowing tribes to enter into compacts with the state for the purpose of retaining the gas tax generated at tribally-owned gas stations provided that the tax is spent on transportation projects passed and was signed into law.

It was not just bills passed that marked tribal legislative success, but also bills that posed a threat to tribes that were stopped. Such is the case with Senate Bill 5558. This bill, pushed by the mini-casino industry, would have consolidated the power of the private gambling industry and opened new opportunities for mini-casinos to eventually again challenge tribal casinos for access to electronic gaming. The Muckleshoot Tribe recognized the potential threat posed by this bill and worked hard to keep it from passing.

The Tribal Council is now beginning to focus on the 2008 legislative session and establish legislative priorities for the next session. Our priorities will include getting tribal owned property exempted from taxation as is the case for property owned by other governments - and empowering tribal law-enforcement officers to exercise police officer powers over non-Indian persons when those individuals are on tribal lands. We will also, as always, remain vigilant in protecting tribal sovereignty and stopping attempts to erode the progress we have made in recent years.



Muckleshoot Fisheries Commission members met recently with officials from Tacoma Water to discuss issues regarding the Green River Watershed and, more importantly, to accept another multi-million dollar check as part of the historic settlement agreement between the tribe and the utility.

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An Open Letter to the Muckleshoot Community

CONCERNING THE NEWS COVERAGE OF THE SONICS ARENA PROPOSAL

There has been a great deal in the local press over the past several weeks about the Muckleshoot Tribe's interest in exploring the possible development of an events center on tribal property that could serve as home to the Seattle Sonics and Seattle Storm basketball teams. The headlines have fanned the flames of intense public interest in this issue - "Could Tribe Save the Sonics?" "Tribe to Help Sonics with Arena" "Muckleshoot Tribe Wants to Save Seattle Sonics" "Muckleshoot Tribe Eyes Relocation of Sonics."

The purpose of this letter is to set the record straight and let all Muckleshoot Tribal members know what is taking place as the tribe considers this matter.

Several years ago the Tribe purchased approximately 24 acres of land directly west of the Emerald Downs facility and adjacent to SR 167. At the time of that acquisition the tribe had no specific plans for developing the property.

Earlier this year, after the State Legislature didn't act on the Sonics request for a large tax subsidy to build an arena in Renton, it was suggested that the tribe consider using the property adjacent to Emerald Downs for such a facility. An introductory meeting between tribal officials and Sonics owner Clay Bennett was held in February. No specific proposals were discussed at that meeting.

Several months later, after careful consideration, the Tribal Council decided to undertake a detailed and careful study of what would be involved in a project of that magnitude. Many questions needed solid answers before a decision to pursue this project could be made. The Tribal Council directed staff to take steps necessary to get those answers.

In late June the Tribe signed a contract with the national facilities planning and program management firm Brailsford and Dunlavey. This Washington DC based firm will do a feasibility study to help us determine the potential of developing an events center on the tribe's property. This study will look at things such as market economics, drive-time distances, demographics, site analysis and development budgets.

Once that study is completed the Tribe will be in the position to make an informed decision on if and how to proceed. We are hopeful to be at that point later this year and will update Tribal members at that time.

This is an exciting possibility for the Muckleshoot Tribe but it is important that we don't get caught-up in all the public excitement and press speculation. The Tribal Council is proceeding carefully and with great diligence and will pursue this project only if it makes sense for the Tribe.

The Tribal Council appreciates everyone's interest and we pledge to keep you fully informed as this issue plays-out.



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CHINOOK. Next is Chinook. We'll start on the Green River side. We'll be starting our test fishery July 18 and doing that on three consecutive Wednesday nights. On paper, we've got a pretty average year, but one thing that occurred last year is that we had very good two-year-old survival. Usually, that translates into a very good three-year-old return. If that's the case we should see a lot of 8- to 12-pound fish this year. And what also goes hand-in-hand with this is that the three-year-old numbers will be a lot larger than what we're expecting.

So, hopefully, on paper it's average, but in reality – if the three-year-olds come in like they did last year as two-year-olds – we should see a pretty robust three-year-old return, which will spike up the run fairly strongly.

We're looking at that the same thing on the Lake Washington side. Last year the two-year-old data was three times higher than the next highest level on the last 15 years. So that tells you how good the two-year-olds came in last year. So after our test fishery, if we get to the certain levels that are needed, the first night we'd go in would be August 8th, and then again, if everything's fine, we'll be going in August 15. So hopefully we'll have two very successful nights in Elliott Bay and the Lower Duwamish for Chinook.

On the Lake Washington side, we're in the process of trying to develop a test fishery in the North End, but we still need agreements with the state and the federal government. It's a long process, but we're working toward that goal. If we do get an agreement this year, we'll start out with a test fishery in the North End in late August to gather some data for future commercial fisheries to try to target the hatchery Chinook that are going back to Issaquah.

COHO. The next in line is coho. On the Green River side, it could be a tough year. Three years ago, there were only so many eggs taken, and it was down about a third – so it was only about two-thirds of the normal production. Normally, we release about 1.2 million smolts from Keta Creek, Crisp Creek, and Soos Creek, but for this year's return only about 850,000 were released.

The second thing that could hurt this year's run is marine survival. Coho have had a tough time out there, and there's not a lot of good indicators saying that marine survival's turned around for coho at this time. Obviously, we have test fisheries, in-season lock counts and other things that will give us a lot of information, and we'll make those decisions when the coho start coming in. But again, we're running off of lower production this year, and maybe marine survival conditions that have not been very good.

On the Lake Washington side for coho, production's pretty normal, pretty consistent, so if marine survival is average or okay, then we should expect similar numbers on that side, which would be probably in the range of 20,000 to 40,000 returning. The in-season counts at the locks will give us information about the run size on a daily basis all the way into October.

CHUM. After we get through coho, then we go into chum on the Green River side, and I think people should be a little more optimistic with chum. Where coho could be a little bit down, chum should be on the other side. I think it should be above average. At this point, we should have a pretty good three-year-old and a pretty good four-year-old return.

We're working off very high production numbers – some of the highest we've seen produced on the Green River for hatchery and natural. We hope that will translate into a strong return if marine conditions are good, and it seems like they are doing okay. I wouldn't be surprised if we see some of our best harvest numbers out of chum this year. Our best to date is around 42,000, and I think we could see that exceeded during late October and into November.

STEELHEAD. I think everybody has heard now that steelhead in Puget Sound has been listed now, along with Chinook. I'm not expecting anything robust in steelhead. We'll probably do some fishing for hatchery fish in December. I'm not sure right now how long we'll be able to fish, because the wild run starts coming in in January, and that's the one we're going to need to protect.

Hopefully that get our fishery all the way up through Christmas, to the New Year. And then after that things are probably going to be changing, to protect more of the wild stock that will be coming into the Green River. So expect less fish, probably in January, and potentially starting this coming year, in 2008. We're still in the very early stages of ironing out a management plan with the state and federal governments on how those fisheries will be managed in the future to protect the wild steelhead. Time will tell.

PINKS. In the Green River system pinks come in late August-early September, between Chinook and coho. On paper there are about 1.5 million pinks, but there's data suggesting it could be up to four million, which would be astronomical. It will depend on our Chinook catches, and there are a lot of timing factors involved, but we have an agreement to try a minor pink fishery in late August. If everything falls into place, that fishery will have a lot of restrictions as to area, gear and those type of things - specifically just to target the pinks. It will be an experimental fishery day-to-day but, again, it will depend on the number of Chinook we catch before we make a decision whether to allow a pink fishery.

So that's kind of it in a nutshell. This year, if someone asked me for recommendations, I guess I'd say to keep your expenses to a minimum, and look forward to next year.

ENUMCLAW SCHOOLS RECEIVE FUNDING

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they'll have a good start on their college education, or if they choose to do something vocationally, they'll be on their way toward that, too."

Sharon was Enumclaw High School's only Native American graduate in 1961, and she believes that her older sister, Clorene Calvert, was the school's very first Native graduate, in 1953.

A lot has happened since then.

"We had seven graduates this year, including two Muckleshoots," she noted with pride, adding that all seven are on their way to college.

"I think the Creator gave us these young lives, and we appreciate it."



Thank You from the Family of Rosemary "Posie" Cross Jones

Thank you to the Tulalip Tribes and the Muckleshoot people who helped us through our loss of our sister, mother, in-law, aunt, and grandmother, Rosemary "Posie" Cross Jones. As the speakers keep saying, it is medicine to those of us left behind when you show up and provide us with your presence and support.

Posie had everything already planned for the funeral services. We simply carried out her wishes. She wanted all her nephews to be her pall bearers and most of them were able to show up. She wanted to be buried by her husband and the Tulalip Tribes allowed this to happen.

Also, we requested that the girls be allowed to dance at the services. Her youngest niece and the grand-nieces (and a few of the grand-nephews) danced her into the gymnasium and out of the gym on the way to the cemetery. They did a very good job. Most were dressed in their Canoe Family regalia. The Tulalip Tribes provided the singing and drumming.

Thank you also to the grave diggers, the cooks, the people who stayed up with her during the wake, the Catholic services, the inter-faith services, the pictures presentations, and the many, many prayers that were said for her.

At the give-away following the dinner, Posie's collections of bears and cook books were also given away. She wanted it this way. As for the burning the following day, we must also say thank you to Pete Jerry and the two sisters-in-law, Marian and Lillian., and to all of you who made this possible.

I should explain that Posie had stomach cancer and she had it for a number of years. It grew to the size of a watermelon. She tried and tried to lose weight but the tumor kept growing. It was just hard to detect. One of her last wishes was that her families eat right and take care of themselves.

Thank you also those who supported us and our families at the hospitals. We appreciate all the support – It is hard to sum up someone's life in a few words, so I will just end this by again saying "thank you." Thank you especially, Posie, for being a vital and important part of our lives. We only wish that we could have borne some of the pain. But, you are at peace now and you are now with those others that you love and have missed. We now miss all of you.

~ LORRAINE CROSS, FOR THE FAMILY AND IN-LAWS

TRIBAL MEMBER SEEKS SEAT ON AUBURN CITY COUNCIL

Chuck Gordon sets sights on Council Position No. 7

AUBURN – Chuck Gordon, a Muckleshoot tribal member, has announced his intention to seek Position No. 7 on the Auburn City Council. The seat is currently occupied by incumbent Marjorie Lynn Norman.

"I believe that, in light of the increasingly important role that the Muckleshoot Tribe has had on the economy of the Auburn area in recent years, it's time for a Muckleshoot tribal member to join the City Council in planning for Auburn's future," Gordon says, adding that, "I feel I can offer fresh ideas, fresh energy, and the spirit of doing a part for his friends, family, and community by serving on the council."

Mr. Gordon is currently employed as a poker dealer at Muckleshoot Casino, where he has worked for the past 12 years. He cites economic development, transportation, sustainable living, environmental protection and public safety as the key issues facing the city.

"These are the issues I plan to focus on," he says. "And I'm ready to tackle them."

As he heads toward the August 21 Primary Election, where he will be squaring off in a three-way race against incumbent Marjorie Lynn Norman and challenger Charles Moore, Gordon is urging all members of the Muckleshoot Tribal Community to make sure that they are registered to vote and is asking for their support. The two top vote-getters will advance to face one another in the General Election on November 6.

