It is the honor and pleasure of the Lummi Indian Business Council to fulfill the requirements set forth in the Gaming Compact between the Lummi Nation and the State of Washington. According to the Gaming Compact, Lummi Nation is required to donate portions of the revenue brought in by Silver Reef Casino’s gaming revenue. The Silver Reef Casino and the LIBC donate 1.76% of the annual revenue to the Lummi Nation. The Silver Reef Casino’s gaming revenue is required to donate portions of the revenue to the Gaming Compact, as required by tribal law enforcement, education, housing, health, elderly care, etc. With impacts to communities across the state such as local fire districts, sheriff’s offices, etc.

Charitable Donations: Donations in this category go to non-trivial bona fide non-profit and charitable organizations within the State of Washington. These organizations are required to have a 501c3 from the State of Washington.

Community Impacts: Tribal governmental programs that have an impact on the community by assisting the Lummi Nation and its members to become self-sufficient are eligible for to receive these donations. These include, but are not limited to, tribal law enforcement, education, housing, health, elderly care, and safety and gaming regulation.

Problem Gambling: This category of donations is to be given to problem gambling education, awareness, and treatment in the State of Washington and these contributions shall be made to governmental, charitable and/or non-profit organizations that are directly related to reducing problem gambling.

Smoking Cessation and Prevention: This money is to be donated to programs or organizations dedicated to smoking cessation, prevention, education, awareness and treatment within the State of Washington. These organizations and/or programs can be governmental, charitable and/or non-profit as well, as long as their purpose is the discouragement of the use of tobacco.

**LIBC Community Contributions**

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**Washington lost a true legend**

Statement from Gov. Jay Inslee on the passing of Billy Frank, Jr.: "Washington lost a true legend with the passing of Billy Frank, Jr. today.

"He was a selfless leader who dedicated his life to the long fight for the rights of our state’s native people. Billy was a champion of tribal rights, of the salmon, and the environment. He did that even when it meant putting himself in physical danger or facing jail.

"I’m thankful Billy was here to see the 2014 Legislature pass a bill helping to overturn convictions from treaty protests. Billy was right on this issue and the state owed this gesture of justice to him and others who jeopardized their liberty to fight for treaty rights.

"Billy never wavered in his conviction and passion. He stressed to me the spiritual and cultural relationship that indigenous people have with salmon.

"His work is the foundation of an enduring legacy that will never be forgotten in Washington state.

"He once said, 'The Creator gave us salmon.'"
[Billy Frank Jr. continued from page 1]

for it to survive.’ I thank the Creator for putting Billy here to make sure we never forget what he fought for. ‘Trudi and I send our condolences to Billy’s family, friends, tribal members and everyone across the state and the country who mourns the passing of this great man.”

Scheduling photo and/or video taping of events with the Communications Department:

5 days ahead of time for weekend shorts
3 days ahead of time for week day shoots

To schedule a shoot email: julieaj@lummi-nsn.gov or call 360-312-2134.

Enrollment Office

312-2398 Switchboard
312-2286 Patrick W. Jefferson
312-2265 Christine Cultee
312-2270 Vela K. Kamkoff

Give us a call with questions or to request an application. Stop in to see us about an application.

The Enrollment Committee meets every second Tuesday.

Next meeting will be April 8, 2014

Have all paperwork in at least 10 days prior.

Food Handler’s Classes

Thursday, May 22nd – 10 a.m. to Noon – at the Lummi Gateway Center

Thursday, May 29th – 10 a.m. to Noon – at the Tribal Center Training Room (room to be confirmed)

Thursday, June 5th – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. – at the Lummi Gateway Center

Thursday, June 12th – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. – at the Tribal Center Training Room (room to be confirmed)

**MAXIMUM number for each class is 25**

To register:

Call Lummi Gateway Center: 360.306.8554; Email: ReginaldB@Lummi-nsn.gov

Or, Valerie Bob: 360.312.2211; Email: ValerieB@Lummi-nsn.gov
Interim Chief of Police

Now’s Si’am ne schaleche S’iam. Ts’ Sum Ten tse ne sna, S’iam. Fiends and Relatives, my name is Ts’ Sum Ten (Ralph Jefferson, Jr.). My parents are Ralph and Madeline Jefferson.

I am honored to have the opportunity to write this letter to you. Ron Tso retired as the Chief of Police last month, and our Council asked me to help out at the Police Department for a few months, while a replacement is hired. Please allow me to say that I understand the weight of the responsibilities the Chief of Police carries. The safety of your family and mine, and the rights of each member and the Lummi Nation is the most difficult job I have done for the People.

