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Cecelia Svinth Carpenter Honored

By Cynthia Iyall

Cecelia Svinth Carpenter, best known for her writing on Nisqually history through her many published books including *Where the Water Begins, They Walked Before*, *The Nisqually People* and many more was honored with a posthumous, honorary PhD by Pacific Lutheran University (PLU). Cecelia was alumni receiving her bachelor's and master's Degree from PLU while she worked to help support her family.

She did extensive work during her time as a student at PLU connecting the tribe and PLU. She helped organized PLU students to come and support the fishermen during the fish wars, she wrote papers for the Lutheran Church to understand the importance of the Medicine Creek Treaty and the fishing rights for Nisqually. She did this to help educate our neighbors on the importance of our rights.

She was passionate about our history and was a source considered to be expert in many court cases from fisheries to the Leschi Exoneration. She was the main source for research and evidence in the Historical Court Case 20 years ago on December 24 to exonerate Chief Leschi. The work she did was able to win the unanimous vote from the tribunal and added a new chapter to this piece of our foundational history that further explains the importance of Medicine Creek Treaty.

Nettsie Bullchild (THPO), Larry Seaberg (Elder), previous Council and Cynthia Iyall sent letters of support and explained why Cecelia was worthy of this honor. PLU President and staff agreed presenting her family with PhD certificate on September 26 – the 100 year mark of her birth.

A portrait of Cecelia is being planned for the Scandinavian building where her honoring took place. The portrait will be a permanent point of information about Cecilia's work for the Tribe.



Cecelia Svinth Carpenter

Nisqually historian Cecelia Svinth Carpenter was born on September 2, 1924 and was raised on her family's farm near Roy, Washington. Cecelia was the twelfth of thirteen children with eight brothers and four sisters. Cecelia traced her Danish heritage through her father, Lutheran pastor Hans Svinth, and her Nisqually heritage through her mother, Mary Svinth. At the age of seventeen Cecelia married her husband Marvin G. Carpenter, with whom she had two children.



BFJ Statue

By Debbie Preston

A reminder to anyone who wants to see artist Haiying Wu at work on the Billy Frank Jr. statue that will be cast in bronze from the clay figure that public viewing hours will be M-F from 2-5 through the end of October at South Puget Sound Community College in the theater arts shop. More information can be found at: <https://www.arts.wa.gov/2024/09/19/project-update-september/>



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- Mailed, on website

Street Buzz

- Mailout, on She Nah Num

Facebook and website

Nisqually Indian Tribe Facebook

- geared toward educating the public

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- Private Facebook page

Website - www.nisqually-nsn.gov

Nisqually Tribal Office Holiday Closures

Please mark them on your calendars!

Veterans Day
Monday, November 11

Admin. Early Release (12 p.m.)
Wednesday, November 27

Thanksgiving
Thurs., Fri., November 28 & 29

Christmas Eve
Tuesday December 24

Christmas Holiday
Wed., Thurs., Fri. December 25-27

New Years Eve
Admin. Early Release (12 p.m.)
Tuesday December 31

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Fishing Rights Honor Walk

By Debbie Preston

The Fishing Rights Honor Walk and Canoe Journey Appreciation Dinner was held Oct. 20. It was a classic Pacific Northwest day so the walk was through some heavy showers, but it was appropriate for fishermen. Back at the Billy Frank Jr. Gym, Jack McCloud Jr. spoke about the struggle of that time and how many believed it would not be possible for so few to be successful against the state and all their resources. After a delicious dinner, the Culture Department honored the youth who participated in the Canoe Journey to Puyallup as well as skippers and support staff.





EPA Tour

By Debbie Preston

U.S. Rep. Marilyn Strickland, representatives from Sen. Maria Cantwell’s office and Environmental Protection Region 10 Director, Casey Sixkiller toured the Nisqually Tribe’s existing solar panel facilities and heard about the plans for the future use of the \$5.4 million EPA Climate Pollution Reduction grants. The Washington congressional contingent have been instrumental in helping the tribe reach its climate goals by endorsing projects. This grant was really competitive with only 10 projects funded in all of Indian Country.

