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White River Amphitheatre celebrates five great years

By Molly Zidow

By the time Def Leppard finishes their last encore this September 26th, The White River Amphitheatre at the Muckleshoot Reservation will have hosted more than 650,000 people since Anne and Nancy Wilson of Heart performed at the opening concert on June 16th, 2003.

These past five years have brought us many memorable highlights as the White River Amphitheatre has taken its place as one of the premiere entertainment venues in the country.

For many, the journey has been much longer than just the five years since that first concert. There were many challenges faced getting the project off the ground and it required a lot of hard work and perseverance. The Muckleshoot Tribal Council and others came together with Bill Graham Presents – now Live Nation – to make the venue a reality.

But not all of the challenges are behind us. Today we face a rapidly changing music industry that will require us to adapt and work together to keep the White River Amphitheatre at the forefront of the live entertainment industry. We are all committed to that goal.

While we will always face challenges, it is important to also celebrate our many successes. White River is the only west coast venue to have hosted Farm Aid. KUBE 93.3 has moved their annual Summer Jam concert to White River and plans to stay here for many years to come.

More recently, White River held the first Projekt Revolution, a festival that is destined to rival Ozzfest in years to come. Because of our location, White River is often the start of national tours and has become known for its efficient operation within the music community and as a great place for bands to rehearse and kick-off their tours.

Along with great concerts White River has also played host to many tribal events, such as the Muckleshoot Family Reunion, tribal employee luncheons, Muckleshoot Head Start graduations, Health and Wellness Center gatherings and many more. The White River Amphitheatre is truly a tribal asset and we look forward to hosting many more tribal events and gatherings in the future.

This is *your* amphitheatre and all of us who work here strive hard to keep it successful and make it work for the Muckleshoot Tribe. Whether through seasonal employment opportunities for tribal members or making tickets available to tribal members before opening sale to the general public, we want the amphitheatre to deliver value to the Muckleshoot community.

For more information on tribal member ticket pre-sales, employment opportunities or other inquiries, call the White River Amphitheatre at 360-825-6200, send an email to info@whiteriverconcerts.com or stop by the venue Administration office during business hours.

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A WHALE OF A TALE

On the night of Wednesday, July 25, a gray whale swam into the net of a Muckleshoot fisherman in Elliott Bay. Here are the eyewitness accounts of the four men who shared this unforgettable experience...

IT WAS ONE OF THOSE GORGEOUS MIDSUMMER DAYS. AND AS IT CAME TO AN END, THE SPORT FISHERMEN AND PLEASURE BOATERS LINED UP TO TAKE OUT AT DON ARMENI BOAT RAMP. THEIR DAY ON THE WATER HAD COME TO AN END. AS NIGHT FELL, ONE BY ONE, THE NATIVE FISHING BOATS BEGAN TO STREAM OUT OF THE MOUTH OF THE DUWAMISH; FOR, ON ELLIOTT BAY, THE NIGHT BELONGS TO THE MUCKLESHOOTS. EACH OF THE FIVE FISHING BOATS WENT TO ITS ASSIGNED LOCATION AND SET ITS NET. TONIGHT WOULD BE A TEST FISHERY, AND IF THEY DID WELL ENOUGH, THE WHOLE TRIBE WOULD BE ABLE TO GO FISHING. CHASE BOATS PATROLLED NEARBY TO MAKE SURE NO OTHER WATERCRAFT RAN THROUGH THEIR NETS. CHIEF LOUIS POTTS AND BIOLOGIST MIKE MAHOVLICH MADE THE ROUNDS IN THE TRIBE'S 30-FOOT ENFORCEMENT BOAT TO MAKE SURE ALL WAS WELL. A FULL MOON ROSE IN THE SOUTH, SENDING SHIMMERING WAVES OF LIGHT ACROSS THE GLASSY WATER. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL, BALMY NIGHT, AND IT LOOKED LIKE IT WOULD BE A QUIET ONE AS WELL...

Jeremy James

We were just doing the test fishery. It was Wednesday the 25th, at approximately 2:00 – 2:30 in the morning. I was out on my bow checking my lines to see if there was any fish hitting, because you could usually feel them if they're in the net.



All of a sudden, one by one, my buoys started going underwater. I have extra-large buoy balls, which

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Mike Mahovlich

Last Wednesday night, July 25, about 2:30 in the morning, both Louis and myself got a call from Jeremy James. He was fishing the Pier 70 site, just in front of Pier 70, and he thought he had caught a whale.



We headed over there very quickly, and sure enough, when we got there, you could see the whale

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Louis D. Potts

Well, it was right around 3:00 a.m. in the morning during the test fishery in Elliott Bay. I had a fisherman, John LaClair, come up to me and alert me that Jeremy James had a whale in his net. I was kind of skeptical about it. He said "whale" and in my mind, it's like, "No, it's a shark or something." Y'know? A sea lion.



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John LaClair

I was almost asleep when Jeremy called and said that he caught a whale. I was like, "No way – quit messing around!" I said, "I'll just talk to you later on. Call me when you've got something real to talk about."



And he said, "No, no, man! Really! For real! You need to get a hold of Enforcement, or Mike

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Longhouse Media winner of Seattle Mayor's 2007 Arts Award

"Native Lens" youth program recognized

Seattle, WA – At a gala Seattle Center ceremony on August 31, Mayor Greg Nickels presented Longhouse Media with the prestigious Mayor's Arts Award. The Mayor's Arts Awards recognize the contributions made by artists, arts and cultural organizations and community members who make a difference through arts and cultural activities.

"Seattle artists and cultural organizations enhance our quality of life, they inspire, engage and contribute to our economic well being," said Nickels. "This year's award recipients reflect the diversity and extraordinary artistic achievement throughout the city, ranging from arts education to the literary and visual arts to jazz, film and hip hop."

Longhouse Media was one of only seven organizations selected this year, and the first Native organization ever to receive the award. The program specifically singled out for recognition was its innovative and inspiring youth program, Native Lens.

Longhouse Media's Native Lens program teaches Native youth not only how to make films but how to collaboratively tell stories that challenge stereotypes about Native Americans while bridging a gap between Native youth and digital media. In addition to providing life skills, alternative education and career development in the media field, this program offers youth an opportunity to express the stories they want to tell



Kalli, Robert, Danny and Gloria meet Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels

PHOTO BY JOHN LOFTUS

while giving back to their communities.

Longhouse Media was launched in January 2005 by Executive Director Tracy Rector and Artistic Director Annie Silverstein with the support of the Swinomish Indian Tribe. It houses the Native Lens program, which got its start in 2003 in the Swinomish Tribal Community. Since its inception, Native Lens has reached youth across the country and around the world.

In just over two short, dynamic years, Longhouse Media has intro-

duced hundreds of students – including those from Muckleshoot – to the art of writing and filmmaking.

In a partnership between Longhouse Media and the Seattle International Film Festival, Longhouse produced the first youth Superfly Filmmaking Experience in Seattle. Superfly is an exciting 36-hour challenge where youth from around the country come to Seattle to plan, write, shoot and edit four complete films. The resulting production is screened at SIFF to an audience of 850 film-goers.

With a mission to enable indigenous people and communities to use media as a tool for self-expression, cultural preservation, and social change, Longhouse Media's Native Lens program is one of a handful of programs across the nation that focuses specifically on empowering Native youth via film and digital media.

To read more about Native Lens and watch short films made by Native youth, go to: http://www.swinomish.org/native_lens



Protecting our Natural Resources and Treaty Rights

This year a landmark federal court ruling related to salmon habitat and the settlement of a long-standing shellfish harvesting dispute stand as important milestones in our ongoing efforts to protect our natural resources and safeguard our treaty-reserved fishing rights. The Muckleshoot Tribe has worked closely with other Washington Tribes to achieve these important victories and through them help preserve our culture, economy and way of life.

Culvert Decision

An August 22, 2007 federal court ruling in a suit filed by tribes in 2001 said that the state cannot build or maintain road culverts that impede salmon migration to or from the spawning grounds. This is a very important decision because of the impact it will have on the health of salmon and the Muckleshoot Tribe's ability to exercise its Treaty fishing right and preserve the fishery resource for generations of Muckleshoot fishers to come. The state admitted that road culverts are currently blocking more than 2,300 miles of streams where salmon could spawn and that repairing the culverts could result in an additional 200,000 salmon available for harvest each year. While this is undoubtedly a low estimate of the harm caused by the state culverts, it was sufficient to persuade the Court that the State needed to respect the Treaty and act to correct the impact.

In his decision the judge said "the right of taking fish secured to the tribes in the Stevens Treaties imposes a duty on the State to refrain from building or operating culverts under state-maintained roads that hinder fish passage and thereby diminish the number of fish that would otherwise be available for Tribal harvest." Or, in the words of Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission Chairman Billy Frank, "if the fish aren't there, what is the treaty all about?"

This decision will result in the replacement or repair of fish-blocking culverts faster, the establishment of proper standards to better assure that culverts do not harm fish in the future and thereby better assure that salmon are available for harvest by everyone. It will also encourage others who impact the fish habitat to treat fish habitat with respect and care thus reducing the impact on the fishery resource and the Treaty right.

The decision in the culvert case is vindication of the commitment of the Muckleshoot Tribe to protect its Treaty right to fish. Muckleshoot was one of the original tribes to join *United States v. the State of Washington* in 1970, and was one of the original tribes to raise the issue of the need to protect the fish habitat as a necessary way to protect the fish and the Treaty right.

Shellfish Settlement

Earlier this year Tribes signed a settlement agreement with commercial shellfish growers that ended a long-standing legal dispute over shellfish harvesting from private land. An earlier court ruling prohibited tribes from harvesting shellfish from commercially enhanced private beds, but upheld tribal rights to half of all naturally occurring shellfish on those tidelands. Left unanswered were two important questions; how to distinguish between naturally occurring shellfish and those privately produced, and how tribes could access those naturally occurring shellfish on private lands.

The agreement settled those issues while also preserving the health of the shellfish industry and affirming tribal shellfish rights. Under terms of the settlement tribes agreed to forgo shellfish on tidelands sold to commercial users and a \$33 million fund was established to acquire and enhance tidelands to which tribes will enjoy exclusive access. The Muckleshoot Tribe will receive a share of these funds to be used for fishery purposes. Private growers will provide \$500,000 of shellfish enhancement on public tidelands for everyone to enjoy.

This agreement, like the culvert decision, is a win for our natural resources and a win for the fish. The Treaties reserving our fishing rights were intended to insure that tribal culture and society continued even as non-Indians entered our lands. The culvert decision and Shellfish settlement better insure that those promises made long ago will be kept for us and our children.



SALMON HOMECOMING. Canoes from the Muckleshoot, Suquamish, Puyallup and Nisqually Tribes landed at the Seattle waterfront on Saturday, September 8, as part of the annual Salmon Homecoming celebration.

GROUND BLESSING HELD FOR NEW LIBRARY



Library officials, architects, Shaker Church members and MIT staff joined Tribal Council members Marcie Elkins, Dennis Anderson Sr. and LeeRoy Courville Sr. at the ground blessing ceremony for the new Muckleshoot / King County Library on August 14, 2007.



A small sign on the left side of the Tribal College road led down a freshly brushed-out path to the future site of the new Muckleshoot Branch of the King County Library System.

More than 40 people followed this path to a little clearing in the woods on Tuesday, August 14, to participate in the blessing of the densely wooded two-acre parcel that will soon be occupied by a brand-new facility that will be six times the size of the current library.