The candidate invites anyone with questions or suggestions to contact him at nativeguy_89@yahoo.com or to call him on his cell phone at 206-696-0401.



Chuck Gordon



Yakamas mourn passing of Louis Cloud

TOPPENISH – Ancient songs echoed Monday night from the Toppenish Community Center as tribal members wished a Yakama leader and highly decorated warrior well on his journey to the spirit world.

Tribal Councilman and World War II combat veteran Louis Cloud – who was known for defending both his country and Yakama treaty fishing rights – died at his Toppenish home early Saturday morning. He was 87.

A somber mood hung over the Yakama agency Monday morning as family members cleaned out Cloud's office, where photographs of loved ones were propped atop his desk and pictures of Celilo Falls, the ancient fishing site along the Columbia River, dotted his walls.

"It's a sad day today," said Debbie Brown, who works as support staff for the Tribal Council.

Veterans from reservations across the Northwest gathered with family and friends to pay their respects at the community center Monday afternoon, and services continued overnight.

About 20 Yakama Warriors, a veterans group on the reservation, formed an aisle as they brought Cloud's body into the center. Flags followed, as did hundreds of family and friends.

Deerskin drums thundered through the center as songs were sung. Tribal members - from youth to elders - danced around Cloud's body, helping him on his journey to the spirit world.

Cloud's casket was draped with an American flag that eventually will be placed in the Yakama Nation Museum along with a photo of him and his two war bonnets.

"Having a friend like that for so many years, it's kind of tough to see him go," said longtime friend and fellow veteran Jim Sweargin, who helped an ailing Cloud walk to receive his belated Purple Heart two years ago.

"We was friends for a long time ... like brothers," he said in a soft voice. "We was real good friends."

Cloud, a World War II paratrooper with the 551st Combat Battalion, served in five major campaigns including the Battle of the Bulge - where about 1 million soldiers fought for more than a month during cold, snowy weather in the Ardennes Forest along the German-Belgium border - and at the Elbe River in northwest Germany, where U.S. troops made a crossing for the British.

He often described himself a "crazy Indian that parachuted behind enemy lines."

His numerous medals of valor include the Bronze Star, Bronze Service Arrowhead, Purple Heart, and Grand Cross of Homage of the Military Order of the Ardennes - a gold pendant worn by knights in the European countries of Belgium and Luxembourg centuries before World War II.

Cloud was invited two years ago to lead a parade in Sacaton, Ariz., commemorating the 60th anniversary of Iwo Jima. His presence was in honor of Ira Hayes, an American Indian who helped raise the American flag after the island of Iwo Jima was won. It was an achievement memorialized by the famous photograph by Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal. He served intermittently on the Yakama Tribal Council the past five decades, helped write the tribe's law and order code, and last year spent a six-month stint as chairman.

"He's a well-respected warrior," said fellow veteran Jake Mann.

But Cloud is mostly remembered by tribal members for defending Yakama treaty fishing rights. He had testified on behalf of tribal members caught in fishing disputes with state authorities and also in U.S. Supreme Court cases that eventually led to rulings supporting traditional fishing rights.

"If it wasn't for him, I would have lost my case," said fisherman Simon Sampson, who was caught in a sting operation set up by state authorities more than three years ago. "He knew a lot about treaty rights, treaty fishing rights."

Although Cloud was quiet and spoke with a soft voice, he's regarded as a man "that wouldn't back down from a fight."

"He knew when he was right and stood his ground," Sampson said.

Former Tribal Council Chairman Jerry Meninick told how tribal members were making arrangements when he nearly died two years ago from an infection after having his appendix removed.

"We told him we had his horse saddled up and ready to go," Meninick recalled. "But he said: 'I don't want to leave on a horse. I want to leave on that little bird's back.'"

Meninick, asking everyone to turn their thoughts and prayer to the bird, explained that in Yakama belief the little bird (a night-hawk) was a fisherman and messenger from the Creator about the sacredness of the salmon, and that it was only fitting for Cloud to leave the earth that way.

"That was his task," Meninick said.

Cloud is survived by his wife, Irene Cloud of Toppenish; two sons, Raymond of Dallesport, Wash., and Warren of Toppenish; five daughters, Marie Strong of Wishram, Wash., Mary Cloud of Brownstown, and Cheryl Moses, Paula Pinkham and Carla George, all of Toppenish; two sisters, Elizabeth Watlamet of Satus and Nancy Arquette of White Swan.

A sunrise burial was held on June 26 at McCoy Cemetery near Toppenish.

(Reprinted courtesy of the Yakima Herald Review. Story by Phil Ferolito.)

NOTICE TO FISHERS:

BLEED AND ICE YOUR CATCH

If MSP is to be successful, our salmon must be of the highest quality. Therefore, the Fish Commission has directed all fishers to bleed and properly ice their catch.

The commission has directed MSP to pay fishers **half-price** if they do not follow this quality standard. In addition, MSP has been directed not to purchase fish if they are of poor quality from handling or contamination. **MSP hopes that it will not have to pay any fisher half-price in 2007!**

By maintaining clean and sanitary fish boxes, picking nets in a timely manner, bleeding and properly icing, Muckleshoot Fishers have produced the **FRESHEST, FIRMEST, MOST WHOLESOME SALMON** available to the market, and we want to protect the reputation we have earned!

Thank you,
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Watch next month's paper for a feature story about Muckleshoot Seafood Products.

2007 Keta Creek Fishing Derbies

The Keta Creek Fishing Derbies are summer time family oriented events for Tribal Members and their families. These Tribally funded trout fishing opportunities include breakfast, lunch, and snacks, and fun and games for all ages. Bait, fishing tackle, ice, and fish sacks provided. Games and events are subject to change as necessary.

A flyer will be sent to Tribal Members in April.

Please direct questions or comments to Gail Larsen at (253) 876-3178

August 11, 2007 8:30-2 PM	Family Derby--All ages fishing, Family oriented prizes/picture prizes for adults	Pinata Games/ Ice Cream Cart/ Popcorn Cart/ Fish Printing for Kids
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Shellfish Information

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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. 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. 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.
7. Check the ferry schedule that is printed here with the tide charts. There is a fee for the ferry from West Seattle (Fauntleroy) to Vashon.
8. 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.
9. 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
10. Tribal members, 18 years and older, can get an Oyster Harvest Permit from the Fisheries office. Permits are not issued at the beach.
11. Oysters can be only harvested from the GREEN staked area only with an Oyster Harvest Permit.

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CLAM DIGGING TIDES - VASHON ISLAND

July - August 2007

Day	Date	Time to Dig	Low Tide level & time
Tuesday	July 10th	6:30 am - 9:30 am	-1.4 ft @ 8:10 am
Wednesday	July 11th	7:30 am - 11:00 am	-2.3 ft @ 9:04 am
Thursday	July 12th	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	-2.9 ft @ 9:56 am
Friday	July 13th	8:30 am - 1:00 pm	-3.1 ft @ 10:44 am
Saturday	July 14th	9:30 am - 2:00 pm	-3.1 ft @ 11:30 am
Sunday	July 15th	10:30 am - 2:00 pm	-2.6 ft @ 12:12 pm
Monday	July 16th	11:30 am - 2:30 pm	-1.9 ft @ 12:53 pm
Tuesday	July 17th	12:30 pm - 3:00 pm	-1.0 ft @ 1:32 pm
Friday	July 27th	8:30 am - 11:30 am	-1.2 ft @ 9:59 am
Saturday	July 28th	9:00 am - 12:30 pm	-1.7 ft @ 10:39 am
Sunday	July 29th	9:30 am - 1:00 pm	-2.0 ft @ 11:17 am
Monday	July 30th	10:30 am - 1:30 pm	-2.1 ft @ 11:54 am
Tuesday	July 31st	11:00 am - 2:00 pm	-1.7 ft @ 12:32 pm
Wednesday	August 1st	12:00 pm - 2:30 pm	-1.0 ft @ 1:11 pm
Thursday	August 9th	7:00 am - 11:30 am	-1.8 ft @ 8:50 am
Friday	August 10th	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	-2.0 ft @ 9:45 am
Saturday	August 11th	9:00 am - 12:30 pm	-2.0 ft @ 10:33 am
Sunday	August 12th	9:30 am - 1:00 pm	-1.7 ft @ 11:16 am
Monday	August 13th	10:30 am - 1:00 pm	-1.1 ft @ 11:55 am
Saturday	August 25th	8:30 am - 10:30 am	-0.6 ft @ 9:28 am
Sunday	August 26th	9:00 am - 11:30 am	-1.0 ft @ 10:11 am
Monday	August 27th	9:30 am - 12:00 pm	-1.1 ft @ 10:51 am
Tuesday	August 28th	10:30 am - 12:30 pm	-0.8 ft @ 11:30 am

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Directions to get to the Tribe's Clam Beach on Vashon Island

Take I-5 north to the West Seattle Bridge exit. (One exit north of the Swift/Albro exit)

Go west on the bridge to West Seattle - at the top of the hill you will be on Fauntleroy Ave. After the Buick agency stay on Fauntleroy - it takes an easy left. Follow the signs straight to the Fauntleroy/Vashon ferry.

Make sure to take the Vashon ferry, not the Southworth ferry.

On Vashon Island, follow the main road (Vashon Highway) up the hill (south) about 1.8 miles from the ferry dock.

The Tribe's property driveway is on the LEFT side of the road and is marked with a "Muckleshoot Indian Tribe" sign. The driveway is a dirt road and there is a locked gate about 100 yards down the driveway. The combination is _ _ _ _ . (Get combination at Fisheries Office before leaving).

After the gate, follow the driveway all the way down to the small parking lot next to a small shed - just past the portable toilet. The trail to the beach is marked with a sign: "Beach Trail".

Once down on the beach, to find a good place to dig clams, walk to the right (south) for a few minutes and try digging half-way to the water.

It is easier to dig clams with a small shovel (not a rake) and remember to protect the young clams by back filling all holes.