Nisqually Tribal Council greeted the visitors and a short presentation outlined some of the projects already completed and those that the grant would help fund such as solar on new tribal homes, the new Facilities and Transportation building and retrofitting some buildings with solar as well as installing more heat pumps and replacing gas with heat pumps.

The 5-year grant will fund major project aimed at implementing greenhouse emission reduction measures that focus on enhancing commercial and residential buildings and was designed in partnership with Olympia Community Solar.

A detailed article about the grant was in October’s Newsletter. Don’t forget you can find past Newsletters on the tribe’s website if you can’t find the paper copy you were looking for – or grab another paper copy in the lobby of the Administration Building.





Harvest Celebration

By Debbie Preston

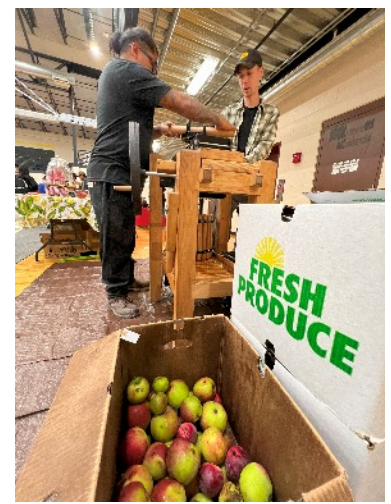
It was a fabulous Harvest Celebration on Oct. 3, with a delicious dinner, apple juice from hand-pressed apples and so many good things from the earth. Thank you to all who helped grow the food and plants to make the healing medicines and food.



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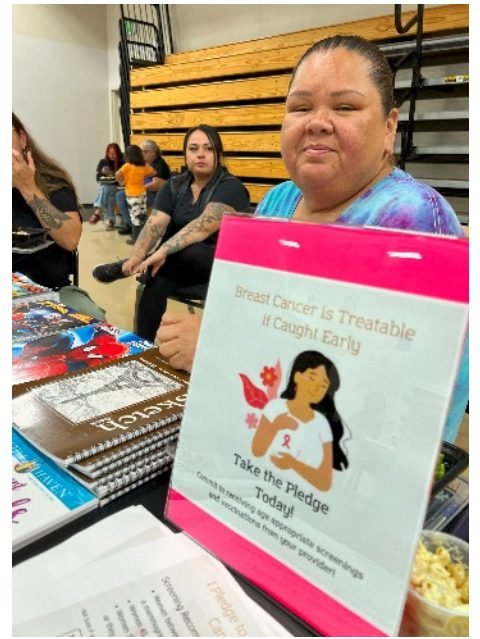




Pulling Together For Success

By Debbie Preston

The Pulling Together for Success Community gathering had lots of information and services available, including registering to vote, Northwest Indian College and South Puget Sound Community College information and registration forms, their were job opportunities and much more. The L&L Hawaiian food was a hit, as always.





Watershed Festival

By Debbie Preston, Aztec Sovereign photos - Nisqually Tribe Communications and Media Services

It was another delightful Watershed Festival at the Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge with so many activities for young and old alike. This was the 35th year of the festival that celebrates the partnerships that help protect the Nisqually River and delta which include the Nisqually Tribe, The Nisqually Land Trust, The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Wildlife Refuge System, Friends of the Nisqually Wildlife Refuge and others. A thank you to all those who helped make the event a success and all of you who participated! The Nisqually Tribe Canoe Family sang to open the day before all the family activities got underway.





STEP September Apprentice/Mentor Meeting

By Tia Lozeau

Hello everyone, Strengthening Tribal Education Program (STEP) is excited to share our wonderful experience at the STEP September Apprentice/Mentor meeting. The event was filled with festive cheer as we gathered to engage in the delightful activity of painting holiday ceramics.