Many members have already shared their concerns about the Department’s services, and I appreciate that. We need to hear about each problem, no matter the size, so we can begin to resolve the issues as quickly as possible. As Always, our first priority is to respond to calls for police assistance when any person needs us. Our other top priorities include investigating child abuse and sexual assaults, reducing the availability of illegal drugs, protecting our natural resources, and helping victims of sexual assault and other crimes. We also intend to resolve a backlog of citizens complaints, as quickly as possible.

We want to provide the best service possible, and for each employee to help each member as if they were helping a member of our family. We will do everything we can to meet that goal. I look forward to talking to more people, in the near future, about how we can do a better job of serving the People. Hy’Shqe’ S’iam.

Ts’ Sum Ten (Ralph Jefferson, Jr.)

Silver Reef Casino Spa Employment Opportunities

Washington’s Newest and Best Casino is currently recruiting friendly, outgoing people for the following positions. Washington’s Newest and Best Casino is currently recruiting friendly, outgoing people for the following positions.

Cocktail Server Part-Time
Pizzanini Prep Cook/Cashier Full-Time
Restaurant Server Part-Time
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 Sous Chef
Cook
Bartender
Baker
Steak House Host
Steward
Diamond Dividends/Gift Shop Host
Hotel Front Office Agent
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Class II

Restaurant Host Cashier Part-Time
Restaurant Server Part-Time
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Class III

Slot Attendant/Supervisor Full-Time
Security Officer Full-Time
Cage Cashier Full-Time
Table Games Dealer Part-Time

*Knowledge/Experience Required

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Silver Reef Casino

Hotel

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Lummi Indian Business Council

Current Job Openings

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Job Title

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5/13/14
*Extended*

WIC Certifier/Nutrition Specialist
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5/18/14
K-12 Vice Principal
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Fisheries Field Tech. (2 vacancies)
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Until Filled
TEMP
Teacher
Head Start
Until Filled
Custodian
Lummi Nation School
Until Filled
On-Call
Residential Assistant
Safe House
Until Filled
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Transit Operator
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On-Call
Caregiver
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Substitute Teacher
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Continuous
House-Keeper
Planning
Continuous
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Commission
Board of Directors
Department
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LNSO Board Member
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Until Filled
2 vacancies (Youth and Standard Member)
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LNSO Board Member
LNSO
Until Filled
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Health Commission- Seat E
Health and Human Services
Until Filled
Health Commission- Seat A
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Chairman’s Update

Tim Ballew II, Chairman
Now Siam,

As a council member I truly hope our actions, as council, make good policy that governs our tribal operations. I hope our policy decisions are grounded on the values of our people. As Chairman, when traveling, my intentions are to promote both the policies our Nation has adopted as well as values used to guide our decisions. Early in the month I had two opportunities to travel to Washington DC on behalf of the Nation.

The first was for participation in the federal Substance Alcohol and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Tribal Technical Advisory Council (TTAC). A year ago I was fortunate enough to be asked by SAMHSA to be one of a few Tribal representatives to help the federal administration review and draft policies that govern to services related to mental health and substance abuse. The current focus by tribal nations as well as the trustee is integration of services. This goal of integration is the same goal of the Lummi Nation’s efforts of “wrap around” services.

The ideal of “wrap around” services has been endorsed for sometime here at Lummi. The intent of the Systems of Care grant from SAMHSA was, and is, to promote the concept. Both the General Council and LIBC agree that the people will be better off by providing a holistic approach to health and wellness. By accepting the grant the Nation has mandated, in response to the GC’s request for holistic services, that the administration improve on the development of holistic or “wrap-around” services.

Also, a final outcome of my travel to the SAMHSA headquarters was arranging for a delegation of SAMHSA representatives to visit Lummi in early June. The delegation requested the trip to gain a better understanding of Indian Country. In turn we granted the request so that we can provide the trustee with a Coast Salish perspective of health needs.

The second trip included Lummi’s testimony on the drafting of the 2015 BIA and HHS budgets as well as a visit with Assistant Secretary of the Interior Department, Kevin Washburn, and a meeting with WA Senator, Patty Murray. The testimony included funding requests for Headstart, health care, and increases to the funding of tribal hatchery programs. The meeting with Senator Murray included discussion on the appropriating of funds to respond to the 2013 Sockeye Fish Disaster. Getting the funds appropriated will take further advocacy from all of the sockeye tribes. We have committed to organizing the tribes and making at least one more trip to DC to push the issue. The Interior meeting with Kevin Washburn included the advocacy for our upcoming I-5 trust application and the possibility of Lummi being selected to implement Cobell Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations. After the meeting with Washburn it was indicated that Lummi could be eligible to participate in the Buy-Back program in early 2015. Any tribal members (or preferably families) with undivided property who are interested in learning more about the Buy-Back program are encouraged to contact the Realty staff at the Planning Department or Travis Brodie (Policy Analyst for the Council).