New Elliott Bay Net Pens

ELLIOTT BAY – Here are some pictures of the new Elliott Bay Net Pens. This is a brand new facility with new net and new spur poles and anchors that replace the old net pen. The cost of \$345,000 is shared by the Muckleshoot Tribe and Squamish Tribe and comes from the Elliott Bay Marina settlement. The net pen is currently holding 400,000 CO-HO smolts, and this year crop is the best Paul Dorn has seen. He said some of the smolts weigh over 1.5 lbs and compliments Dennis Moore's staff at the Keta Creek Hatchery for an excellent job raising them. The CO-HO from the net pens will be harvested next fall of 2008. – *Leo V. LaClair*

PHOTOS BY LEO V. LACLAIR



WHITE RIVER SPRINGER DRIVE & PICNIC 2007

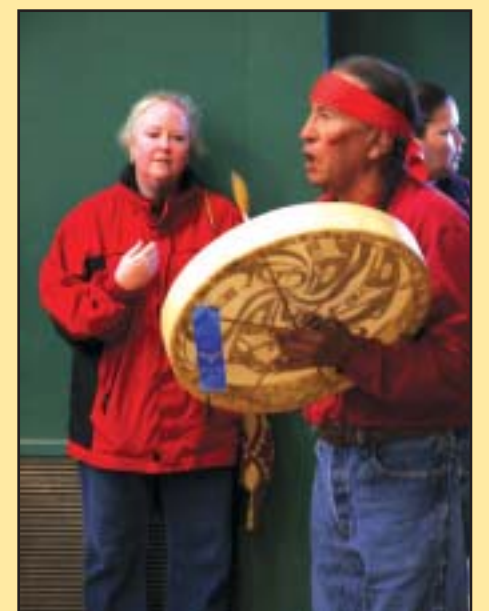
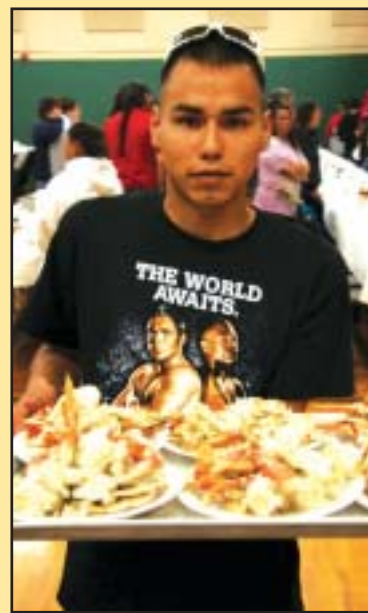
PHOTOS BY LEO V. LACLAIR



First Salmon Ceremony

June 29, 2007

PHOTOS BY JOHN LOFTUS



Another Successful Kids Fishing Derby at Keta Creek Hatchery

PHOTOS BY ANNIE

Saturday June 9th started out with clouds and showers but that did not discourage the over 330 people who showed up at Keta Creek Hatchery to join us for our annual Kids Fishing Derby. Many arrived early to claim their favorite spot at one of the three trout ponds before heading down to the covered dining area to eat a pancake breakfast that was prepared by derby staff and volunteers.

120 kids age twelve and under fished between 10am and noon. Staff at the weigh-in station was kept busy weighing and counting fish to determine the Biggest and Most Fish caught by the kids in age groups 5-8 and 9-12.

The top five winners were:

- Josh Molina (9 lb-8.5oz)
- Thelma Moses (80 fish)
- Emily Jerry (9 lb-1.5oz)
- Cheyenne Miller (65 fish) and
- Annie Moses (8 lb-13oz)

Over 25 total prizes were awarded to the winners within the two age groups including a MP3 player, digital camera, camping gear, 12' pool, Mariner tickets, and remote control cars. Kids' age 0-4yrs had a chance to "fish" for a wrapped bonus prize from Pee-Wee's Pond; including a pool, picnic table, powerwheels quad, and summer water toys. Regular "fishing" from Pee-Wee's Pond was allowed for all kids 12 and under so everyone took home a prize.

A popcorn cart and coolers of pop were set up under a canopy near the ponds for all to enjoy while fishing. Coffee, coco and tea was also available as the weather remained cool with showers all day. After fishing; the lunch of grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, salads, and watermelon was welcomed by everyone who spent the morning at the trout ponds.

Our next derby will be the Family Derby; all ages of tribal members and their families will be able to fish from 10 a.m. till noon. It will be held on August 11th with breakfast starting at 8:30 a.m. There will be fish printing for the kids and prizes for the biggest fish caught. We hope to see you here!

Contact: Gail @ Keta Creek Hatchery – 253-876-3178.
Address: 34900 – 212th Ave SE

- Family Derby – August 11th
- Fall Fishing Classic – October 6th





Muckleshoot Tribal School hosts another Tribal Career Day

Once again the Tribal School gym, decorated in red and black, was filled with vendors representing Tribal Departments and various King County agencies and post-secondary schools for our Tribal Career Day on June 7, 2007.

Dan Carpita gave the opening prayer, Tribal Operations Manager John Halliday was the Key Note Speaker, and Rachel Heaton spoke on behalf of the Education Department.

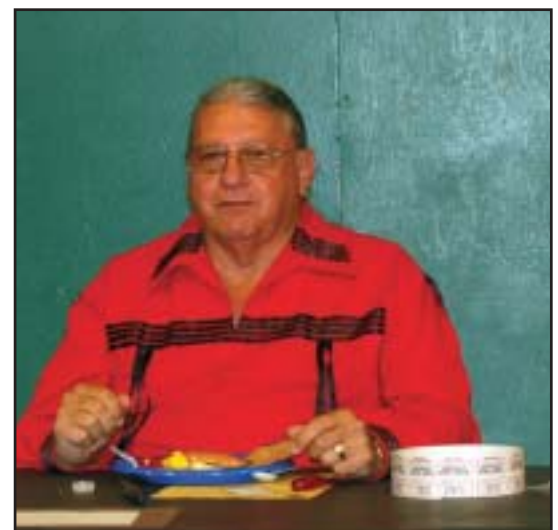
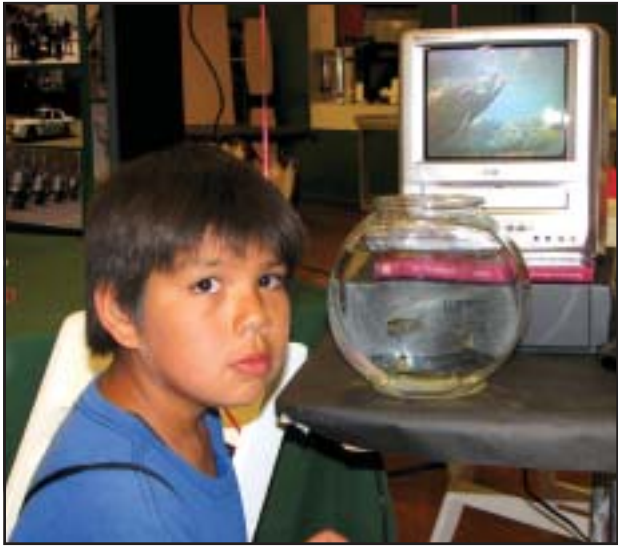
John began with drumming which sent a strong, positive vibration throughout the gym. He then followed with a traditional tale, biographical information, and several tips related to achieving a productive life.

Besides Tribal Departments, King County Library System, King County Sheriffs' Department, University of Washington, Green River Community College, Muckleshoot Job Corps and Emerald Downs were present, among others.

Each vendor offered pertinent information regarding positions, job skills, and education. This event provided an opportunity for students, grades 5 -12, to explore new possibilities for their future.

The Muckleshoot Tribal School would like to thank all participating departments and vendors and a 'high-five' to JOB Corps for help with setting up the gym and Youth Services for the balloons. Kudos to all.

Principal Photographer Keilani Moses. Additional photos by Muckleshoot/King County Sheriff's Dept. and Muckleshoot Fisheries. Article submitted by Muckleshoot Tribal School.



MIT SOLID WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

Hours of Operation:

The Public Works operate a Solid Waste Collection Station located at 40320 Auburn / Enumclaw Rd., (Entrance from So. 400th Street)

Monday- Friday: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Saturday-Sunday: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Holidays Closed

Policy:

- The facilities are free and restricted to all MIT Tribal members use only. (No exceptions.)
- No commercial vendor or contractor shall use this facility for commercial waste.
- All waste shall be put in the specific designated locations or bins. Repeat violators may be barred from further use of the facility.
- All members shall keep the ground clean at all times. Report any spills to the office immediately.

Housing Tenants:

All Housing tenants must request dumpster service through MIT Housing Department. Please call 253-833-7616.

How to Request a Dumpster:

Members who are either home owners / renters can request dumpsters to be delivered to their site for a special cleaning project. Members are required to come in to the Public Works office during the business hours to fill out a Work Request form after obtaining approval from the Housing Department. Dumpster size ranges from 3, 5 and 8 cubic yards. Larger size is available upon special request.

No mixed waste shall be allowed in each dumpster. Yard waste, garbage, appliances and electronic items shall not be put in the same dumpster. Members with mixed waste are requested to bring their items to the Public Works Collection Station.

Property / Site Clean up:

Code Enforcement may require the land owner to clean up their property. Dumpster can be requested to be delivered to facilitate the project. Please call the PW office to request a dumpster for the project. For salvage vehicles removal, please call Planning Dept. Lenny Sneatlum at 253-876-3324.

Demolition Projects:

Should a home or any structure / trailer needs to be demolished, please first obtain a demolition permit from the Planning Department and then bring the permit to the Public Works Department to arrange the work to be performed.

What can you bring to the Collection Station?

- Yard Waste
- General Household garbage
- Tires, small engine, batteries
- TV, computer and other electronic items
- Major appliances
- Waste oils and paints

All items above shall be put in separate designated area and dumpsters. DO NOT mix the above listed waste. Any questions regarding the use of the facilities or services, please call the Public Works Office at 253-876-3281 between 7 AM to 4 PM. (M-F).

Notes:

- A new recycle area is designated to collect recyclable waste such as newspaper, card boxes, bottles and cans.
- The Collection Station is monitored by surveillance cameras. Any violators may be cited for penalties as allowed by the MIT Codes.

Muckleshoot K – 12 School Is looking for Design and Construction Interns (Muckleshoot Tribal Members and/or Community Members)

Intern Requirements:

- Interest in a career in drafting, architectural design, interior design, engineering, estimating, or construction management
- Open to the idea of going to college
- Microsoft Excel and/or Word ability
- Outgoing personality
- Good communication skills
- Minimum age: 16
- Some previous work experience (not necessarily related)
- Motivated person with initiative and desire to learn
- Demonstrated artistic or design ability
- Reliable transportation
- Submit letter expressing reasons for interest to:

Angelica.Wellman@muckleshoot.nsn.us or

attn: Angelica Wellman, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe

39015 172nd Ave SE

Auburn, WA 98092

The interns would be working with experienced designers and construction managers and getting an inside look at the design and construction industries. Responsibilities would be geared toward learning and be based on the intern's abilities.

Experiences might include learning elementary computer aided design (CAD), computer graphics, and other related computer skills, working with varied design consultants such as interior design, landscape design, etc., learning how to read drawings, working with subcontractors, jobsite engineering duties such as reviewing and processing requests for information (RFI's) and submittals, estimating the value of work, fundamental scheduling.

Work would be in Seattle during the design phase and at the jobsite during the construction phase. These would be paid part time positions.

Initial contractor internships are anticipated as:

October 2007 – December 2007

20 hours per week

June 2008 – August 2008

30 – 40 hours per week

*Architect internship hours to be determined.

Pay and hours of work would be as agreed between the intern and mentor.

Submit letters of interest BY July 31, 2007

Mr. Makah returns to track after 13-month layoff

EMERALD DOWNS – He may have gotten some dirt kicked in his face, but Mr. Makah showed that he still deserved to run with the big boys when he returned to the track on June 17 for his first race since being sidelined with a minor tendon injury 13 months ago.

All healed now, the dark bay gelding didn't start out with an easy tune-up race. Although his owners, Frank McDonald and Friendship Stables, had some apprehensions about throwing him into the deep water his first time out, Mr. Makah took on the toughest horses on the track in the meet's biggest race to date – the \$60,000 Bud Emerald Handicap.