These meetings allow STEP Apprentices and their mentors to bond and connect outside the usual work environment. It will enable us to build stronger relationships and foster a sense of community within the STEP department, especially considering that we all operate in different roles with varying schedules.



The meetings are designed to promote teamwork, camaraderie, and a spirit of friendly competition. It's heartwarming to see everyone come together and enjoy each other's company in a relaxed setting. These gatherings are instrumental in creating a positive and supportive work culture within STEP.

I look forward to more engaging and enjoyable future events, strengthening our bonds and creating lasting memories.

Tia Lozeau, on behalf of the STEP Board.



The Strengthening Tribal Education Program (STEP) Shout-out!

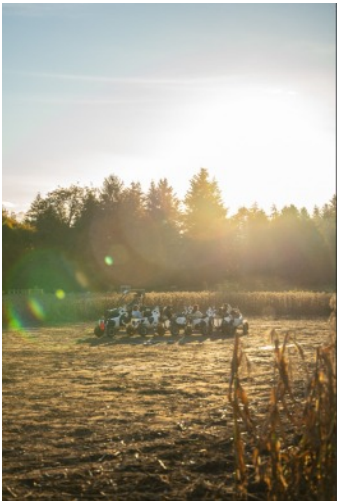
The STEP Board is excited to announce that Melissa Littlelight, a member of the Nisqually tribe and a STEP apprentice, has been selected for September's team member of the month. Melissa's dedication and hard work as a custodial worker at the Nisqually Red Wind Casino have not gone unnoticed. Her commitment to maintaining a clean and welcoming environment for our guests has significantly impacted our team. Join us in congratulating Melissa for this well-deserved recognition!

Tia Lozeau, on behalf of the STEP Board





Youth Services Reserves Rutledge Family Farms





House 12 Nears Completion

By Jessie Fox, Executive Assistant to the Building Department Director

House 12 is nearing completion. In fact, it should be finished by October 18th. This 4 bedroom, 2 bath home boasts a 3-car garage and large corner yard. Hydroseeding took place last week, paving the way for a lush, green lawn in the Spring. A front porch and back deck round out this lovely home.

The kitchen has a handy center island and a beautiful backsplash that was hand tiled by the carpentry crew. The master bath includes a bathtub and a shower that has a hand tiled surround. A convenient mudroom with spacious storage cubbies and shelves greets you upon entry through the garage door.

This home was almost completely built by the Building Department. The ground was dugout and prepared by our operating engineer. The carpentry and plumbing crews built and plumbed the home. The Building Department electricians wired the home. And our painting crew painted the interior and exterior of this home.

Soon this home will be turned over to the Housing Department who will find the new occupants for this home. The Building Department is proud of the work and love that went into this home, and we are looking forward to building many more homes for the community.

For more information about the Building Department, its programs and services offered, please call Jessie Fox at 360.456.5221 ext. 1322





There's a new browser in town, and...

Tips from the IT-WebDev Department

Attributing a popular Hollywood movie slogan “There’s a new sheriff in town”, so it is likened in the technology realm, with a new Web application development. In May of 2024, a new browser launched that is both Mac and Windows compatible. The browser is called Arc and has been available on the Mac



platform for a few years. Arc is designed to change the use of a browser in several fundamental ways, with a collapsible sidebar that combines vertical tabs and bookmarks into an app switcher-like experience, a command bar for navigation, and useful tools to help browse the web. Arc is also built on top of Chromium, websites work with existing Chrome extensions. The Browser Company, the developer of Arc, has also helped bring Swift, the programming language created by Apple for building iOS and Mac apps, to Windows. Arc’s goal isn’t to simply improve browser functionality but to reinvent it entirely.

The release of Arc on Windows, thanks to Swift, could encourage other developers to follow a similar path, especially in the wake of the White House urging software developers to use memory-safe programming languages like Swift instead of the C++ language that’s used to build Chrome and Edge. Key features of the Arc browser include the ability to; customize webpages to change their color palette, play around with new AI features, or create shareable

websites. Fundamental tools include: a sidebar, spaces, profiles, split view, and picture-in-picture. The Arc for Windows release also syncs to Arc Search, the iOS app that previously only worked with Arc for macOS. The Browser Company is also developing an Android version of Arc Search.