During the month of April there was one regular scheduled LIBC meeting and three special LIBC meetings. During the regularly scheduled meeting there was a list of resolutions reviewed and passed. Among the notable resolutions there was a set of resolutions that authorized for the development of 178 parcels in three different sites on the reservations. With a growing population it is vital to have property available for our families to use. The 178 parcels are intended to be used with the Lummi Land Transfer program. For any further information on the upcoming 178 parcels or the Lummi Land Transfer program please contact the Lummi Planning Department.

The first of the three special meetings in April was held to approve of a construction contract for Water and Sewer improvements at Sandy Point. The project was previously approved in the appropriate process. The completion of project will allow for an increase in Lummi Members to receive service from the Lummi Water and Sewer district. The second special meeting was called to review the proposal from Washington State Department of Transportation for the Mukilteo Ferry project. There are two Memorandum of Agreements drafted by the State for the approval of the proposed project. At this time the council does not have enough information to believe our Nation’s concerns can be addressed. Therefore, we directed staff to draft a response to not sign either MOA with the State but retaining the ability to be consulted if the project should move forward. The last special meeting was to receive an update from the Treasurer’s office on the projected revenue and the completion of the budget amendment process. The Council determined it is in the best interest of the tribe to establish a contingency or savings. The LIBC directed the Treasurer’s office to draft a recommendation for LIBC to consider and vote on what would provide a balanced budget and allow for a savings reserve. I thank the council, on behalf of the people, for identifying that we need to safeguard our resources and establish the practice of setting aside revenue for savings. The Treasurer’s office recommendation is expected mid-May.

As always our doors are open and we encourage any and all tribal members to visit with their concerns and recommendations.

Che chesh whe wheleq, Lummi, Tim Ballew, II Chairman

Community Breakfast April 27
Happy Spring Lummi Nation! We have all heard "April showers bring May flowers” and so far, this April is no exception! We’ve been getting poked on over these last couple of weeks!! But we should be on our way to warmer weather soon and we are very much looking forward to it!

With Mother’s Day just around the corner, the hands of the Office of the Vice Chair staff go up to all of the Mother’s of Lummi Nation. They give endlessly, they guide us through life and they teach us how to love unconditionally. Our Mothers laugh with us at the joys of life, they support us through our struggles, they help us navigate the tribulations of life and they shed tears of pride as some of our programs that, in turn, benefit all members of Lummi! And some of the organizations benefit multiple tribes throughout the great Pacific Northwest, such as Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI), which Lummi hosted just a couple of months back. And still other organizations do great work for all communities throughout our state, such as local Fire Departments, Washington State Search and Rescue, Northwest Wildlife Rescue, and many more! The Office of the Vice Chair staff’s hands go up as we thank all of those who do such good work for the people of Washington State!

The Office of the Vice Chair staff would like to mention what a great job all the Four Tribes Fitness Challenge Participants are doing! We want to recognize Lummi Fitness Center and the Northwest Lummi Indian Health Board for their continued efforts in keeping this a healthy physical event in our tribal communities every year. One tip for exercise endurance is eating protein before going into physical activity can provide more energy and strength you might need to finish strong in your work outs. Try foods high in carbohydrates and protein such as brown rice and vegetables or whole grain pancakes with fresh fruit. Also consider foods moderate in fat and fiber. Try to eat a larger meal 3-4 hours before physical activity and as you get closer to your activities, try smaller snacks such as fruit or yogurt. Lastly, Drink plenty of water before, during and after any exercise. These tips may give you that last minute spike in energy that your body needs to finish strong in your exercise.

The first of spring has come and so has allergy season with it. Here are some survival tips for allergy sufferers that some of us here in the Office of the Vice Chair have found effective to naturally and effectively seasonal allergies:

- The neti-pot is an ancient treatment that irrigates the sinuses with saline
- Drinking nettle tea (start drinking in early November and continue through April)
- A teaspoon of Local organic honey per day. It must be local honey from the area you live in to effectively combat the allergens we all live with.
- Washing your pil- lows and bedding and take your show- ers before bedtime.
- Using a saline or nasal spray
- Finding ways to de- crease stress or infor- mation
- Learn ways to aller- gy-proof your home; consult with your allergist or primary doctor to come up with a plan
- Consult with a natu- ral path or herbalist for natural treat- ment of allergies
- Ask your Face book friends their tips and knowledge
- For those with asth- ma or respiratory it's vital to come up with an asthma plan with your medical doctor.