All of the best horses at Emerald Downs were entered in the one-mile race, with the exception of Flamethrowintexan, who was down with a bug. Mr. Makah won the race in 2005, when he also took the Muckleshoot Tribal Classic, before being sidelined just one race into the 2006 season.

Since he's now seven years old, it was fair to question whether the old boy still had what it takes to race with the best, but he was not the eldest elder in the contest. Nine-year-old Poker Brad, who was one of Emerald's brightest stars a few years back, chose the same race for a comeback after a layoff of two years.

Neither of these venerable elders of the racetrack disappointed their many fans. Poker Brad showed that he hadn't lost a step, setting the pace until losing the lead in a stretch duel with five-year-old Westsideclyde, who has been burning up the track for the past year and is now considered by some to be the top contender for the Longacres Mile.

He'll have to deal with Flamethrowintexan in that race, though, and probably some California invaders who will surely be drawn

up to our corner of the world by it's fat \$400,000 purse – up from \$250,000 in previous years.

Although Poker Brad finished a dazzling second to the stellar Westsideclyde, Mr. Makah did nothing to embarrass himself in the Bud Emerald Handicap, either. Famous for his off-the-pace running style, Mr. Makah promptly dropped to the rear of the pack soon after breaking cleanly from the starting gate. As usual, he continued to lose ground, and by the time they passed the half-mile pole, he and one other horse were a good 15-20 lengths behind the leaders.

The only difference between the two trailing horses was that one would not be gaining on the pack, and the other was Mr. Makah, who likes nothing better than to see the backsides of the other horses disappearing into the distance and then unleashing a burst of speed for the final three furlongs to see how many of them he can catch.

Sometimes he catches them all. This time he passed about half of them, including good horses such as Random Memo, Norm's Nephew, Coastal King and The Great Face, who had tied a world record at the track earlier in the meet. He didn't win, place or show, but he did prove that he's still a very exciting horse to watch, and that he's still good enough to take his place in the starting gate next to any horse on the track.

Sure, he came back with a lot of mud on his face, but Mr. Makah ran the race in his trademark fashion, coming from way behind and passing horses until the very end. He showed great heart and never gave up, so don't count the old boy out just yet! He may still have a thing or two to show us.



Proud owners James Riedinger and Linda Elledge (at right) bask in the glory after their horse, Westsideclyde turned in a convincing victory in the Budweiser Emerald Handicap on June 17.



Mr. Makah got some dirt kicked in his face in his first race following a 13-month layoff.

PHOTOS BY JOHN LOFTUS

Reminder

Muckleshoot Canoe Family Canoe Meetings

Every Tuesday
and Thursday
@ 5:30 p.m.

@ Canoe Club House

Please let any of the
Canoe Family members
know if you need a ride
or have any questions.

Walter 253-876-3153/Mike Edward
253-939-3311/ Les Nelson/
Colleen Anderson 253-939-6648/Joylene
253-804-8752/Birdie Starr 253-876-3309

Canoe Practice coming
soon! Landing @ Lummi
is July 30, 2007



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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE FOLLOWING FULL-TIME SEASONAL POSITIONS:

RECEPTIONIST

40 HOURS PER WEEK

MAINTENANCE STAFF

40 HOURS PER WEEK,
REQUIRED TO WORK CONCERTS

OPERATIONS ASSISTANT

40 HOURS PER WEEK,
REQUIRED TO WORK CONCERTS

START DATE: JUNE 1, 2007
END DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2007

IF INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THESE POSITIONS AND OBTAINING AN APPLICATION, PLEASE COME TO THE WHITE RIVER AMPHITHEATRE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BETWEEN 9:30AM AND 5:30PM, MONDAY-FRIDAY.

PARENTS NEEDED!

The Muckleshoot Child Development Center (MCDC) is looking for parent input and volunteers. The MCDC is having quarterly parent meetings. Meetings will alternate between lunch and dinner meetings. We are hoping this will get more participants by accommodating the parents with two different time slots to attend meetings. The quarterly parent meetings will be as followed;


August 7, 2007	11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served
November 6, 2007	5:00- 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served

For the dinner meetings we hope to keep the meeting time contained so that the parents can leave in a timely manner unless they choose to continue with the discussion beyond the time scheduled. Lunch meetings will try to stay within the hour time limit to respect the parents that are using lunch hour to attend our meeting. We know that parents have other obligations related to their families, children, and work.

MCDC had their first parent meeting on February 27th 2007 at 11:30 a.m., lunch was served. At this meeting we were hoping to find volunteers for the MCDC Easter Event to take place this spring. Attendance was low and we were not able to get volunteers. If you are interested in assisting the staff with this wonderful event for the MCDC families, please contact Teri Starr at MCDC (253) 288-2044. If you want to participate but have difficulties in attending the meeting, please let me know, we will try to keep you informed of what has happened in the meeting and give you the opportunity to be involved. We look forward to your participation.

Happy Birthday

I would like to wish my Lauralee a very Happy 6th Birthday!
Lots of love,
Mom and sisters Lecann and Aleela





DUCKS CO-ED

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Entry Fee \$275.00

!!OPEN TOURNAMENT!!

LIMIT 12 PLAYERS PER TEAM.

1st Place- Jackets
2nd Place- Hooded Sweatshirts
3rd Place- Crew Sweatshirts
4th Place- T-Shirts

2 All Stars per team-1 male/1 female
MVP

July 13, 2007- July 15, 2007
At The Muckleshoot Ball Fields

Contact Information
Tammy James (253)394-3489
Missy Brown (253)632-4093

Muckleshoot Youth Summer Activities

Make your own Movie!

Have Fun this Summer!

SUMMER MEDIA PROJECT WITH AWARD WINNING NATIVE LENS PRODUCTIONS- LEARN FILM MAKING, PRODUCTION, EDITING-- YOU CAN BE THE NEW SHERMAN ALEXIE!! STARTS JULY 16, FOR YOUTH 12-18

SUMMER PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP- LOCAL NATIVE ARTIST BOB CHARLO WILL BE TEACHING A SIX WEEK CLASS ON PHOTOGRAPHY ARTISTRY. THE CLASS WILL END WITH THE CLASS HAVING THEIR VERY OWN PHOTO EXHIBIT- STARTS JULY 16 FOR YOUTH 10-18

The Muckleshoot Education Division has put together some great opportunities for Muckleshoot youth to get involved this summer. Are you interested in movies or photography, sports? We've got you covered!
Give us a call for the 4!!

Get into photography!

MIT Education- Pulling together for our future

<p>GIVE US CALL For more information To get registered</p>	<p>To volunteer as a chaperone</p>
<p>Call Rachel Heaton at 253-876-3278 or Misty Thomas at 253-876-3075</p>	

<p>MIT Education Joseph Martin, ATOM Education 39015 172nd Ave SE Auburn, WA 98092</p>	<p>Phone: 253-876-3278 Fax: 253-876-3137 Email: rbecca.gilbey@muckleshootn.n.wa.gov</p>
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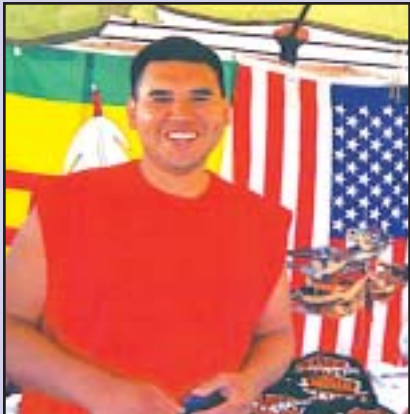




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Happy Birthday,



Mikey Simon! June 7th

AN INVITATION FROM THE LUMMI NATION



UNITED LEAGUE OF INDIGENOUS NATIONS TREATY

The Lummi Indian Nation Governing Council is pleased to extend an invitation to US Indian Tribal Nations and First Nations of Canada to meet on July 31 – August 1, 2007, to consider the draft Treaty of Indigenous Nations. The National Congress of American Indians, Special Committee on Indigenous Nation Relationships — working with the Assembly of First Nations and the Ngati Awa Tribe of Aotearoa, New Zealand — collaborated on the development of this proposed treaty.

The meeting will be conducted in conjunction with the “Paddle to Lummi,” a gathering of traditional canoes from over 60 tribal nations of the Salish Sea (Puget Sound/Victoria Straights/Strait of Juan de Fuca).

After the welcome ceremonies marking the end of the Paddle to Lummi 2007 Tribal Journey on July 30, the Lummi Indian Business Council will host a gathering of indigenous nation political leadership to discuss the treaty.

Representation: All interested parties are welcome. Official delegates of Indigenous Nations bearing credentials signed by the Nation’s authorized official will be issued a credentialed delegate’s identification for voting privileges.

Proposed Agenda:

JULY 31 – 9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

- Welcome and Introductions: Opening Prayers
- **Background and Purpose for Treaty:**
 - o The Treaty is intended to lead to the establishment of a United League of Indigenous Nations as a political and cultural network to unite indigenous nations around issues of trade, climate change, cultural property rights, human rights and border crossing.
 - o The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation initiated this effort by introducing a resolution to create a task force to study the idea of a treaty with indigenous nations of the Pacific Rim in the spring of 2004. Subsequently, the NCAI established a special committee on indigenous nation relationships and charged it with the mandate of the Umatilla Tribes resolution. The committee met with other NCAI tribal delegates and then with Maori and First Nation officials over the next several years. Their ideas were incorporated into a draft treaty that was approved by the special committee during the most recent annual meeting of the NCAI in the fall of 2006. This draft is attached to our invitation.
- **De-Colonizing The Political Identity of Indigenous Nations – Indigenous Nation Treaty-making:**
 - o The domestic laws of the United States, Canada and New Zealand have followed the political formula of US Justice John Marshall developed in the lead case of *Johnson v. MacIntosh*, (1824) wherein, based on his analysis of international law and the import of the so-called “discovery doctrine,” he defined US Indian tribes as “domestic, dependent nations.” Yet, all of these states have entered into treaties, nation-to-nation agreements with the indigenous nations residing within their political borders.
 - o The NCAI Special Committee on Indigenous Nation Relationships determined that, from the perspective of US Tribal Nation representatives and legal scholars, the laws of participating indigenous nations define their own relationships with other indigenous nations — the laws of former colonial nations do not define those relationships. To the extent the indigenous nations may be bound by international laws that have been formulated and promulgated without their participation, such laws cannot be regarded as binding on the ability of indigenous nations to enter into nation-to-nation agreements with each other for their mutual benefit.

JULY 31 — 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM

- **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
 - o **Cultural Properties** — The Treaty as a political alliance to assert the primacy of indigenous nation law regarding the definition of rights to the cultural properties, sacred objects and traditional knowledge base of each indigenous nation.
 - o **Climate Change** — The Treaty as an alliance to unify our concerns over the impacts of climate change on our traditional homeland and to seek independent representation of these concerns before international bodies considering the regulation of climate change causing agents.
 - o **Trade and Commerce** — The Treaty as a structure to facilitate and regulate inter-tribal and inter-indigenous-nation trade and commerce: An economic alliance for mutual support and benefit in the pursuit of indigenous nation self-sufficiency and sustainability.
 - o **Border Crossings** — The Treaty as a political alliance to unify our positions and efforts regarding border crossing rights and responsibilities.