The first thing to be seen when reaching the clearing was the enormous stump – at least eight feet wide – of an ancient Douglas Fir that was cut down by loggers many years ago.

Even though the towering tree is long gone, its powerful presence could still be felt – a silent symbol of what once was, but has now been lost.

At the top of the ten-foot-tall stump, though, a fresh young Douglas Fir has taken root, symbolizing the new growth in knowledge that – it is hoped – the library will bring.

The new library will be finished in 2008. The old stump of the Douglas Fir will remain.



Architect's drawing of the new library

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MUCKLESHOOT PENTECOSTAL CHURCH BREAKS GROUND FOR MAJOR FACILITY EXPANSION

STORY & PHOTOS BY MARGARET BURNETT



Project Manager John Hagwood



PHOTO BY DAVE BRANNAN



KC Williams



Councilmember Virgil Spencer

MUCKLESHOOT – On Sunday, August 26 the Pentecostal Church had a celebration dinner followed by a ground-breaking ceremony to kick off construction of their new church.

The existing church will remain, and will be incorporated into the new church, so church services will not be interrupted by the construction. The architects designed a flexible structure that will allow expansion as well as multiple uses.

Since the church is often used for dinners, a commercial kitchen is planned. The central part of the church will be a gymnasium that can be used as overflow for the sanctuary, or for seating during dinners.

Pastor Kenny Williams knows that God wants him to dream big, and that's what he's doing. Preparation for construction started the following day with removal of a number of trees. The church should be completed by June 2008.



It was a happy day for Charlotte and Kenny Williams



Architect Ron Lacey



Pastor Kenny Williams



Church members make 6th annual journey to Standing Rock Reservation

Story by Margaret Burnett

At the end of July, the Muckleshoot Church made their sixth annual trip to Wakpala, on the Standing Rock Reservation in South Dakota. This year they were once again accompanied by a group of youth from the Summit Church in Enumclaw.

The annual clothing give away at the Sioux Assembly of God Church was popular as always, as well as the give away of school supplies and

shampoo, soap, and other essentials.

The group from Summit Church assisted with Vacation Bible School and their band – always popular with the young people – performed in the churchyard. Melinda, a lady from the Wakpala church showed the appreciation of the whole church by making banners for each of the visiting churches.

PHOTOS BY DORIS ALLEN



Pentecostal Church hosts Kids' Camp

Story by Margaret Burnett

PHOTOS BY DORIS ALLEN

At the end of July, the Pentecostal Church hosted their first Kid's Camp. Instead of driving the kids to week-long separate boys and girls camps in Eastern Washington, this year it was a co-ed camp, and nobody had to travel very far.

Some kids spent the week at the church, while other kids went home every night. The camp was led by Suzette Tucker, a long time friend of Kenny and Charlotte Williams. She is known by the kids as "Tucker Sue," as she was called by Marcia Ekanger when she was a little girl.

The kids did art-work, played baseball and other games, sang songs, and learned verses. Kendra Williams was still able to quote two of them in Sunday School several weeks later: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, Acts 16:31" and "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep, John 10:11."

The kids all agreed that they had a great time.



John Charles Honored

By Margaret Burnett

On Saturday morning, August 18, a group of about 35 people from the Pentecostal Church headed to Lower Elwha for a potluck Honor Dinner for John Charles. John was the Worship leader for the Pentecostal Church for many years, and he and his wife Alicia have been missed since they moved back to Lower Elwha.

The dinner was attended by over 100 people, including many old friends and family members. John is well known for his singing and guitar playing, and for his great sense of humor. Those who attended were asked to share memories they had of John, and there were many stories told and much laughter.

John has been in ill health and hasn't been able to sing and play like he used to, but the group sang all his old songs, and he was able to play his guitar for two of the songs. The church also honored John with a blanket, presented by Charlotte Williams and Doris Allen.



PHOTOS BY LYNETTE STAIR



Donovan Brothers, Inc. is inviting construction trades people to attend a job fair on Monday, September 17th from 8:00 AM to Noon at the Philip Star Building, Cougar Room. Applications will be accepted for experienced carpentry and laborer positions for the Pentecostal Church Addition and Renovation Project.

Donovan Brothers, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

2007 Employee Gathering

PHOTOS BY JOHN LOFTUS

On August 15, for the first time in recent memory, the annual gathering for MIT employees and their families was held within the tribal government complex. In past years it had been held at various parks throughout the area - most recently at Gene Coulon Park in Renton. There was plenty of food and entertainment, but the highlight was the thrilling conclusion of the inter-divisional softball tournament that had been playing out over the course of the summer. The winners: The ACS Enforcers! Go team! A very good time was had by all.



Softball Champions, the ACS Enforcers



2nd Place Team, Community Development



**OPEN LETTER
TO THE
MUCKLESHOOT COMMUNITY**

**REGARDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
THE MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN TRIBE
&
THE AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

In spring of 2006, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe's (MIT) Executive Committee for Education and the Auburn School District (ASD) began discussions surrounding annual funding that MIT has provided to ASD for a number of years. The discussions centered entirely upon the Tribe's expectations for the use of the funds, the procedures currently in use by ASD for spending the funding and the financial status of the account.

In order to come to a full understanding of the current process and to define ways in which the processes could be refined to better serve the Muckleshoot community, the Tribal Council postponed further payment of any dollars to the Auburn School District. This postponement was meant to provide MIT an opportunity to develop a more comprehensive and accountable method of both awarding the funding and overseeing the spending of those funds.

Concerns have been expressed within the Muckleshoot community that the Tribe had discontinued any further funding to the ASD. This is not the situation; the Tribal Council has, in an effort to ensure responsible use of Tribal funds, worked to develop a process in which fiscal responsibility and service have been woven into the language of any future grant agreements.

In spring of 2007, the Enumclaw School District was awarded \$50,000 using the Tribe's newly developed Grant Award document. This document provides the details necessary for the Tribe to know beforehand how any dollars awarded would be used to serve the Muckleshoot community. The document is very specific about what is going to be done with the grant funding and provides definitive measurable results including deliverables, benchmarks and timeframes for exactly how and when the funds are to be expended.

The Committee expects that when we complete our evaluation of the District's award history that the Auburn School District will be invited to apply for a Tribal educational grant.

Respectfully Yours,

THE MUCKLESHOOT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION

JOB CORPS WORKS WITH SALMON AT WHITE RIVER HATCHERY

TEXT & PHOTOS BY RICARDO JOHNSON

Down here at the White River Hatchery, the MIT Job Corps has been helping us handle the salmon that have been coming into the hatchery fish trap the last couple weeks.

On August 23, the Job Corps helped hatchery staff give antibiotic re-injections to adult Spring Chinook. On the following day, August 24, they helped us to remove Chinook, Pink, and Coho salmon from the hatchery fish trap and load them on to the Corps of Engineers hauling truck, which then transports them for release upstream. The Job Corps also helped our staff to release extra Spring Chinook from the hatchery in Huckleberry Creek.

We have an unusually large number of salmon to deal with this year and really appreciate the assistance the Job Corps has given us. They work side by side with the hatchery staff, eagerly taking on any tasks that they are asked to do.



*Please Plan to Join the MIT
Department of Education for the
Following Important Community Events*

*Community Feedback of Education
Master Plan Draft*

September 18, 2007-Early
Childhood Education
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

September 19, 2007-School Aged
Children Programs
11:00 AM-2:00 PM

September 19, 2007-Community Meeting
5:30-7:30 PM (dinner provided)
Please call 253-876-3343 to
reserve a space for dinner

September 20, 2007- Higher Education
11:00 AM- 2:00 PM

*All meetings will take place in the Cougar
Room of the Philip Starr Building*



Muckleshoot K-12 School Project

**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.



**IMPORTANT STUDENT INCENTIVE
&
REWARD PROGRAM INFORMATION
FOR THE 2007-2008
SCHOOL YEAR**

With the beginning of a new school year, it is a good time to let the Community know about the benefits available to enrolled Muckleshoot Tribal members through the Student Incentive Program.

New program guidelines were approved in June of 2007 that included new incentives which were added to the program. Because of these changes, the MIT Department of Education wants to make certain that all students are aware of how proud the Community is of the hard work the students put into their academic success.

Following are categories for which a student may be recognized:

Attendance- Students in grades K-12 may be recognized for perfect attendance for one month or one quarter/semester as reported by the school at which the student is enrolled.

Honor Roll- Must have achieved a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 (B) or better for a full grading period (quarter or semester).

Succeeding In School- Must be nominated by a teacher, counselor or principal at the school at which the student is enrolled and must have shown improved performance in academics, behavior, attitude or attendance; and must provide a copy of the written nomination to the Youth Services Program Manager.

School Letter Achievement- Must have earned a school letter from the school at which the student is enrolled for any category in which the school awards letters, i.e. sports, music, academic, arts, etc.; and must provide a copy of the award or recognition notice to the Youth Services Program Manager.

Special Occasion Incentive- High school students may receive a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) allocation one time each academic year for purchases related to a special occasion such as homecoming or prom.

School Persistence Incentive- Upon the successful completion of grade 10, 11 and 12 the student will receive a taxable cash incentive of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) Persistence Incentive.

Graduation- Graduation incentives are available for students graduating from Kindergarten, Fifth grade, Eighth Grade and Twelfth Grade.

A completed application is required to receive any of these incentives. The applications are available at the Philip Starr Reception Desk or at the Youth Services/JOM Building. To receive a full copy of the Student Incentive and Reward Program Policies, Guidelines and Procedures, or if you have any questions about the Program, please come by the Education Division located in the Operations Suite of the Philip Starr Building.

The following individuals would be happy to discuss the Program with you, Rhonda Harnden-Cabanias (253-876-3372), Christina Chagolla (253-876-3370) or Rebecca Gallogly (253-876-3359).

Head Start Fun Day!

By Maria Wilson

On the last day of Head Start's summer school students and staff celebrated by having a "Fun Day." Here are some pictures of the different activities students participated in throughout the day. At the end of the day, the students cooled off by creating their own ice cream sundaes. A big "THANK YOU" to parents and staff who help make this day a huge success for our Head Start students.

PHOTOS BY MARLA ASSOUAN



Northwest Indian College classes begin

The first day of classes for Northwest Indian College students at Muckleshoot Tribal College will be Monday, September 17, 2007. If you'd like to register for classes, please see Esther John at the Muckleshoot Tribal College between 11am and 7pm Monday through Thursday.

For more information, contact Esther John at 253-876-3274 or ejohn@nwic.edu.