Arc might become an organizer’s paradise, with the ability to add up to eight apps to a Favorites section at the top of the sidebar for easy access. How popular this new browser becomes in the competitive world of Safari, Edge, Chrome, Opera, Firefox, DuckDuckGo, Brave, Aloha, and Vivaldi, yet remains to be seen.

Update: Back in late August, The Browser Company became aware of a serious security vulnerability in their Arc browser, one that could allow for remote code execution on other users’ computers with no direct interaction. In late September, the company finished addressing several of these security shortcomings. Josh Miller, CEO, posted a tweet, outlining all the changes they’ve made, including their promised bug bounty program, their new security bulletin, as well as other internal changes related to security procedures.

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Shutdown or Just Go to Sleep?

Tips from the IT-WebDev Department

There are differences between shutting down a computer and putting it in sleep mode. “Sleep mode” leaves the computer powered on and will have several programs running, despite having the screen shut off. Programs that may continue running in the background include virus scan,



system backups, software updates and disk cleanup. These programs are where the tradeoff of sleep mode versus turning a computer off needs to be taken into consideration.

Shutting down a computer could result in failing to automatically receive updates, such as security updates. Sleep mode puts a computer into a low power state without turning it completely off. The heat a computer produces in sleep mode could produce wear on components and lead to a shorter lifespan of the device. Shutting down computers is also a way to help save some money on energy bills. It is recommended in the computer industry that shutting down a computer every day is optimal with 5 to 7 days as a maximum.

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Nisqually Human Resources Office Update!

The following changes were made to the Nisqually Indian Tribe Employee handbook per Nisqually Tribal Council resolution regarding these two areas. See the exact language following.

Updates in section:

- 2-19 Hiring, Separation and Native Preference, section (c) Hiring and employment actions, goals, Native American and Nisqually Tribal preference.
- 6-2 Employment Separations – Removal of 24 month cessation period.

Looking for a rewarding career opportunity? Join Our Team at the Nisqually Indian Tribe!

Apply online, on your smart phone, or onsite at the Nisqually Indian Tribe's HR Application Station!

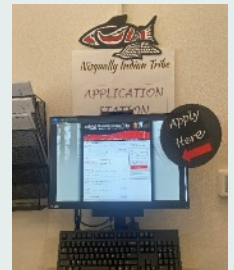
- Discover Exciting Career Opportunities
- Convenient Onsite Application Process
- Positions Updated Weekly
- Location: Human Resources Building D (Old Clinic)
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- Hours: Drop in to apply at the HR Application Station
Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. or reach out to schedule a time!

Visit us today to start your journey with the Nisqually Indian Tribe!

Questions? Contact the HR front desk at **360-486-9558**.

Website URL: <https://nisquallyhr.applicantpro.com/jobs/>

On your smart phone camera, use the QR code then click the link to see NIT's latest career opportunities!



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Shutdown benefits:

- Regularly shutting down a device can help performance, clear memory usage and programs.
- Rebooting a computer can also help manage any system issues that might arise, including fixing software bugs or faulty network connections.
- Shutting down a computer could also protect the device from a potential power surge, which could corrupt files, damage hard drives and/or result in loss of data.

Some items have a limited life cycle. For instance, a LCD screen may have a 15,000 hour lifespan (or roughly

Editor's note: Always use a quality surge protector or uninterruptible power supply (UPS battery backup). Often, these surge protectors offer warranty protection against device damage. Also having a UPS will help avoid losing data in the event of a power outage. Both PC hardware and software have improved at recovering from unexpected shutdowns in the past 10 years, so this isn't as much of a problem as it used to be.



Get Vaccinated

By Michael Christensen, Health Administrator

Immunization is a story of global success, saving millions of lives every year. Vaccines reduce the risks of getting a disease by working with your body's natural defenses to build protection. When you get a vaccine, your immune system responds and gets stronger.