AUGUST 1 – 9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

- Summary and reports on discussions in concurrent breakout sessions from previous afternoon.
- What is our Vision for our future as individual indigenous nations struggling for survival within a dominant society that is often hostile to our existence? Is there a common vision? How can the Treaty serve to advance that common vision?

1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

- What are the next steps?

Adjourn

Contact Information

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Jewell James at (360) 384-2337 or jewellj@lummi-nsn.gov

Tribes reaffirm ties at Bighorn site

LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT – Monday, June 25, marked the 131st anniversary of three tribes coming together to defeat Lt. Col. George Custer and the 7th Cavalry at Little Bighorn Battlefield.

It also was the beginning of a rekindled alliance among the Cheyenne, Lakota and Arapaho, who are embarking on a new fight to preserve their lands and ways of life.

‘Combine our strength’

“We’ll combine our strengths, combine our resources and combine our voices,” Northern Cheyenne Tribal President Eugene Little Coyote said during a ceremony with other tribal leaders.

The tribes are still fighting to retain their ways of life and sacred sites, he said, including Bear Butte. The mount near Sturgis, S.D., is known as the birthplace of the Cheyenne Nation and has been used by other tribes as a sacred place to pray, Little Coyote said. The area is being exploited by development, he said, and its sanctity is threatened.

Little Coyote said the alliance also will rely on the constitutional right to practice religion freely, something others should understand and support, he said.

“Our fight to save our sacred sites will be done using our humanity, spirit and law,” he said.

Little Coyote said the Indians weren’t the aggressors back in 1876, but were tribes peacefully camping on their traditional - as treaty allowed - lands.

“The 7th Cavalry attacked us and we defended ourselves,” Little Coyote said.

Code of silence

Immediately after the battle, the Cheyenne elders imposed a code of silence to protect their people and admonished no one to talk about their role in the battle for “100 summers,” he said.

The Cheyenne, quiet by nature, had their importance as a people and as warriors in the battle “inadvertently diminished” by their reticence, Little Coyote said.

Several years before the Battle of the Little Bighorn, Custer smoked a pipe with the tribe’s Sacred Arrow Carrier and promised not to attack the Cheyenne again, Little Coyote said.

“He broke his promise and sealed his fate,” Little Coyote said.



Sitting Bull

Little Coyote and other tribal leaders spoke in a ceremony on the battlefield grounds after the arrival of the Morning Star Riders. The riders, mainly Northern Cheyenne, honor their ancestors who died in the battle with the 7th Cavalry.

This year nearly 70 people on horseback - including a visitor from Europe - joined in the ride from midway between Busby into the battlefield, said Winfield Russell, one of the organizers. The ride has grown from about five riders five years ago.

“Our ride is good this year,” he said.

The group’s warrior cries could be heard throughout the visitors’ center complex as the riders galloped over the rolling hills. The riders carried the black smudge of a traditional blessing on each of their cheeks as they rode.

“We do this to commemorate the warriors that died at the battle,” Russell said.

Four boys with the Little Bighorn Riders, a predominantly Sioux group, rode from the battlefield to meet the Morning Star Riders en route to the battlefield.

The Little Bighorn Riders are made up of several bands of Sioux who have come from South Dakota for about 15 years to take part in anniversary events at the battlefield and honor their ancestors, Claudine Killnight Cano said. She and others with the group are Northern Cheyenne but joined the Sioux riders before the local group was organized.

The main point is that the commemoration went on, he said.

“We do this to honor our ancestors,” Darren Yellowhair said, “for the freedoms we have today and our sovereignty as a nation.”

Killnight Cano said everyone participated at the battlefield for their ancestors. They were, she noted, warriors of the first nation to take the American flag.

“We’ll keep their memory alive and honor them,” she said.

Crow Tribal Information Officer Donald Spotted Tail did not reply to a request for information.

The alleged Crow-Sioux rift did not affect the commitment to the renewed alliance with the Cheyenne, Lakota and Arapaho tribes.

Oglala Sioux Tribal Councilman Jake Little said that during the 1800s tribes protected and helped one another to defend their lands from encroachment.

“We find ourselves today still fighting these battles,” he said.

Little said Indians were physically attacked by the federal government in addition to having their education, medical, land base and land use systems “torn apart.”

“Dare I say, it’s a genocidal practice,” Little said.

His council voted unanimously last week to “rekindle and strengthen” traditional alliances to fight for their rights and lands.

“History has shown when the Lakota, Arapaho and Cheyenne are united they are unbeaten,” Little said.

Donna Soloman, executive secretary to the Lakota leadership, read a proclamation naming June 25 an alliance day that commemorates defeating the 7th Cavalry and protects future generations so they may practice native cultures and traditions.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Lt. Gov. Melvin Whitebird said that while people make a distinction between the Northern and Southern Cheyenne, there really isn’t a difference. Speaking before the ceremony, Whitebird said he is proud that a Whitebird fought at the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

“Historically, all Indians are connected to this, no matter what our tribes are,” he said.

During the ceremony, Whitebird, who is from Oklahoma, spoke of the “second coming of the same ol’ Indian agents.”

“They are taking away our lands and our rights,” he said.

“It’s only fitting today that we talk about an alliance,” Whitebird said. “An alliance that existed 131 years ago and today we renew it.”

Rosebud Sioux Tribal Councilman Russell Eagle Bear and a group of about 30 of his tribal peers and relatives attended the ceremony and visited other sacred sites along the way from South Dakota.

His tribe has purchased land near Bear Butte, Eagle Bear said. The Maker put Indians on earth to be caretakers, he said, but it takes a piece of paper to prove that right to ownership in the Western world.

“In the white man’s way of thinking, you have to own something,” he said.

The Rosebud Sioux continued their alliance on the honor of a handshake, he said.

“We will continue to be part of anything that is going to help protect Mother Earth,” Eagle Bear said. “Hopefully, on a good handshake we’ll all stand together.”

(Reprinted from the *Billings Gazette*)



The Morning Star Riders

56TH Browning Montana North American Indian Days

July 12 - 15, 2007

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William White Grass Jr.
Jacobus Bellow Dal
Justine Crowl
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Anthony Yellow Owl (406) 338-3501

PARADE
Saturday July 14 at 11am
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Blackfeet Warriors Society/Blackfeet Veterans

CATHOLIC MASS
Sunday July 15, 10am
Campgrounds Arbor

YOUTH DAY
Wednesday, July 11
All Chief's Park
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Cowboy Church Services 11:00 am Sunday

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TINY TOT DANCERS PAID DAILY
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Browning Indians Flag Football at 1st Annual Co-Ed Softball Tournament July 14 or 15, 2007
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For Entry or questions contact
Kathie Running Crane (406) 338 7761 or
Kathy Running Crane (406) 390-0148 or
Tahsee Hall (406) 450-0021
Registration ends July 7th at 11:00 am

The North American Indian Days Committee and the Blackfeet Tribe are not and will not be responsible for accidents, injuries and/or deaths. There will be no alcohol sales during NAID. No alcohol allowed on or within the NAID campground. All tents, vehicles, camp and food are subject to search. For more information contact Taya White Grass @ 406-338-7884 or Frank Gagep at 406-338-7108.



Skopabsh Junior Princess Shawna Starr



Big sister Adriana & baby brother Johnny

In Loving Memory of Alman G. Tecumseh

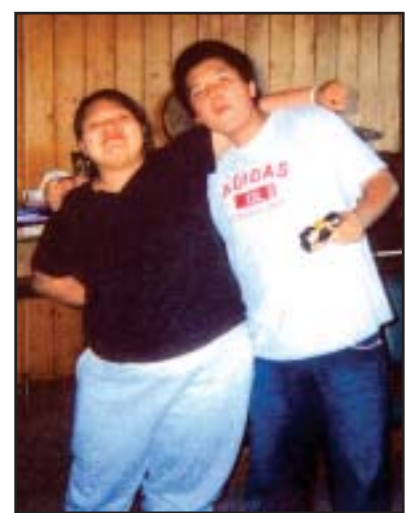
ALMAN G. TECUMSEH MARCH 30, 1989 – JULY 3, 2006

Alman we miss your smile, your laughter, and you joking around. We especially miss the love you had for family and friends. You had so much respect. Respect for the Elders, your Grandma, your mom, your brothers and sisters, and your cousins. You always helped the Elders if they needed you. I remember you always sitting and talking to the Elders.

Ambitious, willing to work all the time. You always knew you had to work for everything you had. You always had to do something, even around the house.

I can see you in my mind. Joking around. When you used to jam out to your music, and play your video games on the X-box, and burn CD's. You loved your music. We miss you playing around with the kids. We miss you helping with community events. We miss your kindness. Alman you are so special to our hearts. You touched the hearts and minds of all who got to know you. Your memory will be forever. It is all because you are so special to us all. We Love you Alman. Never will you be forgotten. We will meet again, on the other side. I know you will be waiting for us to help us through our journey.

We Love you.



Thank You

Our family would like to thank everybody for being here for us through our grief and hardships. Everybody was so kind and helpful. This community is so beautiful, and supportive. We can't thank anybody enough.

Thank you so much,

Alman's Family



Tribal Transportation Planning Overview

Kelvin Frank, Senior Planner

Introduction

Tribal legends and traditions illustrate the use of trails and waterways. These trail and waterway routes were necessary for the survival of Indian people. The need to find food to sustain the Tribe was the first priority. The ancient routes became a vital link connecting Tribes for trade and other tribal activities. Many roadway and river routes used today are in the same location as these ancient tribal routes. Ancient routes were used by our ancestors before the introduction of horses, when they moved by foot over land and by canoe over water. Even makeshift bridges were used when the opportunities were present.

What is Tribal Transportation?

Transportation planning is the development of strategies for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of transportation facilities for moving people and goods in a village, town, pueblo, rancheria, city, borough, county, township, parish, metropolitan area, Indian Reservation, State, multi-State region, or country. The transportation planning process is continuing and comprehensive to the degree appropriate and is based on the complexity of the transportation problems.

- There are certain characteristics of the transportation planning process that need to be emphasized:
- The planning process is linked to land use, cultural preservation, culture, social, economic, environmental and quality of life goals of the area covered by the plan (e.g., reservation, region, or State).
- The planning process examines current transportation operations and identifies future transportation needs (both physical and financial).
- The transportation planning process facilitates transportation investment decision-making with multiple demands on limited resources.
- The planning process involves a variety of participants with an interest in transportation decision-making. These include Tribal Governments, Federal agencies, States, local governments, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Regional Planning Organizations (RPOs), special interest groups, and others.
- The planning process results in the development of workable strategies to achieve optimum transportation investment over both the short-range (3-5 years) and long-range (20 years or more) planning periods.

Why do we plan?

Planning results in a vision for the future, which guides decision-making today. It results in a better understanding of all of the factors that transportation impacts and those factors that impact transportation. It provides a framework for effective decision-making, resulting in the efficient investment of limited funds.

How does transportation planning relate to other planning?