NWIC Fall 2007 Course Schedule (Muckleshoot) *

Course #	Course Title	Cr	Day	Time	Instructor	Rm
CHEM 113	Biochemistry	5	MW	5-7:30p	Paden	Chem Lab
CMPS	101 Introduction to Computers	3	Arr	Arr	Nelson	202
ENGL	095 Grammar and Punctuation	5	TTh	4:30-7p	TBA	203
ENGL	098 Constructing the Paragraph	5	TTh	4:30-7p	TBA	203
ENGL	100 Introduction to College Writing	5	TTh	4:30-7p	TBA	203
ENGL 101	English Composition I	5	TTh	7-9:30p	Johnson	203
ENGL	236 Survey of Native American Literature	5	MW	5-7:30p	TBA	204
HIST 111	Pre-Contact Muckleshoot History	2	MW	5-7:30p	Murphy	205
HIST 112	Post-Contact Muckleshoot History	3	MW	5-7:30p	KingGeorge	205
HMDV 110	Introduction to Successful Learning	4	T	5-8:30p	John	207
MATH 070	Basic Mathematics	5	MW	4:30-7p	Maipi	203
MATH 098	Elementary Algebra	5	MW	7-9:30p	Maipi	203
MATH 099	Intermediate Algebra	5	MW	7-9:30p	Maipi	203
MATH 103	Precalculus I	5	TTh	7-9:30p	Lal	Conf
MATH 107	Elementary Statistics	5	TTh	4:30-7p	Lal	Conf
NASD105A	NWIC Seminar I	1	T	4-5:00p	John	207
NASD	101 Whulshootseed I	3	M-R	12-1PM	Starr	Lang Bldg
NASD 102	Whulshootseed I Lab	3	T	5PM		Lang Bldg
NASD	103 Whulshootseed II	3	M-R	12-1PM	Starr	Lang Bldg
NASD 203	Whulshootseed II Lab	3	T	5PM		Lang Bldg
NASD	204 Whulshootseed III	3	M-R	12-1PM	Starr	Lang Bldg
NASD 205	Whulshootseed III Lab	3	T	5PM		Lang Bldg
PHED 189	Physical Fitness Workout I	1-2	Arr	Arr	Kristen Bell	H&W Bldg
PHED 289	Physical Fitness Workout II	1-2	Arr	Arr	Kristen Bell	H&W Bldg
PSYC	220 Abnormal Psychology	5	M	4:30-9:30	Sarlak	207
SOCI 110	Introduction to Sociology	5	Th	4:30-9:30	Sarlak	205

*Please note: A course may be cancelled due to low enrollment. Every course must have 5+ students to be offered.



Skopabsh Jr. Princess Rosy Fish

PAUL LEE RODARTE AHS GRADUATE 2007



Paul Rodarte Jr. with Julie James and Shawn Albert

CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE!

Paul Lee,

We are so proud of you and your first major accomplishment in life. There has been so many ups and downs through out the past 13 years of your education. However; through it all you have proved that you have the courage and the will power to conquer and achieve anything you set your mind to. We want you to always believe in yourself and your dreams; because you have the potential to become a very successful young man in whatever career path you choose. We love you and want you to know that we are **VERY PROUD** of you!!

Love Your,
Mom , Dad & Cortney

Paul Lee,

It seems like just yesterday that you first started your education at Muckleshoot Head Start; I am so proud to have shared so many memories with you throughout your school experiences, The good as well as the bad.

You've come a long way, made it through some difficult struggles And accomplished many wonderful things Paul Lee Just like we all new you could.

During your senior year It was like I could feel you and the stress that you were dealing with And on the day "the very last day" when you called us To let us know you had aced your Vocab test I was so Filled with joy and happiness for you, as I am every day, And always will be. I LOVE YOU!
And I'm so proud and happy for you!

Love,

"AJ" = Auntie Janet

Uncle Jay

Johnny, Julie, Joe, Jose

And all the rest of the crew!

Grandma, Grandpa(s), Mare, Jorge, Westside

ATTENTION: Muckleshoot Tribal members and eligible Native Americans

For those who missed the Head Start physical and dental exams on August 22, 2007.

Another round of Head Start physical and dental exams are being offered on **September 19, 2007** at the Muckleshoot Health and Wellness Center.

Please call the Health and Wellness Center and schedule an appt. ASAP (253) 939-6648.

Attention:

We are looking for volunteers to serve on the Muckleshoot Tribal School Culture Committee for our Potlatch celebration. Working together with the good people of the Muckleshoot Community will allow us to best serve our students and the whole community with this event.

NOTICE

The Muckleshoot Tribal School is now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year. Please assist us in our planning and preparations for creating a world-class tribal school by applying as soon as possible, thank you.

Huda Simmons hired to head up MCDC Division

Huda Simmons has been hired as the new Muckleshoot Child Development Center (MCDC) Division Director. Huda is an enrolled member of the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and brings a wealth of experience in early childhood education to her new position at the MCDC.

Her previous experience includes managing the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)/Tax

Fund Program for the MCDC, working as a Parent/Child Educator for the Muckleshoot Even Start Program and most recently has served as the Training and Development Manager for the Muckleshoot Indian Casino for the past two years.

Huda's work experiences also include working as a Risk Manager for the White River Amphitheatre, an Emergency Room Technician for ARMC and as an Activity



Huda Simmons

PHOTO BY JOHN LOFTUS

Coordinator for the Muckleshoot Senior Center.

Huda received her BA in Education from Antioch University and is currently pursuing the completion of her Master Degree in Education.

Congratulations, Huda!

DONNA STARR RETURNS TO LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Hello everyone! I'm back to work in the Language Program. I think I needed that one year break after my bout with Bell's Palsy. It is almost all gone now and the Language Program is less stressful now so I decided to come back. It feels good to be back at work.

My first week back to work (which was the week before this was written) the Language Family Camp was scheduled. If you ever get a chance to attend the Language Family Camp, please go because everyone enjoys it very much. Maybe there wasn't enough notice this year, but there is always next year.

As we predicted, the Language Family Camp is growing. Participants learn a lot. This is just a good time to get everyone away from home and be exposed to the Language throughout the days at camp. Everyone also goes trout fishing, learn how to clean the trout, go Huckleberry Picking, make their very own drum, share at the end of the day in Circle Time, hopefully during the Weiner/Marshmallow Roast. Time really whizzed by, and before we realized it, it was time to pack up and go home.

Oh yes! This year Carrie Rincon and her family attended the camp and Carrie brought all of her beads and taught beading! That was very generous of her to do that without us even asking. That's the perfect example of being Indian. Always willing to share what you have with your people. The Language program will be replenishing her beads and then some. See, there ends up being rewards for generosity.

We had three elders attending the camp to share their knowledge, stories, history and teachings. They were Dossie Wynne, DeeDee Starr (our Chef!) and, of course, Pete Jerry. The camp would not be as successful as it was without these elders in attendance. Pete enjoys the camp so much. He jokes with the kids and has them going! Like Dossie said, "It sure is good to have people like Pete involved, not too many people step forward to help like he does." The same goes for Dossie and DeeDee.

Birdie left early for her Honeymoon. We hope that they had a good time. Rhonda Cabanas suffered an illness and had to leave early. Thanks to Lena for staying the night throughout the camp week. She's really good for making the kids clean up after themselves and helping out as much as they did.

One thing that I can see needs to happen is for any of the upper administration to stop by sometime throughout the camp time to see how much their tribal members are learning and experiencing. Tribal Council Members could even stop by to see how things are going. It would be good for the kids to see the interest.

This year the Job Corps workers delivered and helped set up camp. They also came up and helped to tear down tents, load up everything and haul things home. Thanks very much for all of their help!



Donna Starr

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Need Your GED?

Get Started Today

at MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL COLLEGE

Who is eligible?

Anyone over the age of 16 can receive GED Instruction at NO COST.

What if I'm not a Muckleshoot tribal member?

No problem. Although the majority of our students are Muckleshoot tribal members or enrolled members of other tribes, the GED program is happy to serve anyone interested in our services.

But I've been out of school for 20 years!

You don't have to remember everything you learned in high school. The GED tries to test how well you think about different issues based on your life experiences. So even if you have been out of school for a long time, you can pass this test if you study for it.

How do I get started?

Just call or drop by the college during business hours. We'll talk about your previous educational experience and decide how to proceed based upon your unique situation. Most students begin by taking a 30-45 minute pretest, but this is not a requirement.

How long will it take me to get my GED?

The length of time it takes to complete the GED varies greatly depending on your current skill level and commitment to learning. After you take the first pretest, we will get a better sense of how much work the GED will require of you.

What's different about the MTC GED program?

If you've tried conventional GED programs without success, don't worry. Our GED program is different because it is highly student centered, which means our instructional methods, materials and schedule are individually tailored to your unique educational needs. Additionally, all instruction is conducted one-on-one or in small groups.

PERFECT!

Over the last few months, the following Muckleshoot Tribal Members scored an 800 on one or more subject area exams. This means that they performed better than 99% of graduating high school seniors!

Marvin Moses
Stephen Greene
Bryan Rodarte

FUNFACT: Jessica Simpson, Chris Rock and Dave Thomas (founder of Wendy's) are all GED graduates.

MONDAY 10 to 6
TUESDAY 10 to 6
WEDNESDAY 10 to 6
THURSDAY 10 to 6
FRIDAY 1 to 6

* The GED room is open for independent study during the lunch hour.

Got Questions about Instruction?

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Get ready for the next Exam!

September 20 October 18
September 20 November 1
October 4 November 8
October 10 (Wed)

NEED HELP WITH PREPARING A RESUME? CURIOUS AS TO WHAT IS THE RIGHT JOB FOR YOUR PERSONALITY?

The Muckleshoot Tribal College in collaboration with the WVEE Program offer a series of classes;

Behavior in the workplace, Resume 101, What does it take to keep your job?, Applications, Cover letters and thank you letters, What's the right job for your personality?, Self management skills, 60 second sell, Self esteem and Self worth.

Classes take place at the Muckleshoot Tribal College, are open for community members, Tribal Employees, Bingo Hall Employees as well as Casino Employees to attend and are

!!FREE!!

No need to pre-enroll. Just show up for the class and you will be served. Upcoming classes for the month of **September 2007** are as follows:

Wednesday, September 18th	Interviewing/60 Second Sell	10:00 - Noon
Tuesday, September 25th	Resume/Cover Letters/Thank You Letters/References	5:00 - 7:00 pm

Mark your calendars for the month. We look forward to seeing more of you in class.

MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL COLLEGE WVEE WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE

October 2007

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

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

ANNOUNCING:

Open to Muckleshoot Community

TEAM-WORKS Saturday Academy

Tutoring/Mentoring Program

Begins Saturday, October 20th, 2007 – 9:00-12:00
Muckleshoot Youth Services Facility



Team-Works Academy presents an opportunity for up to 30 students in grades 5-7 to experience the TEAM-WORKS three-part curriculum that focuses on sports, character and academics in one setting. Please join us for a welcome dinner and orientation on Tuesday, September 18, 2007. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm at the Muckleshoot Casino in the area formerly known as HR side (parking garage side). You must reserve your space for this meeting (SEE CONTACT INFO AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE).

STRONG MIND - STRONG BODY - STRONG CHARACTER



Program Sessions and Activities Include:

- Three eight-week Academy Sessions: Fall, Winter and Spring
- Skills assessment to pinpoint student's needs and develop a personalized learning plan.
- Up to forty Online Tutoring Sessions with a certified teacher
- Twenty-four sessions of Physical Education, Mentoring and Character Building Activities

Program History:

TEAM-WORKS was founded by Mack Strong of the Seattle Seahawks and Zoë Higheagle-Strong a Nez Perce tribal member. TEAM-WORKS began in 2002 as an after-school tutoring program for grade-school students at the Seattle Indian Center in Seattle, Washington. Since that time, the tutoring program has expanded to a structured curriculum based program offered at two locations, and a summer camp.

Tutoring portion of the program provided through a partnership with **Catapult Online**, a sister company of Sylvan Learning Centers. Catapult Online has successfully taught more than 15,000 students across the country using a personalized program for each student to address his/her specific needs. For more information on Catapult Online go to <http://www.catapult-online.com>.

Due to program costs and limited space availability, only serious, committed students will be accepted. All members, parents/guardians of the Academy must commit to regular attendance. More than three unexcused absences from the Academy will may cause the student to be dropped from the program.