Stay strong Lummi Na- tion! You only have one body, take care of it.

The Journey to Well- ness Center would like to tell Happy Mother’s Day!

Journey to Wellness Center is very excited to announce that Mabel Bob has been brought on board as our Resident Fitness Counselor. She is a student at North- west Indian College and an advocate for people in recovery. We are very happy to have her enthu- siasm and encouragement for many community mem- bers who look to her for support to gain success in their recovery. Mabel will be bringing back to basics series of meetings on “Working the Steps” in her first phase of facilitating. The next session will be a sponsorship workshop. We are continuing the 15 plus meetings every week and anyone is welcome to join. With White Bison and GA as a part of the meetings we are still having great turn outs for the meetings... Hope to see you here at Journey to Wellness. To those who show up it is good to see your faces as we make recovery a possi- bility in our lives. Look for these more announcements during the Jour- ney to Wellness meetings. Many have asked for the JTW taskforce meetings to start up again we are in the process of making this happen. Thanks to all who continue to walk with us. For more information please contact John Jefferson, House Manager for more information at 360-306- 7124.

With Springtime in full force and the various goings on around our Lummi community, once again our hands go up to all the good work being done and to all of those participating in it. Happy Mother’s Day! Watch for more exciting updates from the Office of the Vice Chair!

We pray that everyone will keep each other close and stay Lummi strong!!
Treasurer’s Update

Darrell Hillaire, LIBC Treasurer

Hello,

The Lummi Indian Business Council, the Budget Committee and members of the General Council have been working on several revisions to the LIBC Budget Ordinance (Title 28). Currently, there are four recorded versions of a revised budget ordinance. My office is moving forward a version that codifies the working agreement between LIBC and the Lummi Commercial Company (LCC). LCC is the parent company for the Silver Reef Casino and Hotel, the Lummi Tobacco Company and the Lummi Convenience Stores.

The proposed Title 28 amendments establish a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between LCC and LIBC. The agreement identifies both parties’ financial, administrative and legal responsibilities to the Nation. Under this agreement, the LCC annual business plan and budget will require LIBC approval prior to the annual LIBC appropriations process. The council is preparing to vote on these Title 28 amendments at a May 16 LIBC meeting.

The council met and discussed the Nations’ 2014 operating budget at a special meeting held April 28 at the Silver Reef Casino. LIBC is making an effort to strengthen a “commitment to save” money. The Council intends to save and invest its money for our children’s future, to protect against revenue shortfalls and for emergency community needs.

My recent travels included attendance at the Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA) conference in New Orleans, Conference highlights included: panel discussion on Performance Based Budgeting, the General Welfare Doctrine, and commercial development in Indian Country.

I will be attending the National Indian Gaming Association Convention in San Diego, CA. On May 14. Our Lummi team will be meeting with other tribes to explore development opportunities, discuss the changing gaming environment and to expand business relations with banks and developers.

The Treasurer’s team is Rosa Revey Jacobs, Nicole Lewis, Justin Finkbonner, Troy George, Brian Genge and Fred Williams (not pictured). Please feel free to call or visit for questions or concerns. Hyshia!

General Manager’s Corner

Bobby Thompson, LIBC General Manager

Lummi Youth Academy

The Lummi Youth Academy reopened and is currently serving 22 residents with increased staffing pattern due to the new compliance standards established. The new standards are also based on the Lummi Code of Law, Title 41. This standard also provided provisional license, by the Lummi Tribe, as a fully tribally accredited institution to serve homeless children served prior to its closure in December, 2013. The only services disallowed in the facility is the direct special Chemical Dependency and Mental Health services at the facility. This was due to legal concerns since the staff did not have proper credentials in those areas of services. In place of the on site services, CD and MHC services are delivered on an outreach basis or appointment at another facility. Occasionally, the services are delivered on site if this becomes the best interest as a home living environment for the child.

In order for the LYA facility to maintain the provisional license, provisional policies and procedures were also formulated and approved. What does this mean? It means the facility is given a one-year provisional license to begin development of a service structure. It may mean to step up as a dormitory, youth shelter, or a comprehensive mental health service facilities etc. Each service model would mean the facility would require its own unique set of standards. We want to thank the LYA staff and the Interim Director for their continued planning and development along this line and looking at ways to determine the facility’s long range goal and outcome planning.