There are now vaccines to prevent more than 20 life-threatening diseases, helping people of all ages live longer, healthier lives. Immunization currently prevents 3.5 million to 5 million deaths yearly from diseases like diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, influenza, and measles.

Immunization is key to primary health care, an indisputable human right, and one of the best health investments money can buy. Vaccines are also critical to the prevention and control of infectious disease outbreaks. They underpin global health security and are a vital tool in the battle against antimicrobial resistance.

Vaccines play a crucial role in training your immune system. They stimulate the production of antibodies, just as your body would when exposed to a disease. However, because vaccines contain only weakened or killed forms of germs, they do not cause the disease or put you at risk of its complications.

This is the time of year for you to get vaccinated for flu, COVID-19, RSV, and for children to get their childhood vaccines. Take advantage of some of the free vaccine events that the Health and Wellness team are providing for employees and tribal members. Be a good relative. Get vaccinated for the elders, for the youth, for the future.





South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency

USDA Foods Program November Dates

PT. GAMBLE S'KLALLAM	11/1/24
SQUAXIN ISLAND	11/6/24
SKOKOMISH	11/12/24
NISQUALLY	11/15/24
CHEHALIS	11/22/24

NOTE: Please stick to the monthly schedule for the USDA Commodity Food Program. Food distribution staff have other duties that they are responsible for on the days they are not issuing commodities. If you're unable to make the date, please call and schedule an appointment with appropriate staff. For USDA Food, call SPIPA at 360.426.3990

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Nisqually WIC
(Women, Infants, and Children)
provides healthy foods & nutrition information for you and your child up to age 5.

For appointments and questions, contact:
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Next WIC date:
November. 13, 2024

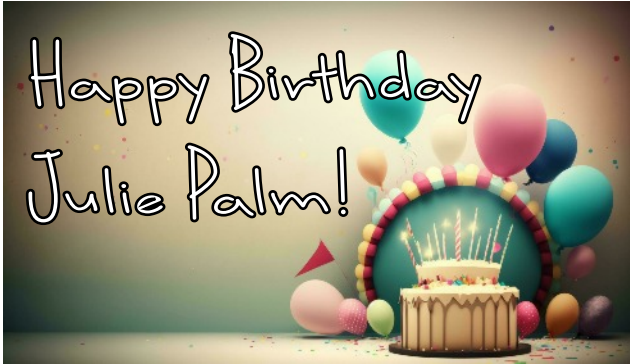
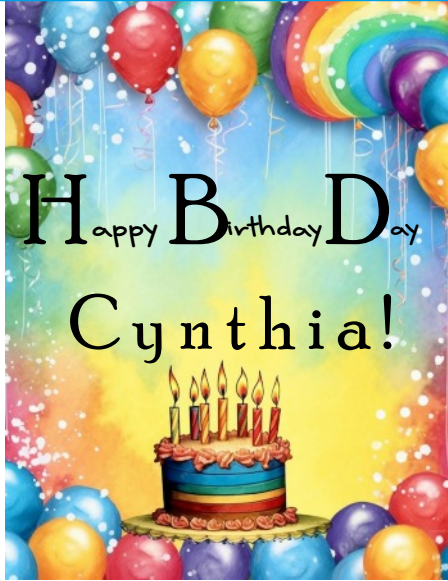
We will offer both phone appointments and in person appointments. Date subject to change.

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Announcements



Tribal Estate and Will Planning

Tribal Estate Planning Services provided by Emily Penoyar-Rambo

Services offered:

- Last will and testament
- Durable power of attorney
- Healthcare directive
- Tangible personal property bequest
- Funeral/burial instructions
- Probate

Zoom meetings will be set up for the first and third Thursday of each month. Available appointment times are 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Please call Lori Lehman at 360-456-5221 to set up an appointment.



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6:00 a.m. to 6 :00 p.m.
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and tribal employees. We offer
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rez ride at 5:15 p.m.

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