For more information and to reserve your space for the dinner contact:
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rayna.penn@muckleshoot.nsn.us
 253-876-3278

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CONGRESSMAN DICKS PAYS A VISIT

Congressman Norm Dicks stopped for a photo with Tribal Chairwoman Charlotte Williams while visiting Muckleshoot to confer with the Fisheries Commission on salmon issues.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Warren KingGeorge on receiving the Employee of the Month Award! Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the Preservation Program for the last 6 years. We thank you for your commitment to the goals of the program, as well as your initiative to take on new projects. Your knowledge of cultural values and traditional ways has been an important asset to the program. Without your sly sense of humor (while trying to be serious) and your genuine interest in the work that you do – the Program would not be the same. We thank you for your



Warren KingGeorge

dedication and commitment and look forward to many more years working with you.

Congratulations!

To the MCDC/Birth-3 Staff & Families and the Muckleshoot Community,

I would like to take a moment to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to work here at the child development center. As most of you know, I am moving on to other language work. My last day of work here is Friday August 31st.

Nearly three years have passed now and I grown to care deeply for this tribal community and all the children.

To the parents and families; your children are beautiful, smart and (most importantly) proud of their identity and who they are. I wish the best for your families and your future.

To the staff; I would like to thank you for your support and hospitality. Your appreciation and welcoming smiles made my work here a pleasure. I will miss you much.

Thank you to the tribal administration and language program for this work opportunity and support. I have grown tremendously during my time here and will always understand and appreciate your dedication to the language.

I will continue to support the language revitalization efforts of this tribe and will help in any way I can. This tribe has been so fortunate to have had, in the past, such wonderful first language speakers work on preserving the language. My work here has been a tribute and thank you to those speakers.

Thank you all again ~ I will keep in touch,

Tami Cooper



Ursula Ramirez

ONWARD & UPWARD: Ursula Ramirez's fellow employees at TGA recently gave her a party complete with cake to celebrate her promotion from Licensing Investigator to Inspector Supervisor. Congratulations, Ursula!

SUBMITTED PHOTO



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FLYING LESSONS. This mother robin is holding a bug in her mouth and bobbing her tail up and down in an effort to entice one of her young fledglings to fly to her and eat the tasty morsel.

ATTENTION: NATIVE AMERICAN ADULTS!

NATIVE AMERICAN CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP!

WILL YOU HELP CREATE SAFE AND HEALTHY HOMES FOR NATIVE AMERICAN CHILDREN?

WILL YOU OPEN YOUR HOME AND WELCOME A NATIVE AMERICAN FOSTER CHILD INTO YOUR FAMILY?

AS INDIAN PEOPLE WE MUST PROTECT THE FUTURES OF OUR MANY CHILDREN AT RISK AND WITHOUT HOMES. WE MUST WORK TO MAINTAIN THEIR CONNECTION TO THEIR CULTURES. WE MUST ENSURE THEIR CHILDHOOD MEMORIES ARE GOOD ONES.

AS A COMMUNITY WE MUST COME FORWARD TOGETHER AND PROTECT OUR YOUTH.

The Division of Licensed Resources for the State of Washington has now created opportunities for Native American families to become licensed foster homes in a more culturally appropriate and culturally supportive way. The Foster Care Licensor is an enrolled member of the Lummi Indian Nation with extensive experience working within Indian Country for children and families.

Whether the care you provide is short or long-term, your fostering of a child will make positive contributions to the lives of our children faced with uncertain futures. If this is a priority to you, please join those working together to create the nurturing our young people require to pursue their potential in life. Feel free to make contact with questions, or to obtain more information regarding becoming a foster parent for Native children.

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FISHING UPDATE REPORT

By Mike Mahovich

This is a fishing report update report as of August 27th, 2007. We have completed our Chinook fishery in Elliot Bay and Duwamish River. We ended up having three nights, which was the first time in the last 20 years that the tribe actually fished three nights commercially.

The first night was a little bit below average, and this was probably due to a fair amount of rain and other things that were occurring, and fish were moving through the basin pretty quickly. So that night didn't end up being that productive.

The second night, the following week, ended up being just right around average – just a shade below the average catch. Those two combined catches give us enough room to go in for a third night the following Monday, and that ended up being a very productive, above-average night where we caught around 4,900 fish.

The combined, total for the three nights was around 9,800 fish, which – all said and done – was a very good year, with the fishers catching close to 10,000 Chinook.

What made it very exceptional was the price per pound, which was probably the highest that I've ever seen. It started out, I believe, around \$2.50 the first night and then went up to \$3.00 per pound by the third night, so

it didn't take a lot of fish for each fisher to make some good money.

So that was a real pleasant surprise to see it escalate. Usually, the price goes down each fishery; this year, it went the exact opposite and went up to, again, \$3.00 a pound.

Right now, we're just getting prepared to fish on Coho, and that will start up in the bay September 9th and probably in the river we'll do our test fisheries September 13th and start in the river September 16th. Those are the projected dates as far as starting the commercial fisheries in both the bay and the river. It looks like over on the ship canal for Coho we'll start up around the same time, September 16th, also.

On another note, Lake Washington Chinook has maintained its strength. It actually now is one of the strongest runs we've seen to date – probably in the history of that run – for a Chinook run. At this point in time, there's about 21,000 Chinook that have entered the lake and a projected run size of over 30,000 fish, which is remarkable considering a lot of the circumstances those fish have to go through.

Unfortunately, we're not going to have any directed fisheries on Chinook in the ship canal or the north end of Lake Washington this year. It's a very complicated situation and hopefully we'll have those problems rectified

in a few years, and then we can have commercial fisheries, especially on the north end.

What we'll be doing is starting a commercial fishery – probably mid-September – in Lake Sammamish, which should be pretty productive, knowing that most of these fish – probably, I would say, up to 20,000 or more – could be heading over to the Issaquah hatchery, so that will open around the same time the other areas open for Coho – around September 15th and 16th – and hopefully that fishery will be very productive on that side of the waters.


Otherwise, as far as Coho on the Green River side – stepping back a minute – the only indication we've got right now comes from the sport fishery in the bay for Chinook. They catch a lot of Coho incidentally in that sport fishery, and this year their Coho incidentals were probably the lowest in the last five years, so it goes hand in hand with what we are speculating – that the run returning back to the Green Duwamish system could be below average this year.

I expect Lake Washington to probably come in average – hopefully between the 30,000 and 40,000 run estimate range. Otherwise, we've got no other information at this time.

Kings of the Duwamish

PHOTOS BY SHARON HAMILTON CURLEY






Come join us at Keta Creek Hatchery on Saturday Oct. 6th. Start the morning off with a hot breakfast at 8:30am. Muckleshoot Tribal members of all ages, and their families, can fish from 10am till noon. We will provide worms, basic tackle, bags, and ice. We have outdoor fireplaces and canopies to keep you warm and dry. After fishing, sit and enjoy lunch while we give out prizes for the biggest fish and draw for door prizes. Come prepared to buy our derby gear and clothing at sale prices.

Be sure to dress for the weather!

Fall Fishing Classic

October 6th
Keta Creek Hatchery
34900 212th Ave SE
Auburn, WA

For more information call Gail @ 876-3178





Corrina kisses a fish

PHOTO BY ANNIE MOSES

2007 Keta Creek Family Fishing Derby

STORY BY GAIL LARSEN
PHOTOS BY DENNIS MOORE

The sights and sounds were familiar as tribal members young and old cast their lines into the Keta Creek trout ponds for the Family Derby held on August 11th.

Those not fishing became part of the support team; standing with nets ready to help haul in the catch, untangling lines, and putting bait on hooks. All fish caught – big and not-so-big – were carefully put in bags with ice to be weighed later.

After fishing ended at 12 o'clock, fish were weighed and hungry fishermen headed to lunch to fill their plates with hamburgers, hotdogs, and corn-on-the-cob.

Everyone gathered around the stage area to see who would take home a prize. First to be given out were 'Picture Prizes' for those support people who had their photo taken during the morning. Numbers were randomly drawn, then matched to numbered photos and the lucky person in picture received a prize.

Next were the prizes for "Biggest Fish." Mike Leslie caught a 17 lb-0.5 oz fish to get first pick, and decided on the Quinault Resort gift certificate; Kyle Moses (11 lb-2.5 oz) took home a Wii game system; Jeff Sheldon (10 lb-10.5 oz) picked the remote control truck, and Sid Udelhoven (10lb-10.5oz) chose the digital camcorder.

Ten other prizes were awarded for fish weighing in from 10 lb-7.5 oz to 8 lb-2 oz. These included a charter fishing trip out of Westport, resort gift certificates, Seahawk and Mariners tickets, a family tent, movie passes, MP3 player, and other great prizes.

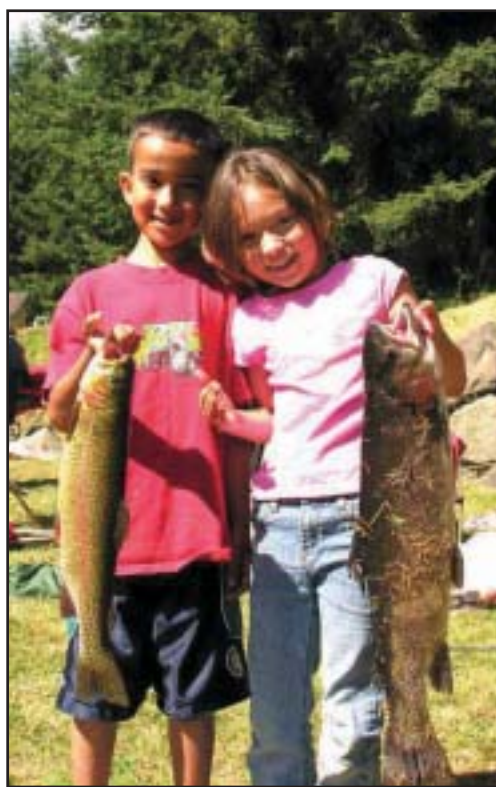
This year was our first attempt at creating fish prints. Cleaned fish were brushed with bright colored paint and then paper was placed on the fish to make a print of the fish. Once dry, the artist could personalize their print with colored markers and glitter pens. This was one messy event but enjoyed by those kids that participated.

After lunch it was time for the kids to try and break open two candy-filled piZatas in the traditional manner of being blindfolded, spun around, and trying to hit it with a baton. It was the usual mad scramble for the candy and toys that fell into the grass once the piZata was broken.

There was also a steady line of kids, young and old, to the ice cream cart. With eight different kinds of novelties it was hard to choose, but the Sunday-Cone was once again the most popular.

The Fall Fishing Classic will be held October 6th, rain or shine. Look for the notice in this paper. If anyone who came to previous derbies left behind coats or sweatshirts, please stop by the hatchery to identify and pick up, or come to the Fall Classic, where we will have a "Lost and Found" box by the stage area.

A special thank you goes out to staff and volunteers that helped to make this another successful Keta Creek Fishing Derby. See you all in October.



Whoops-A-Daisy!



WHALE OF A TALE *continued from front page*



Ever vigilant - Chief Louis Potts on Elliott Bay

JEREMY JAMES

have an extreme amount of buoyancy, and they were going under. I've never seen a buoy ball go underwater like that before. Then the net was right behind it. The entire net went underneath the water.

My first thought was that it was a submarine caught in my net, because I'd just watched the news the night before and they were talking about some submarines that are going to be based in Bremerton, which is just a little south of where we were.