We are working to enhance relationship between the Youth Academy and the Lummi Nation School in terms of their unique setting and planning regarding the education piece of the operations. We are working to ensure that the families are provided the appropriate information about the formal education process under the education of the handicapped law. This law requires that any education plan developed must have consensus from the parents. The LYA staff cannot function independently in developing education programs separate from the LNS individual education plan. The philosophy about Home Schooling concept was discussed. The LIBC administration recognizes that the Home Schooling concept is a wonderful idea; however LYA cannot set up its own home schooling activities without having parental involvement in their individual education plan decision-making process. The academy does not have legal custody of the children who reside at the facility. The parents have the legal custody and must be participants in the decision-making of their children’s education. Unless legal responsibility was temporarily reassigned to the Lummi Children Services or other entities, parental rights should never be compromised in the education of children.

We are working through these issues and hope to finalize the needed model between the LYA and LNS as a we reach consensus about the Youth Academy long range goals and objectives. It was determined that business as usual at the academy will not be allowed due to the many legal implications on liabilities without the properly equipped staff and facilities.

Lummi Higher Education Scholarship And Grant Program

The Lummi Higher Education Scholarship and Grant Program is going through a face lift in recent times. Through the initiative of the GM office and it’s established committee, the higher education scholarship finally consolidated all it’s financial resources and created the higher education grant and scholarship programs and Lummi Higher Education Scholarship Board (LHESB) by LIBC Resolution 2014-039. The scholarship board membership is being formulated to officially organize them in May, 2014. A seven(7) member board was established under this resolution. All board membership will be Lummi Tribal members. The board membership will come from the NWIC, Lummi Commercial Company (LCC), Lummi Education, LIBC Finance Department, LIBC HR Director, Deputy General Manager and one community at large. The Deputy GM is working to finish the board formation to begin the work of creating additional policies and procedures for grant and scholarship award administration. The first order of business will be to recommend to the LIBC one community at large board membership. This will be approved by a Resolution. In addition, the LHESB will develop policies on student loan repayment program. In each of the three(3) areas of need funding, priorities will be required. The priorities in funding will be to provide Grant, Scholarship and Student Loan Repayment in that priority order. One important change to the new higher education award program will be set a direct grant award system. Based on annualized funding plan which will be $5,000, $6,000 and $7,000 depending on the student status in college. A part-time credit earning will also be available if it’s meets the grant eligibility. This direct grant award will no longer be based on “unmet need” analysis system. However, the stu-
currently, the planning committee is implementing
listening sessions with employees to build a data collection process as well as educating them of the new process to be used. We are moving forward to help them understand the job evaluation process and how that will be structured. The committee received many inputs and questions from the employees this far. The project is not an easy task to accomplish but once we finish the project, it will be one of the most comprehensive tribal salary scale administration process that we would have embarked. This new process will give a better picture on how each individual job description will be evaluated. This new process will be competitive in the local job market. The market analysis will be transparent for both the supervisor and employee to show how its fair and equitable in pay.

Title IV E Project
(Children In Care Unit)
The Title IV E project is completing its final stage of having its policies and procedures manual approved by the Children Bureau, Social Security Administration. It is anticipated the plan will be approved in May, 2014. Once the plan is finalized, the LIBC will determine whether or not they want to implement the approved Title IV-E project. There are many variables going into deciding whether or not to implement the approved plan, one of which is if it is in the best interest of the hard dollar funds. Reimbursement from the federal government will not be 100% of funds allocated by LIBC for the operation costs. It will only be 100% of its eligibility children and the type of services provided. When completed this project will be a major milestone for the Nation. Lummi Nation has never, in recent history, taken over complete control over its child welfare services independent from the state of Washington. This project will foster that opportunity and training will be provided to identify tribal membership under the Title IV-E Project for Foster Homes. Additionally, family intervention and prevention services will be provided. The goal is for family reunification process. Currently, the Children In Care Unit has received many clients in their service operation either they were referred or self-referred. We hope we can begin the project implementation within May, 2014 once approved.