Transportation planning is an element of our Comprehensive Plan. All planning is interrelated. Transportation planning considers land use, social, economic development, public safety, environment, recreation, tourism, public health, schools, etc. Transportation planning considers the various modes of transportation such as highways, rail, air, water, transit, and the connections between the modes. Financial planning is a major aspect of transportation planning. It is done with an understanding that there are limited funds available for investment in transportation facilities. Air quality planning is another aspect that should be linked with transportation planning. Transportation has been identified as a major contributor to the deterioration of air quality and the impact of planned transportation investments on air quality. This must be an important part of the transportation planning process.

Tribal Transportation Today

Affirmed in treaties, Supreme Court decisions, and executive orders, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has a government-to-government relationship with Tribal Governments and requires that the FHWA and other Federal agencies consult with Tribes regarding policy and regulatory matters. Additionally, the agreement establishes consultation requirements with tribes through the Statewide and Metropolitan planning and programming processes. With the utmost respect for tribal sovereignty, the FHWA is committed to building more effective day-to-day working relationships among the Federal government, State Departments of Transportation, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, local governments, and Tribal Governments.

Tribal transportation planning enables communities to identify broad goals to meet transportation needs through informed decision-making. The multimodal (meaning having or involving several modes) strategies for achieving these goals must address current and future land use, economic development, travel demand, public safety, health, and social needs among others. Transportation planning encompasses all modes of movement from place to place. These include vehicular travel, which should address the needs of the road network, non-motorized means such as foot or bicycle, and mass transit systems.

The Muckleshoot Tribe commissioned a Comprehensive Transportation Plan in 1999, which has been subsequently updated in 2006, but not adopted. This Transportation Plan provides an overview of the Reservation transportation systems and identifies policy issues.

How are Transportation Planning products created and used?

The primary products of the transportation planning process are the short-range Transportation Improvement Plan better known as the TIP and the Long-Range (Comprehensive) Transportation Plan. The projects included in the TIP are those which advance to implementation but should not be implemented without community involvement. The Muckleshoot Long-Range Transportation Plan has been developed by compiling ideas for improving the transportation system based upon information we collected and analyzed during the planning process. The TIPs are the implementing documents which include projects consistent with the Long-Range Transportation Plan. Decision-makers will be using information from the planning process when making transportation investment decisions by: (1) adopting the Long-Range Transportation Plan, (2) adopting programs of projects over the next 3-5 years, and (3) scheduling projects for implementation.

Summary

As you can see from our discussion, transportation planning uses an analytical process to develop realistic priorities for any service population. For us here at Muckleshoot, it encourages community, tribal, and local involvement to increase community awareness on the importance of transportation and how it relates to our Tribal community. There are many priority projects that we have identified but the first and foremost priority is to make Tribal members aware what transportation planning means and what is highlighted within the Comprehensive Transportation Plan we have been working on. The next step (after long and lengthy community-wide discussions) would be to adopt the Transportation Plan which we hope will happen sometime in 2007.

People of all Indian Tribes would benefit from understanding the connection between the past, present, and future of Tribal Transportation. Planning for future tribal transportation needs through transportation planning today aids tribal leaders to make informed transportation decisions. These decisions can enrich tribal lands and provide opportunities for current and future generations.

Sources:

1. US Department of Transportation, Federal Highways Administration: Indian Reservation Roads Program
2. Muckleshoot Comprehensive Plan



NEXT GED Testing Dates: “Thursday’s”

**NOTE: Changed to Thursday’s
July 12, 19, 26th.**

August 2, 16, 23rd.

**Dates Subject to Change, Please
Call to Confirm!**

Exam Testing Times – Arrive Early

- 8:15 Reading, Social Studies, Science**
9:45 Reading, Social Studies, Science
**11:30 Language Essay OR Math Only
pick one**
2:15 Reading, Social Studies, Science
3:45 Math Only !!

**To take 5 tests in 1 Day Do 11:30
Essay 3:30 Math**

**To sign up for testing times Call Louie Gong @
253-876-3210 Or sign up at the receptionist
desk on the day of testing. Bring Picture ID,
Payment (if Non Tribal) & Waiver if under 19.
SORRY NO EXCEPTIONS.**

We recommend you Pre-test and study prior to testing. Free tutoring Available at the Muckleshoot Tribal College Monday – Thursday. Friday’s available afternoon only. Thank you.

Mitzi Judge - 253-876-3395

“911 WHAT ARE YOU REPORTING”

**When you dial 911 on the reservation
who answers the call and which Police
Department shows up?**

King County Communications Center will answer when you dial 911 from a house phone and you are south of the Hamilton firework stand (SE 368th). They will dispatch a Muckleshoot Deputy/King County.

Valley Communications Center will answer when you dial 911 from a house phone and you are north of the Hamilton firework stand (SE 368th). They will dispatch an Auburn Police Officer.

Calling from a cell Phone?

Cell phones will automatically pick the tower with the strongest signal.

That signal then sends your call to the closest dispatch center. It’s important to tell them your location and type of emergency so that your call is routed to the appropriate agency.

**If you call the Muckleshoot Police
Department and a recording answers.**

**If you have an EMERGENCY hang up dial 911
If you need a Muckleshoot Deputy to call or
contact you dial 911**

The dispatcher will have the deputy call or contact you.

**Muckleshoot Reservation
Police Phone numbers.**

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Muckleshoot security

253-261-7707

Muckleshoot/ King County Office

253-876-4236

SAVE OUR KIDS

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The Institute for Indian Estate Planning and Probate is offering *FREE* Estate Planning Legal Services to Tribal Community Members

Hello, my name is David Power, a second year law student at the Seattle University School of Law and a legal extern for the Institute for Indian Estate Planning and Probate which was established by the Indian Land Tenure Foundation, a non-profit Minnesota corporation.

The Indian Estate Planning Project assigns legal externs to regions with the goal of providing free estate planning services to tribal community members. Many of you may have experience working with law student interns in past summers.

Funding for the Indian Estate Planning Project comes from the Indian Land Tenure Foundation's Institute for Indian Estate and Probate housed at Seattle University School of Law. The origin of these funds the Department of Interior. The legal externs, working under supervisory attorneys, are authorized to write wills for Native Americans on reservations, including Muckleshoot.

This work is a high priority for Native Americans because the American Indian Probate Reform Act (APIRA) has recently become effective. (JUNE 2006) Without a will, federal law will determine who receives property, what amount they will receive, and whether trust property may be subject to a forced sale at probate.

I also provide other estate planning services, such as drafting living wills with health care directives and powers of attorney documents. These documents determine who should act in your place, if you become mentally incapable of handling for your own affairs.

What is a will?

A will is a legal document that represents your choices about who should receive your property when you pass away. Your will is confidential. It can be changed after it is created; it is only final after you pass away.

You may need a will if you are over age 18, and:

- Have trust land, non-trust land, or personal property;
- Have children, or stepchildren under age 18 and would like to

appoint a guardian for them should anything happen to you or your spouse;

- Want to leave property to someone outside your immediate, blood-related family.
- Have heirlooms, artifacts, or regalia that you would like to pass on to specific friends or family members; or
- Would like to leave instructions for burial ceremonies or give-aways.

If you do not have a will, it is important to know that the federal laws controlling probate of Indian trust land have changed. These laws choose who inherits your trust property. However, as a property owner, it is your right to draft a will and designate who receives your property. Laws do not have to do this for you.

Every estate is different, and the federal laws provide one way of distributing property, which may not be best for your property. The good news is that the new laws only apply if you do not have a will: if you draft a will, your will controls your property.

As you may know, probate is the legal procedure that distributes property after a person passes away. Probate of Indian estates can take up to several years when no will exists. If you have a will, the probate of your assets may be faster, which is a great service to you and your family members.

Personal property and non-trust land is probated under the State of Washington laws. Many Indian estates go through two probates, the federal for trust assets, and the state for non-trust assets. Wills created with the Indian Estate Planning Project meet both the federal and state drafting requirements.

If you are interested in scheduling an appointment with me to create a will or other estate planning devices, or want to know more about the new changes in Federal Indian Probate law as it affects you, please call me at (253)-876-2839 OR contact the Muckleshoot Tribal Realty Office. As a legal extern for this summer I will be available in the Realty Department of the Philip Starr Building full time until the end of July, 2007. In-home visits are available and meetings are confidential.

A message from your friendly Muckleshoot Housing Staff

Lately MHA has experienced a high volume of calls relating to "ANTS", there are two ants that may be trying to invade your home. The number one culprit that MHA would immediately like to know about is the Carpenter Ant, this ant can begin and will eventually destroy the wooden foundation underneath your home. It can grow to be 1/8" - 3/4", MHA has a concern if you happen to see this little pest begin crawling around on the outside of your rental unit. Do not hesitate to call us about this little pest.

The second ant is the "Sugar Ant", this tiny culprit likes to hang out and begins to make trails where there is food left out in the open mainly in the kitchen area. If you happen to see these pests begin making trails in one of the rental units anywhere in your home, give us a call and we will come out and make the determination if you will need outside exterminator services or if we have the pesticides to take care of your ant problem. We may be able to treat them once, but it will be actually up to you to maintain the home and keep them away.

Spiders - some spiders are good to have around because they actually control fly's, mosquitoes and some of the bugs. But there are some very dangerous spiders that have managed to migrate into this area and can be very poisonous or even deadly. If you are not sure which spider has invaded your rental home call MHA and we will come and check it out for you. Also most spiders like to live and breed in dark damp places, so please be careful when you are out looking for things in the wood shed or garage for the first time this year, spiders may be present and are coming out of hibernation.

Mold and Mildew - Again these two items like to begin growing in dark moist places and once they have begun it may be very hard to get rid of. These two seem to grow in damp places such as the bathroom, laundry room or even in dark places in the corners of the home. If you do not have a fan in your bathroom area, after a shower be sure and open a window or place fan in the bathroom for a while. These both can have long term health effects on children if not taken care of in the early stages, once again if caught early enough-MHA does have mold/mildew treatment for the rental units.

Wood stacking - it may be convenient for the woodpile to be stacked next to the house, but woodpiles are a habitat for most of the culprits above, and can make it even more of a convince for these culprits to survive and spread to the places inside of the home or the structure of the home so that they can survive and destroy the place that you call "home".

If you as a tenant in one of our rental units has a question that you would like an answer for in the maintenance of your home, feel free to send the comment or question to the MHA office and we will gladly print and answer the question for you in the monthly newsletter.

*Thank you,
Your friendly Housing Staff*

1st Annual Employee Softball Tournament

"Sports do not build character. They reveal it." – Heywood Hale Broun

In the spirit of competition, fair play, camaraderie, and most importantly FUN, it is my pleasure to announce the first ever, Annual Muckleshoot Indian Tribal Employee Softball Tournament.