So I go and throw my life jacket on, and then I'd just sit it out and wait to see what was really going on. It had drug my boat about, I'd say, at least 600 feet north, the whale did – although I didn't know it was a whale yet.

But anyhow, it surfaced and I actually seen that it was a mammal or something stuck to my net, so I untied my boat from the net and I went over there to take a look at it, and I could tell pretty clearly that it was a gray whale. So I called for help. I called some of the skiff guys that were out there, some of the tribal fishermen, and I called the enforcement boat, which Chief Lewis Potts was in charge of that night.

They come over and, first of all, they didn't believe me. They were just telling me to tell the truth and this and that, and I told them I wasn't kidding. They came over and they looked for themselves, and they'd seen that it was a whale, and it was a large whale, so they had me chop my net off at a certain point. They said to pull up to about where the whale was at, and then chop the net so I could salvage some of my net.

So I pulled up to the whale and I was chopping on my net. I could feel the whale underneath my boat. It was either hitting me with its back or possibly its tail, so I got really scared, and I was chopping and chopping my net – so fast that I broke my knife.

There was a skiff guy that was there helping me – John LaClair – and he lent me a knife. He just threw it into the boat and I grabbed it and I started chopping my net. Luckily, it was a sharp one, so it cut faster than the one that I had.

So I got that all cut apart, and I pulled away from the whale there in the net, and then the enforcement boat grabbed the other side of the net where I was attached the first time, and they were backing up around the bay really fast, trying to release the whale, trying to get it out of the net.

They had no luck, so they drug it around for a little while, and then they apparently thought it was dead, so they were trying to drum the whale onto their boat. When they got to where the whale was, it was coming up tail first, and they'd seen the size of the tail. It wasn't moving at that moment, so they just kept on trying to drum it up into the boat.

The next thing you know, the thing just flips out. After they thought it was just calm and dead, the thing just took off and it started getting really upset, and it was just bucking around. They had the enforcement boat just dancing. I mean, it was the most unbelievable sight I've ever seen.

It was a 30-foot boat – really a strong, heavy-duty rig. That thing was jerking it left and right, up and down, and then, all of a sudden the valve that holds the hydraulic in place must've either broke or came loose.

That allowed the whale just to take off freely, and it started torpedoing downwards towards the bottom of the water. The net wrapped around him and it was just going, and it was making the drum move like 100 miles per hour. At that point, they either had to chop the net or just allow the whale to rip the drum right completely out of the boat.

One of the biologist guys that was on the boat – his name was Mike Mahovlich. He's a senior biologist that's been working for us for a number of years. He just decided to jump off the boat. He ran and jumped off the boat. He was screaming at Louie, telling him to get off the boat, too, because he thought the whale was going to bring the boat under.

But Louie just stayed on. He was staying with his boat. He wasn't jumping off. He stayed there and then he was able to cut the rope to the net, so then the whale was completely free. It wasn't attached to the boat or anything, and that was the end of it.

So that was my version of the story. It was the most horrific feeling I ever had. In my whole life, I've never been that scared before. That's the end of my view.

MIKE MAHOVLICH

breathing under the net, coming up and taking breaths of air every five or six minutes.

I've never encountered this over 19 years. It's a very, very unusual circumstance. On the surface, it looked like it was a gray whale, which is even that much more a very bizarre event. They shouldn't be in Puget Sound. They do stray the odd time, but usually not down in the south and at this time of year.

So we were trying to gather our thoughts. What do we do? What ended up happening was I asked Jeremy to reel in most of his net – the 1200 feet of net – to the whale, which left about 75 feet of mesh left. He got close to the whale, and at that point I asked him to cut his net completely off and move out of the way.

Then, Louis and I went to the other end of the net and grabbed the line, and then pulled the whale around. We ended up going backwards for awhile, trying to snap the whale out of the gear. We did that probably for 10 to 15 minutes. The whale was still attached.

At that time – again – it was, "What do we do?" We seen it do a couple of more breaths, and then all of a sudden, the whale went limp and the 75 feet of line went straight underneath the bow of the boat like an anchor, and was right underneath there.

So we started to drum it up on the drum. We drummed it up and it was in the water, just off the bow of the boat. We had it there probably for 30 minutes. It did not take any other kind of breath. There was a little bit of movement, but very little. We thought the whale died, and we were trying to get help from Coast Guard and other people, but nobody was really out there to help us at all.

So we were by ourselves, with this whale attached to the bow of our boat. The fluke – the tail of the whale – seemed to be at least six to eight feet wide on the front of the boat. There was a skiff spotlighting the whale under our boat. (John LaClair) He thought it was at least the same size as our 32-foot boat or bigger. We never really could see it because it was straight under our boat.

At that point, I did not want to release the whale. Obviously, we don't need it floating around, to cut it off and release it, so we were holding onto it, trying to figure out what we were going to do with this animal. Both Louis and I were phoning many, many people, trying to get answers and figure out what we could do with it.

Then, all of a sudden, the whale decided to leave. The drum started spinning, and as the drum started spinning, the bow of the boat went down and it was fishtailing back and forth – I would say like Godzilla slapping the bow.

It was just moving back and forth, and this is with the reel moving. The whale was not creaked down or roped down. He was just pulling it and swinging on it. This was the real movement and the power that that whale created. It was unbelievable.

I wouldn't even want to have seen the rope creaked down and the whale pulling on it and not moving. He would have pulled the boat right under. He was pulling the boat down and the reel was moving at the same time, and that just exhibited the unbelievable power that these animals have.

At that point, we had to release him. Louis was standing behind the drum, trying to cut the rope as fast as possible. It took him three or four times, and finally – when there wasn't much more than five or six feet of just rope left – he finally got it cut and the whale released.

We know that there was gear still attached to the whale, but we did everything possible we could. Looking back on it, I don't know if we'd have done anything different. It was a very rare, unusual, unfortunate event. I thought potentially whale would have died, but then I was told Sunday that the whale was spotted with gear attached out in the Point No Point area, heading out of Puget Sound.

So I guess the bottom line was the whale was playing possum with us while we had the tail out of the water and attached to the bow of our boat. Then he decided he had enough of that and he was going. If I knew he was still alive, I would have cut all the gear off, but I didn't want to cut all the gear off and lose the whale, too.

So you had to make these split decisions. I thought the whale was deceased, so I wanted to keep the carcass and not release it. But if I knew that he was still alive, I would have cut that 75 feet of mesh off and got most of the mesh off and released him.

There are boats from NOAA and private agencies that are trying to track down the whale to get the gear off of him. They do have the proper equipment and hopefully they will find the whale. Hopefully, there will be other sightings over this next week or so, and hopefully they will get out there and get that extra gear off the whale. But it was good to hear that the whale survived and headed back out to sea.

LOUIS D. POTTS

So I got to the scene, and sure enough, there you go – a whale in the net. I was amazed. You could see him kind of bobbing up and down and snorting air through his blowhole, and that confirmed my suspicions even more when that happened.

I had Jeremy reel up as much net as he possibly could at a safe distance for him – to where he felt safe – and he cut it loose – Just cut it – because his boat rides pretty low to the water, and my first assumption was that the whale could capsize him. So I had him cut it off at a safe distance, and I pretty much took over from there.

I got the other end of the net and picked it up and started reeling it in on my spool. At that time, I started dragging the whale, trying to unravel him. While we were backing up and dragging the whale, some of the web... well, it just seemed like it wasn't doing anything, and I was stuck, and I let the whale come up for air being that he's a marine mammal and he has to breathe.

We were kind of submerging him and then it just seemed that we weren't gaining any ground. So I started reeling up some of the webbing, probably maybe about 100 feet or so, and I did notice him roll maybe once or twice, and it did kind of unravel him a bit.

Once I got a little more webbing on my reel, I had his tail all the way up to the front port on the bow of my boat. And some of the webbing started to come loose, and he started to kick and flop around. I did manage to cut some lead line, and at that point, I believe some of the webbing came loose from around his mouth and the head area of the whale.

The whale was kind of – he was like playing possum. He had settled down. And then all of a sudden, that's when hell broke loose. He started pulling, and he would just dive down and take off, and he started pulling my boat – kind of weaving side to side – and I would reel in some more, and he would take a little more, and we were just more or less playing tug-o-war against each other.

All of a sudden, he slacked off. I reeled in some more line – as much as I could – and at that time I was debating whether I should cut him loose or not. And as I was reeling it in further and further, he just all of a sudden got a second wind, and that's when my reel just started to spin and spin, and it was just going like crazy.

I knew I had to cut at that point, but the reel was spinning so fast I couldn't cut it, because every time I'd get a cut, it would move and I wasn't gaining any ground. So finally – just when all the webbing was gone and I had probably about 20 feet of rope – I finally got a good cut, and that was it. The whale took off.

But during the whole episode, I was getting phone calls and I was making phone calls. I got no assistance from the U.S. Coast Guard. They said they didn't have anyone to operate their 41-footer, which is their biggest patrol boat. Seattle Fire Department had no comments for unknown reasons.

I did talk to Washington State Fish & Wildlife Department, and there was no game agents in the area. They weren't coming on duty until, I believe, 8:00 a.m. in the morning. They usually only work business hours, daylight hours. So between Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, and the U.S. Coast Guard, Seattle Fire, and Seattle Harbor Police, I got no assistance from any of the agencies with jurisdiction in the area.

I knew I was on my own and I did what I could. I just wanted to make sure Jeremy James was safe by getting the whale off of his net. And we did what we could for the whale. At that point, I felt that I possibly could have been in danger, so instead of fighting him any further, I decided to release him and let him go. If I hadn't, I think he probably would have tore my reel right off my boat – probably in a matter of probably seconds.

Muckleshoot Monthly: Tell me about when your boat was being pulled from side to side, and when you were frantically trying to cut the whale loose – what was going through your mind?

Louis Potts: Well, being the type of guy that I am, I'm always in for a fight – you know? I love a challenge and I don't back down. I'm not afraid of anything. There's only one thing I fear, and that's the power of God. It was just me and the whale. I said, "Well, I guess it's true: the captain must go down with his ship." And I intended to do it if that was the case. It was just like on *Jaws* – I needed a bigger boat.



WHALE OF A TALE *continued from front page*

JOHN LACLAIR

Mahovlich, or somebody and try to get this thing out of here.”

“I don’t know what to do,” he said. “I pulled up on it and it looks like it’s bigger than the boat. So I was going to draw my net on him, but I don’t know what to do.”

I went and got the Enforcement and looked at Louie and I said, “Hey, Jeremy’s got a whale on his net.” And he looked at me funny, like, “Whatever. I’m going back inside.”

And I said, “No, really!” I said, “He said he’s caught a gray whale.”

And he says, “No way.”

And Mike Mahovlich gets up and comes out and he goes, “What’s wrong?” And I said, “Jeremy said he caught a gray whale.”

And he says, “Oh, f***.” And that was his exact words. It was like, “Oh, I could just see the PR on this.”

He goes, “Are you sure it’s a gray whale?”

And I said, “I’m not sure of anything. I’m going over there, though, and see if we can do anything.”

And so I left and they were getting ready to come over, and I went straight across. He was out in front of the Edgewater Inn, and when I got there, I couldn’t see it at first, and then it came up and it blew some water up out of the air hole. And, I mean – sure enough – it was a whale! I pulled up on it, and then I backed off pretty much as fast as I could.

And so we sat there and waited and, I don’t know, I just – I couldn’t believe he caught a whale.