Lummi Tribal Health Clinic
The Lummi Tribal Health Clinic is once again reached another milestone in service improvement. A major deficiency of the clinic laboratory was not complying with the accreditation standard due to its size and capabilities. We were able to successfully renovate the laboratory and now it meets the standards. The clinical dental department opened its doors for week end services and expansion of services to the Lummi Nation School. Under the leadership of the General Manager and staff support, a full fledged Business Office has been created at the clinic for third party billing process. As a result of this initiative, third party billing revenue has increased from 1.5 million in revenue in 2012 compared to 4.9-5.0 million in 2013. The goal is to reach 8-10 million in revenue within the next couple of years. Once this happens, the LIBC will have the necessary funds to improve existing facilities and/or construct new clinics and other health care facilities needed at Lummi.

Submitted by Shasta
Cano-Martin
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May 11, 2014
To the Lummi Community

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Libc Salary Scale
Administration
Project
Through the mandate of the LIBC, General Man-
ager began the salary scale reassessment project by creating a committee to conduct further study on how we will improve the existing system. The committee engaged an experienced third party contractor to help us establish a framework from which the salary scale administration will be established.

(General Manager Update continued)
Lummi Youth Academy of Washington $1,000
Working to prevent, support, and connect Canadian injury survivors and caregivers; providing healthy school events to brain injury survivors in several counties (including the Lummi Nation and surrounding areas).

Brigid Collins Family Support Center $12,000
Bringing cycle of child abuse by promoting family support as a means of prevention; in 2013, 370 children and parents in Lummi received parenteducation, support, and prevention education, and therapy through BCFSC.

Catholic Community Services of Western Washington $5,000
Providing assistance to make better lives for children, families, and healthier communities across Western Washington; Native American Recovery Homes are open to all tribal members of Western Washington.

Catholic Housing Services of Western Washington (KA Architecture Housing Authority) $5,000
Providing safe and affordable housing coupled with support services to help end homelessness and poverty; providing access to substance abuse, mental, and chronic conditions.

Community Network $1,000
Improving the well-being and mental health of individuals of Snohomish, Skagit, Island, and San Juan Countys; services are available to all tribal communities.

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services of Whatcom County $1,000
Providing support for those affected by domestic violence & sexual assault; leading the community to end these abuse powers; and collaborating with Lummi Victims of Crime (LVOC) to protect the lives of everyone, and property from fire related hazards.

El Centro de La Raza $1,000
Building unity across all communities; cultivating leaders; and advancing our communities through the exchange of SAR techniques and disseminations, and advances in equipment & trainings.

Whatcom County Fire District 17 $2,000
Providing trained personnel, apparatus, equipment and facilities for fire, medical emergency & disaster response.

Whatcom County Search & Rescue Council $5,000
Providing scholarships to high school seniors at Ferndale HS and Windward HS.

Whatcom County Fire District 7 $10,000
Providing scholarships to students that will be managed by Lummi.

Whatcom County Fire District 10 $1,000
Providing the training sessions to all health board members regarding health related educational info.

Oheligen’sen Healing Center $2,500
Providing the community with traditional healing services that support healthy lifestyle, based on Native culture and values.

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Providing services that meet basic needs, which include housing services and energy assistance.

Pacific Northwest License Plate Fraud Association $1,000
Providing low-cost professional training & communication for those who conduct criminal, civil, and fraud investigations.

Pioneer Human Services – Whatcom County Detox $2,500
Providing a chance for change to those struggling with chemical dependency, mental health issues, and criminal histories.

Qua Qua Amus Longhouse $20,000
Providing low-cost professional training & communication for those who conduct criminal, civil, and fraud investigations.

Susan Komen 3-Day $1,000
Providing Quilts of Valor to women and women returning from US military service to show gratitude and appreciation; including Lummi Veterans.

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Reaching Out and Read, Inc. $1,000
Providing books to children by using books; and advancing our communities through the exchange of SAR techniques and disseminations, and advances in equipment & trainings.

Lummi Youth Academy, through the Lummi Court, providing information, and advances in equipment & trainings.

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Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD)

Submitted by Yvonne Thomas-Miller, Community Outreach Counselor

Attention Hyperactivity disorder (AD/HD) is a neurobehavioral disorder that affects three to five percent of American children and adults. AD/HD is usually diagnosed in childhood, and the condition can continue into the adult years. Many individuals with AD/HD are undiagnosed until adulthood (NINDS, 2011).

The common characteristics of AD/HD are impulsivity, inattention, and/or over-activity (DSM-IV-TR, 2000). Failure to listen to instructions, inability to organize oneself and work tasks, fidgeting with hands and feet, talking too much, inability to stay on task, leaving projects, chores and work tasks unfinished, and having trouble paying attention to and responding to details are the primary symptoms of AD/HD.