The following schedule has been approved to correspond with Employee Appreciation Picnics; administrative leave for these events has been approved (schedule attached):

- Game 1: June 27** – Fisheries - vs - Education – 12:30pm
- Game 2: July 18** – Community Development - vs - TBA – 12:30pm
- Game 3: August 8** – Community Services - vs -Health – 12:30pm
- Game 4: August 15** – HR - vs - Human Services – 10:00am
- Game 5: August 15** – Winner of Game 1 and Game 3 – 12:00pm
- Game 6: August 15** – Winner of Game 2 and Game 4 – 1:30pm
- Game 7: August 15** – Championship – Winner of Game 5 and Game 6 – 3:00pm

All competition will be held at the Muckleshoot Ball Fields and ASA co-ed slow pitch rules will apply; specifically including but not limited to:

- ASA bats only; no banned bats
- Start with 1-1 count
- Unlimited home runs
- Mercy rule - 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 5 innings
- All players must be employed within the Division they are playing for – Casual Labor or Incidental must have been working for 2 weeks prior to the game
- All decisions made by the umpire stand
- Co-Ed Tournament – must bat male-female (although some teams may not have enough men or women to go through the order)
- Unlimited substitutions
- Men must slide head first toward female player
- Everyone will bat regular hand
- 10 runs per inning rule in effect

ASA Website: <http://www.softball.org/>

We look forward to the upcoming weeks' competition, fun, and entertainment; see everyone there!!! Remember; as the late, great Yogi Berra said, "Ninety percent of the game is half mental."

Further info: Donny Stevenson, MIT Human Resources Dept., 253-876-3288

PHOTOS BY JOHN LOFTUS



Multiple Openings



United Indians of All Tribes Foundation (UIATF) is a non-profit organization advocating for strong and healthy Native communities in the greater Seattle area and beyond so Indigenous cultures can constructively engage each other and the rest of humanity. We develop and operate innovative, world-class educational, cultural, economic, and social programs rooted in Indigenous identity and values to establish and sustain patterns of health, well-being, and prosperity.

With our current capital development projects and expansion plans, UIATF seeks qualified candidates to fill positions throughout the Foundation, including:

- Early Childhood Development
- Administration
- Chemical Dependency
- Family Services
- Youth Home

Currently we have openings in many key roles including:

- Human Resources Manager
- Chief Financial Officer
- Chemical Dependency Program Director
- Head Start Managers (2)
- Head Start Teachers
- Early Childhood Specialist
- Youth Home Case Manager
- Native Outreach Worker
- And more!

If you are experienced in any of the above areas, have a solid employment history, excellent communication, interpersonal, computer, and organizational skills, along with ability to manage multiple priorities, we want to talk to you!!

Program positions require solid experience, intimate knowledge, and strong understanding of Native American culture, issues and Tribal politics. Your commitment to enhancing and supporting the community is the key to our success.

United Indians of All Tribes Foundation offers a friendly and respectful work environment, competitive pay and benefits, casual dress code, and a relaxing work environment — many of these positions are at the Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center overlooking the Puget Sound.

Send cover letter and resume to jobs@unitedindians.org. For more information and to view job announcements, visit our website. UIATF is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



PHOTO BY JOHN LOFTUS

ROBERT SANCHEZ
MUCKLESHOOT SKOPABSH WARRIOR 2006-07

A Visit to Kazakhstan

On Sunday, June 3rd, Rick and Druci Allen visited the Pentecostal church and talked about their outreach trip last year to Kazakhstan, where they spent about 10 days with a team from Crimson Bridge. The Pentecostal church supported the team last year both financially and with prayer, so this was an opportunity to hear how God blessed the trip. Instead of attending Sunday School that day, the Pentecostal Church kids stayed in the service, and helped out by modeling several Kazakh hats for the group.

Crimson Bridge will be returning to Kazakhstan again in July with a team of 18 members. They brought a few of the team members to the church, and they demonstrated

their "stomp" which is used to declare the Word of God and involves clapping, stomping, and speaking all at the same. Crimson Bridge is based at Northwest Family Church (NFC), but includes people from several area churches. It is the hope of many at the Pentecostal Church and NFC that soon a group from the Pentecostal church will again participate in Crimson Bridge, as they have in the past. The Kazakhs are eager to meet American Indians, and feel a bond with them because of the history of the Kazakhs with the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union, who threatened their language, culture, and independence.

PHOTOS BY JANEAL ALLEN



HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY
To my little angel
MYILEE WARD-DANIELS

Love Mom & Billy

Happy Birthday!

To Leesa Cuddy Lozier,
who turned 8 on 6-21-07

and



Trisden Alf Lozier,
who turned 11 on 6-3-07

With love from your
grandparents,

Janice & Lloyd Smith
LaPush



Muckleshoot Pentecostal Church

Kenny Williams, Pastor

SCHEDULE

Sun.	10:00 AM	Prayer
	10:45 AM	Church
	6:00 PM	Church
Mon.	7:00 PM	Strong Heart Support Group Philip Starr Building
Tues.	12:00 PM	Prayer meeting
	5-7:00 PM	Girl Scouts
Wed.	7:00 PM	Bible Study
Thurs.	Noon	Brave Heart Support Group Lunch Meeting
Fri.	7:00 PM	Prayer Service
3rd Saturday:	10:00 AM	Prayer Meeting

The Wakpala, SD mission trip is July 26



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HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY TO BETTINA BROWN (7/11) & QUINN OLIVER (7/1)



LUV MACY & TAM

Muckleshoot Child Development Center welcomes Ed Yonamine

New director leaves at end of June for family reasons

By Teri Starr

I wanted to share highlights of the "Welcome Gatherings for Ed Yonamine"

In preparation for our welcome Dinner on May 3rd and the Parent Luncheon on May 4th 07 we hoped to do it traditionally. Ed Yonamine came to the MCDC with 30 years experience in education.

During the process we had a few hurdles that had to be jumped. We ended up not finding the fish in a timely manner for our dinner. We bought the fish from Food Services of America. We asked the Job Corps to cook the fish. They were happy to help the MCDC.

The day prior to the dinner Andy and Sam SoHappy drove the spring salmon from Yakama so we could have the salmon cooked on the stick over alder. The fish was so good since it just came out of the water

Prior to the dinner James's wife went into labor and he took leave to attend to his family. Then Marvin Starr Jr. got ill. Corey Jerry took the lead in the absence of the other two and picked up the fish and cooked it on both days, for the dinner and the parent luncheon.

I wanted to leave the message to the Muckleshoot people David Nichols said "The Muckleshoot people gathered in the past with nothing but fish and whatever else could be brought to cook the first spring salmon over the

alder to bring the people together. It connected the people to one another as a group, to be thankful they made it through another season and the fish had returned again."

I also interviewed the Head Fish Cook, Corey Jerry. I asked him the significance of the fish cooking. He said "It felt good to welcome someone to the Tribe. It is one of the few things we have left of our culture. It has to be passed on to my children and I am trying to preserve it. The only way to do that is to show them. I learned to cook fish from my father, Pete Jerry, and my older brother. I've seen elders do fish cooking in the past, like Norman Eyle Sr."

I would like to thank the community that attended either the dinner or the parent lunch. I would also like to thank the Fishermen, Andy and Sam Sohappy, for the fish. I have a special thanks to Corey Jerry for his coordination of the fish cooking. It was all so good and we have a lot to be thankful for this past year and the up coming year.

In sadness, we have to say good bye to Ed Yonamine. He has family issues that need to be tended to so he will be leaving us the end of June. So, Ed I hope your journeys bring you back again to Muckleshoot.



MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL COLLEGE WVEE WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE

July – October 2007

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

July	Topic	Time
Tuesday, July 10	Self Management Skills/Self-Esteem/Time Management	1:30-3:30
Wednesday, July 11	Customer Service/Telephone Etiquette	10am-12pm
Tuesday, July 17	What's the Right Job for Your Personality?	5pm-7pm
Tuesday, July 24	Applications/Workplace Behavior/Keeping Your Job	1:30-3:30
Wednesday, July 25	Interviewing/60-Second Sell	10am-12pm
Tuesday, July 31	Resume/Cover Letters/Thank You Letters/References (includes some lab time)	5pm-7pm
August	Topic	Time
Tuesday, August 7	Self Management Skills/Self-Esteem/Time Management	1:30-3:30
Wednesday, August 8	Customer Service/Telephone Etiquette	10am-12pm
Tuesday, August 14	What's the Right Job for Your Personality?	5pm-7pm
Tuesday, August 21	Applications/Workplace Behavior/Keeping Your Job	1:30-3:30
Wednesday, August 22	Interviewing/60-Second Sell	10am-12pm
Tuesday, August 28	Resume/Cover Letters/Thank You Letters/References (includes some lab time)	5pm-7pm
September	Topic	Time
Tuesday, September 4	Self Management Skills/Self-Esteem/Time Management	1:30-3:30
Wednesday, September 5	Customer Service/Telephone Etiquette	10am-12pm
Tuesday, September 11	What's the Right Job for Your Personality?	5pm-7pm
Tuesday, September 18	Applications/Workplace Behavior/Keeping Your Job	1:30-3:30
Wednesday, September 19	Interviewing/60-Second Sell	10am-12pm
Tuesday, September 25	Resume/Cover Letters/Thank You Letters/References (includes some lab time)	5pm-7pm
October	Topic	Time
Tuesday, October 2	Self Management Skills/Self-Esteem/Time Management	1:30-3:30
Wednesday, October 3	Customer Service/Telephone Etiquette	10am-12pm
Tuesday, October 9	What's the Right Job for Your Personality?	5pm-7pm
Tuesday, October 16	Applications/Workplace Behavior/Keeping Your Job	1:30-3:30
Wednesday, October 17	Interviewing/60-Second Sell	10am-12pm
Tuesday, October 23	Resume/Cover Letters/Thank You Letters/References (includes some lab time)	5pm-7pm



CONGRATS KELLY!

**1ST JOB CORP
EMPLOYEE
TO COMPLETE THE
BEGINNER
PROGRAM**

WOOHOO!

**DON'T DRINK
AND DRIVE!!!**

M.O.S.T. July '07 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 COLLEGE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 TESTING 10A-12N BASIC -BASIC COMPUTER CLASS 2:00-3:30	6 STAFF MEETING 9:00-11:00A TUTORING 1P-3P (SIGNUP PREFERRED)	7
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15	16 TUTORING 10A-12N (SIGNUP PREFERRED) BASIC MATH 5:00-7:30P	17 TESTING 10A-12N BASIC -BASIC COMPUTER CLASS 2:00-3:30	18 TUTORING 10A-12N (SIGNUP PREFERRED)	19 TESTING 10-12N BUSINESS MATH INTERMED 2:00-5:00	20 STAFF MEETING 9:00-11:00A WINDOWS INTERMED 2:00-5:00P	21
22	23 TUTORING 10A-12N (SIGNUP PREFERRED)	24 EXCEL BASIC 1 OF 3 10A-12N TESTING 1-3P	25 EXCEL BASIC 2 OF 3 10A-12N TUTORING 2-4N (SIGNUP PREFERRED)	26 EXCEL BASIC 3 OF 3 10A-12N TUTORING 1-3P	27 STAFF MEETING 9:00-11:00A BUS COMM INTERMED 2:00-5:00P	28
29	30 TESTING 10-12N	31 TUTORING 10A-12N (SIGNUP PREFERRED)	Questions? Call Janet Emery 253-876-3355 or Renee Lozier-Rojas 253-876-3292		Tribal College 39811 Aub-Enum Rd. Auburn, WA 98092 253-876-3183	

2007

9th Annual Natives on a Wellness Path Muckleshoot Sobriety Pow Wow July 27, 28, & 29, 2007

HEAD STAFF:

Host Drum: High Noon – Canada
Master of Ceremonies: Wayne ThunderChild – Canada
Master of Ceremonies: Everett White
Arena Director: Sonny Eaglespeaker
Whipman: Reuben Twin

GRAND ENTRY:

Friday – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday – 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Sunday – 1:00 p.m.