But then Enforcement came over and when they came over they were like, “Well, now what do we do?” So they got on the phone and started making phone calls to both the Coast Guard, and – I don’t know – somebody that handles entangled animals, a group or something, and couldn’t get a hold of nobody.

And then when the Coast Guard called back, they said that they were unable to come and assist because they had nobody to pilot their boat, which was a 40-foot, roughly, vessel that was 1,000 yards away. Kind of weird how the Coast Guard doesn’t have somebody to operate a 40-foot vessel when you’re *the Coast Guard*. I mean, this was already an emergency, but if it was a real emergency – some kind of terrorist emergency – then what?

It doesn’t make you feel very safe. Homeland Security’s supposed to be on the top of the list, and as far as Homeland Security goes, and that’s not very good security if you ask me. You can be out there fishing, and if a terrorist act was to be happening and they say, “Oh, we can’t come and help you because there’s no captain.”

Back to the story, though. Anyways, he came over and they said, well – they had Jeremy start drumming on what he could. They said, “Drum on the gear that you can. See if we can shake it off.”

And Jeremy drummed on mostly everything he could and got it up, right up to the whale, and they told him, “You’re going to have to cut it. We’re going to have to cut it and see what we can do with the piece that’s left.”

Jeremy started cutting and he was cutting fast. I’d never seen him cut gear so fast before. I’ve seen him cut gear, but not like that. He was just chopping away. And then the next thing you know, his knife breaks and he looks at me and he was – had this scared look on his face and I was kind of laughing at him.

And he was like, “Bring me a knife. Bring me a knife.” He goes, “You got an extra knife? Bring me a knife. Hurry up. Come over here. Bring me a knife.” And I was trying not to laugh at him, and then I gave him another knife and he cut the rest of it off.

Enforcement hooked up to the other side and they were trying to see if he could pull it tighter or something, to see if he could pull it out.

So Louis hooked up to the gear and started drumming it on his reel. He

pulled it up, and once he got it up fairly close to the boat, we started pulling it up. We thought it was the side of the whale, but it was just the tail. And it must have been at least, I’d say, at least six feet across – just the tail alone. At first, we thought it was the head. It was all wrapped up in the way we couldn’t really tell.

And he had a hold of it and we were debating whether to try to cut it right there or cut down as far as you could, but the weight of the whale was so much that the hydraulics couldn’t hold the whale, and every time you’d lean over the side to try to cut the web, the whale would pretty much try to take off and the wheel would kind of spool out pretty slow, but the hydraulics couldn’t hold it. And even in a locked position, I think it probably would’ve busted the reel right off the boat.

And all this happened, it must have been – I don’t know – an hour, 40 minutes to an hour and a half, I’d say. It took an hour and a half for the net people to call back. And even the Coast Guard, they called back. Port of Seattle called back, I’d say, within an hour and a half. We were hanging onto it and just trying to figure out something to do.

I had the spotlight on it, on the tail, and I was trying to get up toward the front of the boat, but it was moving around too much for me to try to cut anything off. I was on the starboard side and Jeremy came up on the port side.

They looked down in the water and the whale came up next to the boat on the port side and, I mean, his eyes just got big. He goes, “That thing’s longer than the Enforcement boat.” And that’s a 30-foot boat.

When it came up sideways to the boat, Jeremy backed off real fast and we were looking at it, and we’re like, “Well, no. Can we grab a hold of it anywhere else and try to hang onto it and drag it off?” And they tried pulling the gear off and we pretty much did everything we could within our means to try to get the gear off of it. Couldn’t get it off.

Like I said, the Coast Guard called back within 40 minutes and said that they couldn’t help us. There was nothing they could do because they didn’t have a captain.

Once it was rolled up on the reel, it started shaking its tail and pretty much dropped in the water and spooled out the reel almost all the way. There was probably a good 300 or 400 feet of gear on the reel. It spooled it off and it finally stopped. We got it to slow down and stop.

It must have stayed underwater for a good 45 minutes, and Mike Mahovlich thought maybe it died. I didn’t really think it died because they live out in the ocean. They’ve got to be able to hold their breath for a long time.

And he said, “Let’s try reeling it back up and see what happens.” We reeled it back on. Louie Potts reeled it back on and got the gear back up to where it was again and you could see the tail sticking out of the water.

And at the same time all this is going on, you’ve got the Coast Guard and you’ve got the Port of Seattle and Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife and the entangled net people. You had all these people calling all at the same time, so Louie Potts was trying to be on the phone and trying to handle this animal at the same time.

I was tied up next to the boat. The whale started kicking, and once it started kicking it started throwing that boat side to side – six feet back and forth, like it was a rag doll.

I had to untie and let loose, and I backed up. When I backed off, the boat was getting thrown around and it was getting pulled down pretty hard and pretty heavy, and I was actually... I was pretty scared, myself. I mean, I was on a smaller boat and I was away from it, but just to see that boat get thrown around like that was... it’s just pretty amazing to see something like that.

And once the whale started spooling the reel, the reel was just like it was smoking. I’d never seen a reel just spin so fast. And once it rolled out towards the end of the cork line, we didn’t have much of a choice but to cut it – either cut it, or watch the reel get ripped off the boat, or sink the boat, possibly, or cause a lot of damage to it, period.

That reel was spooling out, like just within a flash, within a couple of seconds – it seemed like a long time but it probably wasn’t really all that long, and it just spooled the reel like it was nothing.

And the first time Louie tried to cut it, Mike was saying, “Cut it, cut it, cut it!” He says, “You’ve got to cut it! Just get out from the front of the reel!” (Mahovlich later said that, given the extreme tension, a snapped lined could go through a human “like butter.”) “Cut it, cut it, cut it!” Mike said. And the first time Louie tried to cut it, the rope itself was going out so fast that when he tried to cut it, it wouldn’t cut. The knife just slipped right off of it, just kind of just rolled out with it.

And Mike Mahovlich was standing there and he says – they all call me Bobo out on the water – he says, “Bobo, get your boat over – get your boat over here!” And I was like, “Why?” And he goes, “I’m getting off! I’m getting off!” And he jumped off the boat and jumped right onto my boat and he was just scared. He says, “I ain’t staying on there!”

And he was yelling at Louie, “Get over here! Get over here! Get off the boat!” He didn’t think Louie was going to get it cut in time. And those knives we use, I mean, those are razor-sharp knives. I mean, Victorinox knives are razor-sharp knives. I mean, you could cut your finger off with them if you’re not careful.

And the second time, he was able to grab a hold of it. He didn’t grab it with his hand. He’d just run the knife across it and the rope broke off and that was the last that we’d seen of it.

After that, we scouted around for the whale and didn’t see it come up nowhere. Jeremy waited around for quite awhile, and then you had the Department of Fish & Wildlife and everybody calling you and saying, “Oh, how can we come out and assist now?” After the fact – it was gone. Like I said, it probably took an hour or an hour and a half, and the whale was underwater for a good 45 minutes.

And that was the end of it. Everything was quiet again. Everything went quiet. But that’s something that I would hope we never see again. You know, to have an animal like that, I mean he spooled 300 feet, 400 feet of gear like it was nothing. And it’s, you know, it’s not shallow gear – it’s all deep gear.

It’s amazing to see how much power an animal like that has. Like I said, that boat probably weighs 10,000 to 12,000 pounds. It was just amazing to see how that boat was just getting thrown around like a rag doll, like it was nothing, getting pulled down in the water. I wasn’t even on the boat, and I was scared.

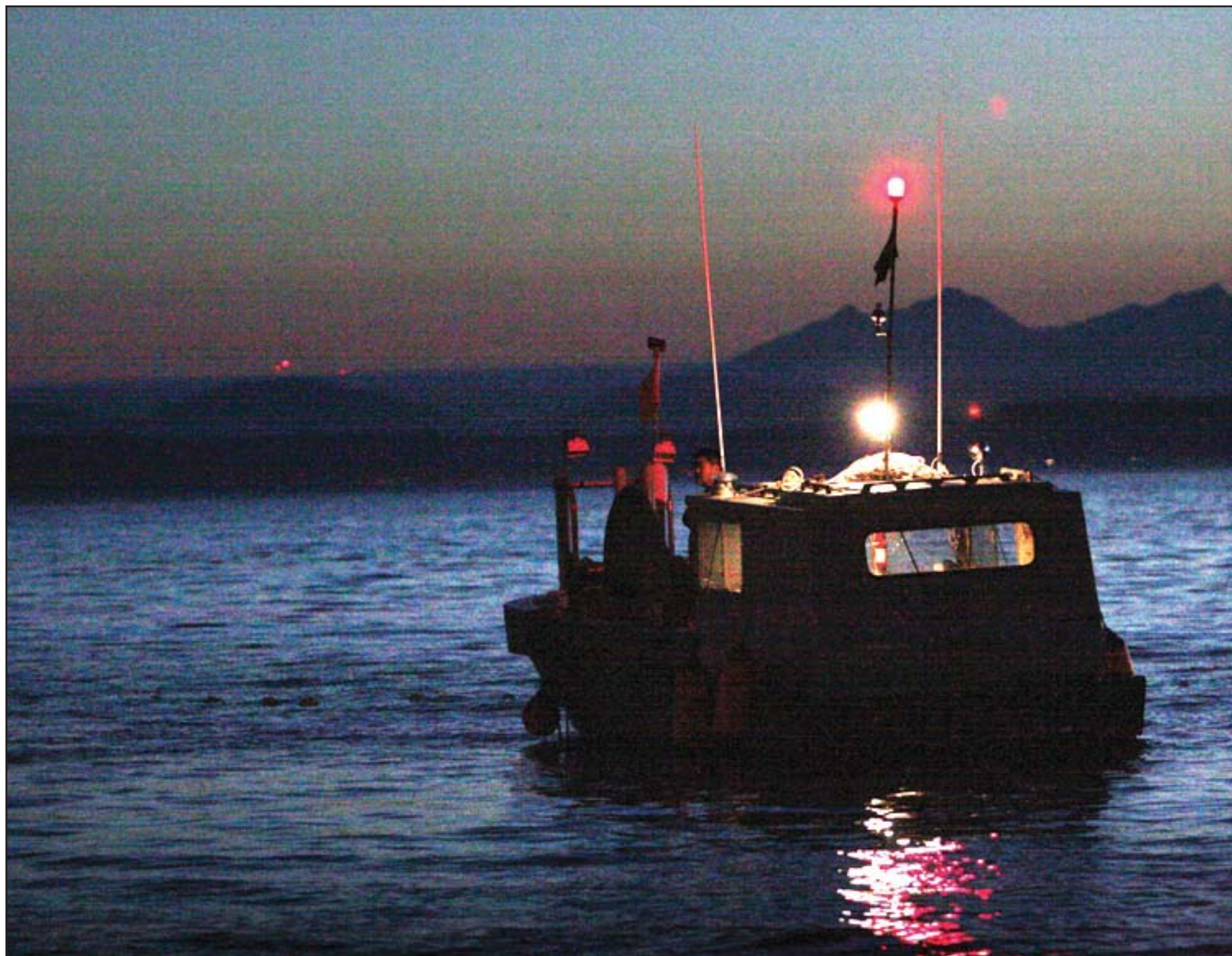
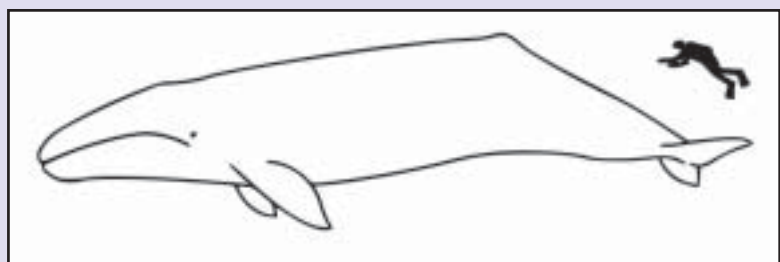
But like I said, that’s probably something you’re never going to see ever again. It was pretty amazing when Jeremy called to me and said he caught a gray whale, and I just thought he was lying. A fisherman’s story. Another fisherman’s story. I just thought, “Whatever. I’m going to go lay back down.” But that’s my story. That’s all I have.