Although individuals may have both inattention and hyperactivity symptoms, many individuals predominantly display one symptom more than another. Therefore, the DSM-IV-TR identifies three subtypes that can be diagnosed:

AD/HD predominantly hyperactive-impulsive type: The major characteristics are fidgeting, talking excessively, interrupting others when talking, and impatience.

AD/HD predominantly inattentive type: The major characteristics are distractibility, difficulty processing information quickly and accurately, and difficulty following through with instructions.

AD/HD combined type: The individual with combined type meets the criteria for both hyperactive-impulsive and inattentive type.

Treatments can relieve many of the disorder’s symptoms, but there is no cure. With treatment, most people with ADHD can be successful in school and lead productive lives. Researchers are developing more effective treatments and interventions, and using new tools such as brain imaging, to better understand ADHD and to find more effective ways to treat and prevent it.

Employees with Attention HyperActive Disorder can receive accommodations to work. There are a variety of ideas that can assist while on the job. For more information contact the Lummi Vocational Rehabilitation Program at 360-312-2072.

References:
CCER.org/JAN National Institute of Mental Health
www.nimh.nih.gov

Lummi Nation

INVITATION TO BID

Submitted by Diane Bern

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bid proposals will be received only by Planning at their office in the Lummi Tribal Administration Building on the 2nd floor, 2665 Kwin Road, Bellingham, WA for the ROUNDABOUT AT HAXTON WAY AND SMOKEHOUSE ROAD until Friday, May 23, 2014 2:00 pm.

At which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bidders and any other interested people are invited to be present.

This project includes all labor, equipment and materials necessary for the construction of a Roundabout at Haxton Way and Smokehouse Road in Bellingham, WA.

The project requires strict adherence to all contract provisions for Federal Aid Construction Contracts, form FHWA-1275.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on May 9, 2014 at 11:00am in the Planning Conference Room.

Bid forms, specifications, plans and addenda are available through the Builder’s Exchange of Washington’s on-line plan room. Free access is provided by going to http://bxwa.com and clicking on “Posted Projects” “Public Works,” “Tribal Agencies,” “Lummi Nation” and “Projects Bidding.”

A copy of the plans and specifications will be available for review at the Lummi Nation Planning Department office by pre-arrangement by contacting Robert Pell at 360-312-2348.

The Lummi Planning Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any irregularities. The Department also reserves the right to postpone the bid award for thirty calendar days after the bid opening.

Publication Dates: May 2, 2014 & May 7, 2014

Providing a small, safe, and personalized high school learning environment; Youth Dynamics $1,000 Teaching students about positive choices and healthy lifestyles, especially withu...
**Community Updates**

**My Mom...the best mom in the world...**

Submitted by our Squol readers

**Jackie Leathers**

My Mom Jackie Leathers is the best mom in the world because...she’s not only my mother, she’s my best friend. Just want to wish her a Happy Mother’s Day, thanks mom for always being there for me. I don’t know what I’d ever do without you. Love you Mom!!! From Ray, Nick & fam.

**Lillian “Marie” Ballew**

Momma thank you for giving up on us! I love you have a good life! She never gave up on us. Today and every day, we are proud to call her MOM. We Love you! - Landa & Teelah

**Jefferson**

My Mom, Vera Solomon, was the best mom ever. I only wish that she were here with us to watch my girls grow into women. If not for her I would not have become the woman and mother that I am today. I love and miss her every day.

**Celeste Jefferson**

My Mom Celeste Jefferson is the best mom because she taught me everything I know. I would not be here without her but more importantly, I would not be who I am today. Love you mom!

**Roberta Wilson**

My Mom Roberta was the best mom in the world because...she gave us many treasures to help fill our basket...she was a basket filler... I love her for that, she taught us to enjoy our treasures and to remember who you are! Oomageees

**Verna Hawks**

My Mom (Verna) was and is the best mom in the world because...She is still “with me everyday”...Even though she left this physical world 27 years ago. She is “with me” everyday...in my manerisms, my speech, my sense of humor, my laugh, and my love for others. Thanks Mom.

**Tina La Finkbonner**

My Auntie-Mom (Babe, Tammy, Karen, Tina, late Kimmy) is the best Auntie-mom in the world because... They will always be by our sides no matter the situation right or wrong, we all love you not matter what, thank you for always loving us, Love always, Candy, Katina, Mann, Missie, Leonard, Benny, Ed

**Jackie Ballew**

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**Maria L. Rosario**

My Mom Maria L. Rosario is the best mom in the world because she always did her best to provide my brothers, sisters and me with loving guidance to be humble, kind and giving...we love and miss her so very much. –Blowing you kisses, Doug, Simon, Peter, Misty, Gene & Jacqueline...
Community Updates

Theresa M. Thomas

My Mom was the greatest Mom... She had 10 children. She made each of feel like we were the “special one”. Later in our adult life we found she favored each of us in her own way... as only a Mom could do... Love you Momma! Happy Mother’s Day!