CONTEST DANCING FOR ALL CATEGORIES

Golden Age (50+), Adults, Round Bustle, Teens, Boys/Girls
Tiny Tots 6 & under will have an exhibition dance

Women's Jingle Dress Special
(Subject to Change)

Public Welcome – All Dancers & Drummers Welcome

Free camping available

Arts & Crafts Booths and Food Booths are available for the weekend

10x10 \$ 125.
10x20 \$ 200.

Information booths are free.

VENDOR & GENERAL INFORMATION:

CeeCee Freeman: 253-804-8752
Mike Starr: 253-261-1764

Not responsible for theft, injuries, accidents, stranded travelers or damage to personal property.
No drugs or alcohol permitted. Anyone under the influence will not be allowed on the premises.
No pets, bikes, or scooters.

New Muckleshoot Pow Wow Grounds, 39015 172nd Ave SE, Auburn, WA 98092

Sponsored by: Muckleshoot Health Committee & Muckleshoot Behavioral Health Program

SKOPABSH POW WOW

AUGUST 24, 25, 26, 2007

ALL CATEGORIES PAYOUT!

DRUMS
1st
2nd
3rd
4th
5th

MEN'S TRADITIONAL
FANCY
GRASS

WOMEN'S TRADITIONAL
FANCY
JINGLE

TEEN'S / JUNIOR'S
TRADITIONAL
FANCY
JINGLE
GRASS

MC'S
DAVE BROWNEAGLE
SPOKANE TRIBE
RANDY VENDIOLA

ARENA DIRECTOR
ZACK CAILING
"Chlawack Zack"

WHIPMAN
DENNIS BUTTERFLY
COLVILLE

HEAD DRUM
BULLHORN

HEAD JUDGE
FRANCIS JAMES

GRAND ENTRY
7PM FRIDAY • 1PM, 7PM SATURDAY • 1PM SUNDAY

OUTGOING SPECIALS & GIVEAWAYS

<p>WARRIOR GRASS DANCE SPECIAL <small>Sponsored by: Robt Sanchez Robert Sanchez</small></p> <p>ALL AGE ROUND BUSTLE SPECIAL <small>Sponsored by: Timmy Ross</small></p> <p>MEN'S GOLDEN AGE 50 & OVER</p>	<p>SENIOR PRINCESS FANCY DANCE SPECIAL <small>Sponsored by: Rose Davis</small></p> <p>TINY TOT REGALIA SPECIAL <small>Sponsored by: Timmy Ross</small></p>	<p>JUNIOR PRINCESS JINGLE DRESS SPECIAL <small>Sponsored by: LeShona Star</small></p> <p>MEN'S 30 & OVER TRADITIONAL SPECIAL <small>Sponsored by: Neena Kahana</small></p> <p>WOMEN'S GOLDEN AGE 50 & OVER</p>
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Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
39015 - 172 Ave SE
Auburn, WA 98092

VENDOR CONTACT:
Jeannette Morrison (253) 333-5029
Mike Starr (253) 261-1764

RV HOOKUPS AVAILABLE! NO DRUGS, ALCOHOL OR GAMING ACTIVITY ALLOWED!
BRAND NEW POWWOW FACILITY. PLENTY OF CAMPING. COMMITTEE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR SHORT FUNDED TRAVELERS.

SKOPABSH POW WOW CONTEST PRIZES		
ADULT CATEGORIES	TEEN CATEGORIES	DRUM CONTEST
1st \$1,000	1st \$350	1st \$5,000
2nd \$ 800	2nd \$300	2nd \$4,000
3rd \$ 500	3rd \$200	3rd \$3,000
4th \$ 200	4th \$100	4th \$1,000

TINY TOTS
Daily Payouts



ROYALTY CANDIDATES SOUGHT FOR SKOPABSH POW WOW

The Skopabsh Committee is looking for people to run for Royalty positions of the Skopabsh Pow Wow, Muckleshoot's first and oldest pow wow celebration. Royalty positions include Senior Princess, Junior Princess, Tiny Tot Princess, Warrior and Little Warrior. Following is list of age requirements for each position:

- Senior Princess – young ladies 13 years of age and older
- Junior Princess – girls between the ages of seven and 12 years of age
- Tiny Tot Princess – girls six years of age and younger
- Warrior – boys (or young men) seven years of age and older
- Little Warrior – boys, six years of age and younger.



Besides age requirements, candidates must be enrolled Muckleshoot or community members who live in the Muckleshoot community, have regalia and be willing to participate in pow wow activities, and available to travel and represent Skopabsh at other celebrations. All candidates will be also required to sell raffle tickets. The proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets will go towards

Skopabsh pow wow costs.

Call Jeanette Morrison, Skopabsh Committee Chairman at (253) 333 – 5029 or Jeanne Moses at (253) 929-6018 or (253) 833-3920 x100 for more information.

2006-2007 Skopabsh royalty are: Rose Davis, Senior Princess; Shawna Starr, Junior Princess; Kayli Bennett, Tiny Tot Princess; Robert Sanchez, Warrior; and , Timmy Ross, Little Warrior. The Kiyah is Marie Johnson.

Northwest Pow Wows 2007

July:

- 1-4, 75th Annual Toppenish Pow wow and Fair @ Toppenish, WA more info: 509-941-4313
- 5-8, Colville Tribes Fourth of July Celebration @ Nespelem, WA more info: 509-634-2011
- 6-8, 13th Annual Wildhorse Pow wow @ Pendleton, OR more info: 800-654-9453
- 12-15, 56th Annual North American Indian Days Celebration @ Browning, Mont. more info: 406-338-7521
- 20-22, 29th Cow Creek Pow wow @ Tiller, OR more info: 541-672-9405
- 20-22, 22nd Annual Seafair Indian Days Pow wow @ Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center, Discovery Park, Seattle, WA Info: 206-285-4425
- 20-22, Julyamsh - Coeur d'Alene Tribe Encampment and Pow wow @ Post Falls, Idaho more info: 800-523-2464
- 20-22, 16th Tamkaliks @ Wallowa, OR more info: 541-886-3101

27-29, 9th Annual Muckleshoot Sobriety Pow wow @ Auburn, WA more info: 253-261-1764

August:

- 3-5, Pow-Wun-Putt Pow wow and Encampment @ Roosevelt, WA more info: 509-865-5121 ext. 4330
- 3-5, 44th Annual Rocky Boy Pow wow @ Havre, Mont. more info: Paul Russett 406-395-4478
- 9-12, Heart Butte Pow wow @near Browning, Mont. info: 406-338-5925
- 9-12, 44th Annual Shoshone-Bannock Indian Festival @ Fort Hall Reservation, Idaho more info: 208-478-3700
- 10-12, Hays Pow wow @ Hays, Mont. more info: 406-673-3016
- 10-12, Omak Stampede Indian Encampment @ Omak, WA more info: 509-826-1983
- 10-12, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Nesika Illahee Pow wow @ Siletz, OR more info: 800-922-1399

- 11-12, 18th Annual Stillaguamish Festival of the River and the Pow wow @ Arlington, WA more info: 425-212-0194
- 16-19, 90th Crow Fair @ Crow Agency, Mont. more info: 406-638-3719
- 17-19, 5th Annual Pow wow, Stick Game Tournament and Rodeo @ Toppenish, WA more info: Shawn 509-865-5322 ext. 5095
- 17-19, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Annual Contest Pow wow @ Grand Ronde, OR more info: 800-422-0232
- 17-20, 96th Chief Seattle Days @ Suquamish, WA more info: 360-598-3311
- 18, 2nd Annual Squaxin Island Tribe Salmonfest @ Shelton, WA more info: Leslie Johnson 360-432-3838
- 24-26, SKOPABSH POW-WOW, Muckleshoot
Aug. 30 - Sept. 3, 93rd Annual Spokane Tribal Celebration @ Wellpinit, WA more info: Greg Ramos 509-258-7205

MUCKLESHOOT VETERANS ASSOCIATION

6th ANNUAL

POW WOW

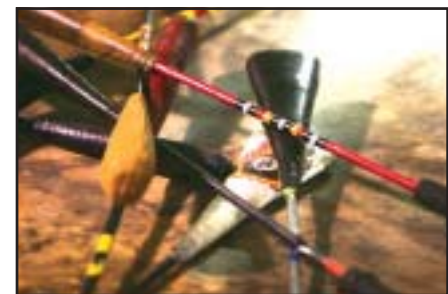
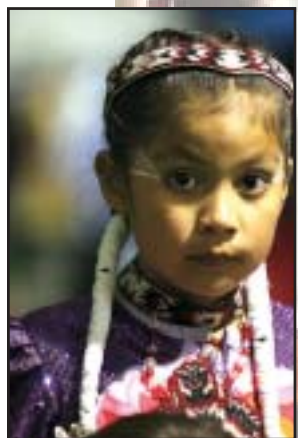
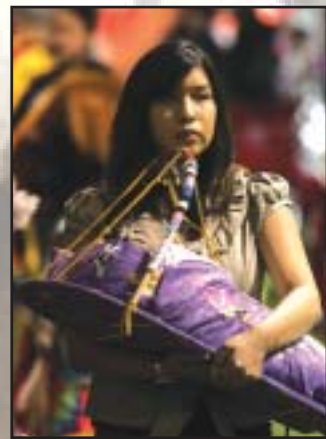
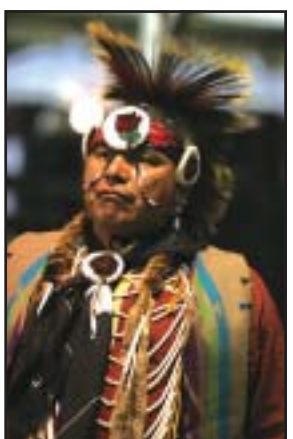
June 22-24, 2007

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The Muckleshoot Veterans Association's 6th Annual Powwow was the first ever held at the new grounds across from the Health & Wellness Center. A huge crowd converged on Muckleshoot to watch some of Indian Country's finest dancers and listen to the very best drums, each performing in their distinctive styles. A total of more than 600 dancers and 27 drums were signed up by Saturday night.

In addition to the regular drum and dance competitions, Brooke Broussard hosted a Grass Dance Memorial Special in honor of her adopted son, Cameron Hawley-Johnston, who lost his life in an auto accident last fall. Cameron had been a dancer since he was a little boy. He was well-known throughout the circuit and his special attracted top-flight grass dancers to compete for the cash prizes, jackets and huge trophies.

The Vets Powwow is the first of three summer pow wows at Muckleshoot, with the 9th Annual Muckleshoot Sobriety Pow Wow scheduled for July 27-29, followed by the granddaddy of them all, the Skopabsh Pow Wow, on August 24-26.



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