THE GRAY WHALE

The Gray Whale reaches a length of about 52 feet and a weight of 36 tons. They live for 50 to 60 years. Gray Whales were once called Devil Fish because of their fighting behavior when hunted. It is one of the oldest species of mammals, having been on Earth for about 30 million years.

As huge as it is, the Gray Whale feeds mainly on tiny crustaceans which it catches by turning on its side and scooping up the sediments from the sea floor. As the whale expels water through its comb-like “teeth” – called balcen – which act like a sieve, the tiny animals are caught, providing nourishment and sustenance.



Jeremy James - settling in for a quiet night

Chinook Fishery

August 9, 2007

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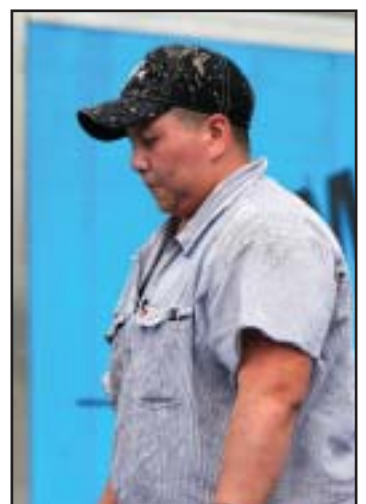
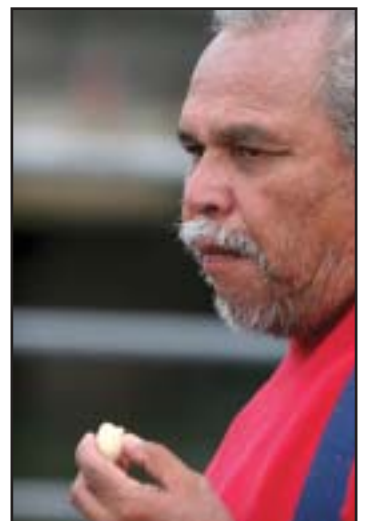
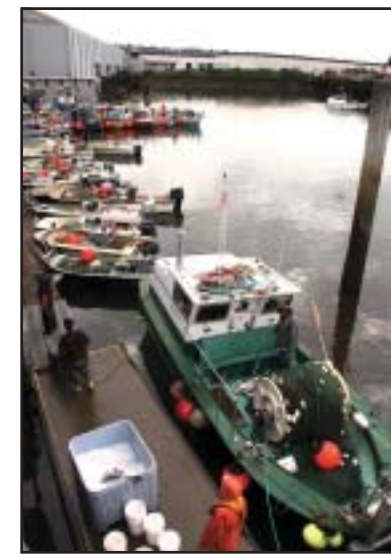




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HBPA representatives wrap Charlotte Williams in a blanket

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On September 7, Washington Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) board members, along with Executive Director MaryAnn O'Connell, presented the Muckleshoot Tribal Council with a blanket to express their appreciation for all the tribe has done for horse racing. HBPA President Frank McDonald, part-owner of 2005 Muckleshoot Tribal Classic winner Mr. Makah, led the delegation. Also present was board member Ray McCanna, who is part-owner of three-time champion and six-time stakes winner Queenledo – a granddaughter of the great Seattle Slew and one of the finest and most exciting fillies ever to set foot on the track at Emerald Downs.



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The Great Face and Raise the Bluff go 1-2 in the Mile

Longacres Mile winner The Great Face favored in Muckleshoot Tribal Classic

AUBURN – Emerald Downs will offer seven stakes races for Washington-bred horses with purses totaling \$325,000 on Sunday, September 16. First post will be at 2 p.m. Headlining the stakes races is the 65th running of the \$50,000 Muckleshoot Tribal Classic. The race is for horses three years and older and will be contested at 1-1/16 mile.

The Great Face, owned by track president Ron Crockett, is clearly the horse to beat, having done just about everything a horse can do this year. The five-year-old son of Cahill Road started off the meet by tying the world record at the 5-1/2 furlong distance and has since gone on to win the Mt. Rainier Breeders' Cup and the \$400,000 Longacres Mile. His 2007 earnings of \$292,875 have set a new Emerald Downs single-season record, bringing his lifetime earnings to \$337,159.

Also nominated to the Classic is Wasserman, who won the Governor's Handicap and ran third in the Longacres Mile, and last year's Muckleshoot Tribal Classic winner, Norm's Nephew.

The six-furlong Chinook Pass Sprint received eight nominees, including 2002 Longacres Mile winner and 6-1/2 furlong world record-holder Sabertooth. The other stakes races to be contested will be the Belle Roberts, John & Kitty Fletcher Stakes, Trooper Seven Stakes, Diane Kem Stakes and Captain Condo Stakes.

The 65th running of the Muckleshoot Tribal Classic

- Exclusive Eagle, Owner: Don & Judi Gardiner; Trainer: Craig Roberts
- Norm's Nephew, Owner: Estate of Barbara J. Nelson & Leona Orr; Trainer: Jimmy Orr
- Reno Ringo, Owner: K. McManus & R. Morris; Trainer: Steve Koler
- Schoolin You, Owner: M. & A. Feuerborn & J. & J. Maryanski; Trainer: Jim Penney
- The Great Face, Owner: Ron Crockett, Inc.; Trainer: Tom Wenzel
- Wasserman, Owner/Trainer: Howard Belvoir;
- Zillah's Knight, Owner: Jack Zaborac



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One of the 145 yearlings sold at the WTBA Summer Sale

2006 Muckleshoot Classic winner Norm's Nephew hoping to repeat



PHOTO BY JOHN LOFTUS

Trainer Jimmy Orr poses with his beloved Norm's Nephew and the Washington Cup trophy they won together last year. "Norm" hopes to challenge favorite The Great Face and repeat his 2006 victory in the \$50,000 Muckleshoot Tribal Classic.



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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;

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.

Muckleshoot Native Lens Summer Workshop

By Tracy Rector, Executive Director, Longhouse Media

This summer far surpassed any planning that we initially dreamed of for both the returning and new youth at Muckleshoot. They experienced many new people, skills and situations. They learned to push themselves to work hard, be honest and collaborate. This summer the kids ROCKED...

First, the workshop began with an exciting collaboration between Muckleshoot Native Lens participants with young teenagers from Morocco. In a condensed couple of days, at the Muckleshoot Tribal College and at the Longhouse Media offices in Seattle, the students created a film about culture and understanding. They designed the story, learned basic editing and made their own musical score on Garage Band. The visiting Moroccan youth were so honored by the generosity and beauty of the Muckleshoot Community, and had a great time making videos with the Native Lens youth.

Next, the summer film group learned to write a movie script, storyboard and practice some basic acting skills. They worked hard on a 33-page script called "Four Children". They also spent time with a visiting animator creating some original animation for their piece.

Their story is about a group of friends who have to deal with a strict uncaring teacher. Eventually, they learn to find their spirit power in nature as well as find strength in song and in the water. (They learned to use an underwater camera for this scene!) The Wellness pool was alive with excitement and even a small garter snake joined the party. Who knows how it got into the pool, but the kids figured out how to safely put it back outside!

Finally, the kids completed their summer program by creating a fun music video called "Be Healthy". In the video the kids run, jump, swim and laugh to music about making healthy choices, drinking lots of water and eating good foods.

The students decided to go ahead and plan for a public screening of their films at the Muckleshoot pow wow on Saturday the 25th. It was fun and crazy to figure out how to bring the equipment into the dance tent and set up quickly between dinner and Grand Entry. The rain didn't stop the kids - they only moved quicker to get everything in place. Nervously they started the show and watched with the audience as they premiered "Be Healthy" and "Four Children". The youth did such a great job, and the people watching knew the kids had worked very hard to create the films.

To end the summer program, some workshop participants took a trip to Seattle to help us accept an Arts and Culture Award from the Mayor. The youth came prepared, but were also nervous to meet Greg Nickels, just in case they would have to talk with him. Well, they got through with flying colors and made everyone so proud of their commitment and effort to tell their own stories!

Our hands are raised to all of the young people who participated in the Muckleshoot Native Lens Summer Workshop and to all of the parent volunteers and school staff who supported the program!!!!!!



Longhouse Media Executive Director Tracy Rector



Swinimish artist Matika Wilbur



Gloria behind the scenes



Kalli, Gloria and Robert



Robert and sister Gloria



The audience at the powwow



Robert and Sukhi the instructor



Gloria



The Powwow film crew



Robert on camera at the powwow



Danny



Kalli and Danny



CU Robert

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John & Ramona Elkins Renew Wedding Vows

After 42 years of marriage, John and Ramona Elkins renewed their wedding vows in a lovely ceremony held on August 25, 2007, at the Muckleshoot Indian Shaker Church.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Congress passes legislation to honor Native Americans on new \$1 coins

BACK OF CURRENT SAKAKAWEA DOLLAR WOULD CHANGE EVERY YEAR

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Congress has approved a bill championed by U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND) to honor the contributions of Native Americans to U.S. history. The House of Representatives passed the bill Tuesday, which was previously approved by the Senate in July. Dorgan, chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, sponsored a similar companion bill in the Senate.

This legislation, known as the Native American \$1 Coin Act of 2007, H.R. 2358, would issue a coin each year with a new design honoring a different Native American individual or contribution, while keeping the image of Sakakawea, who is currently on the dollar coin, on the front of the coin.

"Sakakawea, who helped guide Lewis and Clark on their expedition through the American West, is the only Native American currently on a U.S. coin, and this bill will improve the design, marketing and distribution of the current dollar coin," said Dorgan. "We are now one step closer to issuing these special Native American coins to pay tribute to the first Americans."

The bill was introduced by Congressman Dale E. Kildee (D-MI), Co-Chairman of the Congressional Native American Caucus, in the House of Representatives.

"This bill will honor the strength and wisdom of Indian country by authorizing the Secretary of Treas-

ury to mint and issue coins that commemorate the outstanding contributions of Native Americans," said Congressman Dale E. Kildee. "The designs of this coin will take the American people through a journey of the different experiences of Native peoples by exposing them to their unique histories while preserving the memory of Sacagawea."



The legislation would amend the Presidential \$1 Coin Act to issue a new coin design each year beginning in 2009 for the duration of the Presidential \$1 Coin Act. The bill would improve the circulation and marketing of the current Sakakawea dollar coin. Each coin's new image honoring a Native American individual or contribution would be chosen by the Secretary of the Treasury in consultation with the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, the Congressional Native American Caucus and the National Congress of American Indians.

"NCAI applauds the efforts of Sen. Dorgan and Rep. Kildee to honor native people through passage of this bill," said National Congress of American Indians President Joe Garcia. "This is an excellent educational opportunity so that the general public may gain a better knowledge of the contributions Native people have made to this nation."

The bill now goes to President Bush for his approval.

Outdoor Adventure 2007

By Stephanie Flesher, Community Advocate

The 2nd annual Outdoor Adventure Trip was a great success again this year with 10 Muckleshoot youth spending 5 days and 4 nights in Index, Washington. There were tears, laughter, challenges, friendships made, and a lot of growth and new experiences.

The trip started early Monday morning on August 6th. The first day was a day hike, where campers picked huckleberries along the way and ended at a nice swimming hole, where the kids dove into the ice cold pool.

On day two the campers were given instructions on white water kayaking and then transported to the drop site where they launched their individual kayaks and began a six hour journey on the water.

Day three, campers were up bright and early to participate in a ropes course. The campers were challenged to work as a team to accomplish tasks. Muckleshoot campers came together and were very successful in accomplishing the tasks given. Campers then climbed a fifty foot tree where they then zip lined across the woods like Tarzan in order to tackle their inner dragon, FEAR. Later in the afternoon, campers were taken on another intensive hike.

The fourth day, campers went horse back riding, fishing, learned tracking skills, and drumming.

Later that night, we laid, snuggled in blankets and sleeping bags in kayaks and watched Freedom Writers on an outdoor screen. We arrived back at Muckleshoot at 1:00 PM on Friday.

I was so impressed with the way campers came together this year. Friendships were made, but more importantly, we learned to rely on each other. It was so amazing to see the kids take on leadership roles without hesitation. The Outdoor Adventure Staff was so pleased with the group of kids this year, and their willingness to face their fears. Many of the kids were offered a summer internship when they reach the age of 16. The internship would require the child to live with the Outdoor Adventure Staff for the entire summer while training to be a river and hiking guide.

I would like to thank Lisa James, Health and Wellness Director, and Sharon Curly, Human Services Director, for bringing our programs together and allowing us to give youth in the community the opportunity of a life time. Thanks to Nancy Mellor, Mick Clarke, Larry Goncalves, Tewana Martin, Sherri Foreman, and all the Outdoor Adventure Staff for their great work with the campers this year. I look forward to our Outdoor Adventure Trip next year.

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SENATORS VISIT. Several Washington State Senators met with Muckleshoot Tribal Council members recently to confer about matters affecting the tribe. From left to right: Sen. Claudia Kauffman (D-Kent), Virginia Cross, Sen. Margarita Prentice (D-Renton), Marie Starr, Sen. Lisa Brown, Senate Majority Leader (D-Spokane), Marcie Elkins, Tribal Chairwoman Charlotte Williams, LeeRoy Courville and Virgil Spencer.

Muckleshoot Bingo:

OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW!

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CASINO JOB FAIR

Where: Muckleshoot Tribal College
When: Every 3rd Tuesday 10am - 2pm
Food & Beverages will be provided
Applications will be completed on site

The Muckleshoot Indian Casino has many employment opportunities available and practices Native Preference Hiring. The MIC is a drug free work environment.

Muckleshoot Indian Casino Employment Opportunities

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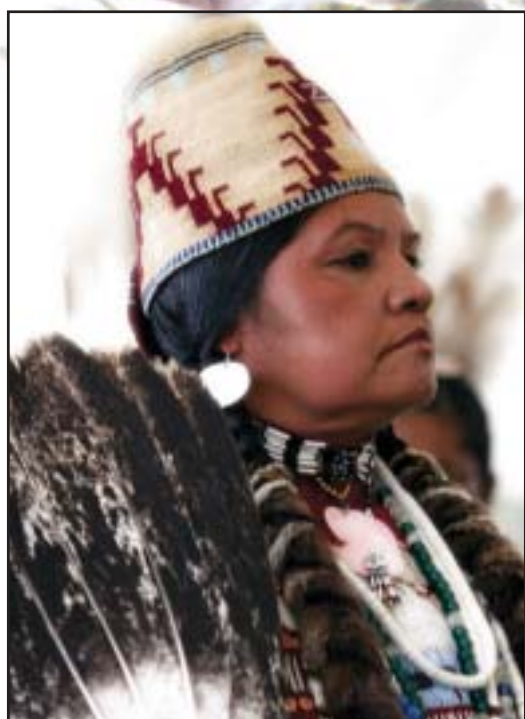
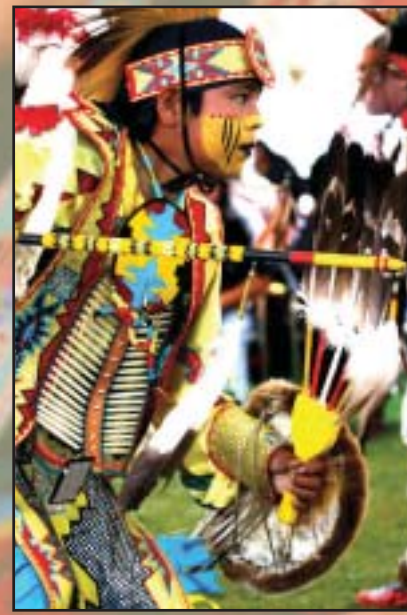
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SKOPABSH POW WOW

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ELDERS AT LUMMI

Muckleshoot Elders followed the canoes as they made their way northward, and several were on hand to welcome the canoes ashore at the conclusion of the Paddle to Lummi.

PHOTOS BY NOREEN MILNE



PHOTO BY KARL KING

A Birthday Celebration on the River

PHOTOS BY ROSEANNA NELSON

Bruce Starr and his family enjoyed a summer party along the banks of the White River to celebrate his 37th birthday. These are a few of the many nice photos snapped by Roseanna Nelson, who is available for all your photographic needs. She can be reached at: 253-266-8224.



Happy Birthday Nolan Milne!

6 Years Old

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Junior, Nolan, Dominic and Clifford



Nolan Milne, 6 years old



Samantha and Rachael



Marisalla and Gabby



Nolan with the Reptile Man



Kady, Anna, Maritza, Edith, Smantha, Alex and Veronica

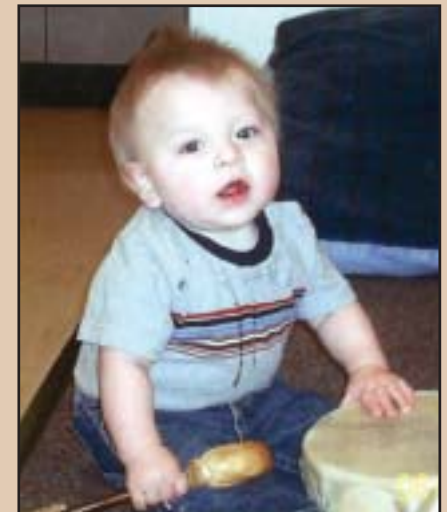
Happy Grandparents Day!

I would like to thank Bob and Mary Simmons for being there for their grandchildren, Aloysius and Silas Simmons. We sometimes have to ask them to babysit at the last minute, and they are so nice and willing to help.

Gail Farmin



Aloysius Simmons



Silas Simmons

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**Happy Birthday, Nick Johnny Sr.
August 26th, 2007**



from
Nick Jr., Mona, Sean and Mitzi & Rosie



**NEXT FOSTER PARENT
PRIDE/PRE-SERVICE TRAINING**

The Muckleshoot Tribe and the Division of Licensed Resources have recently arranged for a second series of the PRIDE/Pre-Service sessions, mandatory for foster care licensing, to take place on the Muckleshoot Reservation.

PRIDE/Pre-Service Training will take place at the Phillip Starr Building, Cougar Room. Each session is on a Saturday so as not to conflict with your work hours.

- October 6, 9:00am - 5:00pm
- October 13, 9:00am - 5:00pm
- October 20, 9:00am - 5:00pm
- October 27, 9:00am - 5:00pm

All session must be attended. Although it may seem like a lengthy time commitment, foster parents describe the experience as extremely helpful in regard to preparation, and appreciate meeting other members of their community embarking on the same path. *Also, the sessions often end earlier than scheduled.

If you know you would like to provide foster care, we encourage you to plan for these sessions, due to the fact that we cannot guarantee the availability of future on-reservation PRIDE/ Pre-service trainings.

If you have any questions please contact:

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(206) 923 - 4882
Egke300@dshs.wa.gov

Lonna Swanson
Muckleshoot ICW
(253) 876-3390

ANNOUNCEMENT!!

Tribal members if you do not have a smoke alarm in your house could you please contact the Planning Department at (253) 876-3321 and we will provide you with one immediately.

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

Memorial for
Clinton Raymond LaClair
will be on Saturday
November 3, 2007
Headstone laying at
White Lake Cemetery
At 10 am
Dinner & give away to follow

The family would like to thank the pallbearers, gravediggers, cooks and the community for standing by us through our time of grief. We would like to acknowledge the Shaker Church members who assisted with the services.



**Northwest
Climate Change
Summit
Indigenous Healing Solutions**

This series features Elder Healers from various tribal traditions bringing teachings, drumming, chanting, songs and ceremony together to create Earth healing circles

SATURDAY OCTOBER 27, 2007 - TEMENOS CENTER
Joseph Tajalle - Cherokee/Okanawan

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2007 - DAYBREAK STAR CULTURAL CENTER
Opening Gathering / Salmon Dinner

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2007 - TEMENOS CENTER
White Bear - Apache

THURSDAY EVE/FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14-15, 2008 - TEMENOS CENTER
Angaangaq - Eskimo/Kalaallit

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2008 - SEATTLE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CENTER 160
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Healing sessions available:
contact Kim Camara (206) 683-9804 or email worldkulturz@yahoo.com



Birdie Starr & James Miller-Pierce

Wedding

Muckleshoot Shaker Church
August 11, 2007

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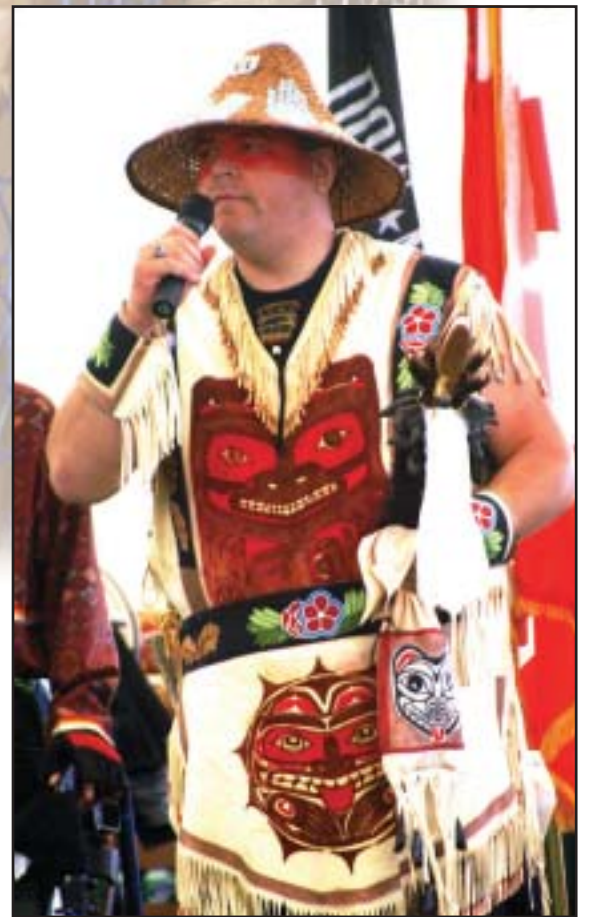


Skopabsh Pow Wow

PHOTOS BY M. ANNE SWEET



Head Woman Dancer Claudia Kauffman



Head Man Dancer John Halliday