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Dorothea A. Purser

Mom was the best in the world because her love had no bounds for Dorea, Skipe, Jack, Francy and Candy, and we knew it. That love only grew greater with the birth of her grandkids and great-grandkids. Love and miss you Mom.

Yvonne Cagey

My mother is the best because she’s a survivor. She’s made it through 3 brain aneurisms just within a month and lives life as if it never happened. She is the strongest woman I’ve ever known and she continues to amaze me every single day. I thank God that she is home, healthy and still sassy as ever. Happy Mother’s Day Mom! Love, Hillary, Amber & Christine.

Patricia Jefferson

Our Mom is the best because she makes us feel better when we’re sick, she sings Frozen songs with us, feeds us, and brings us to church and fun places.

Eagle Escort

Have you ever experienced an “Eagle Escort”? If not, then you should ride the Lummi Transit sometime.

Lummi Transit

The days are now longer than the nights, as well as getting warmer so please come out and enjoy our beautiful world and ride with us. In March we gave 5,778 rides, in and around the Lummi Nation while traveling 10,187 miles, which means Lummi Transit moved each of our riders an average 1.76 miles. We strive to offer a quality service to everyone in the community, and hope that our riders agree.

Eagle Escort

Have you ever experienced an “Eagle Escort”? At the end of Cagey and Lummi Shore Roads, an Eagle will fly down to the driver’s window and look eye to eye with the driver. Then as we go down Lummi Shore Rd. the eagles come out of the trees one by one in sequence to meet the bus.

It is an awesome experience that Cheri Morris and Threasa Jones have witnessed. They believe this eagle escort is “Uncle Ray” letting us know that he is still watching over us.

By, T. Jones

Qe’ciyew’yew (Thank You)
Community Updates

To promote the youth drawdown program this year

Lummi Youth Recreation is now accepting draw down requests for 2014. The draw down program allows $200.00 per enrolled Lummi youth per calendar year in grades K-12 to go towards any sporting activity, or extra curricular activity that contributes to the health and wellbeing of the child. This program is intended to promote health, wellness and culture. Examples include: basketball, baseball, football, swimming, lessons, soccer, music, band, skating, snowboarding, dance, chorus and art. Drawdown can also be used to go towards any select teams such as regulators football, basketball and needed sports clothing and equipment. Also allows for support for lessons and classes such as music, instrument rentals, instructor/lesson fees, uniforms, shoes, costumes such as dance recitals or theater production, books and materials needed for lessons. (Application can be found below.)

Please take a minute to fill out our online survey about the Lummi Youth Wellness Center

https://adobeformscentral.
Insulin is life—without it, the body can not convert the food we eat into the energy that’s needed to survive.

Type 1 Diabetes targets the destruction the cells that pancreas that makes insulin. Since Type 1 Diabetics have no insulin they must take insulin everyday.

The relationship with Type 2 diabetes is more complicated. People with Type 2 diabetes can make some of their own insulin, but no enough to maintain normal blood glucose levels they might need insulin.

The purpose of this article is to address the myths about insulin.

#1 Myth: Insulin has gotten the reputation as being an “end of the line” medication for Type 2 diabetes that once started, can’t be stopped.

Fact: Once glucose levels are controlled and lifestyle changes are in place, people may be able to use oral meds instead of insulin or reduce multiple daily injections to once daily.

#2 Myth: Insulin means you failed at caring for your diabetes.

Fact: This is not true. Type 2 diabetes is a progressive illness, which means that over time the body makes less and less insulin. Even people without diabetes produce less insulin as they age.

#3 Myth: Insulin causes diabetes complications.

Fact: Insulin users have had diabetes for a long time, when it is controlled, makes some types of complications more likely. Insulin helps bring blood glucose to target, which can prevent complications, not cause them.

#4 Myth: Insulin is only for people who’ve had diabetes a long time.

Fact: Sometimes insulin is the right choice for a person newly diagnosed, particularly if blood glucose levels are very high at diagnosis. There are studies that show an intensive insulin approach for six months or a year tends to be more successful at preserving insulin production than oral meds.

#5 Myth: Oral medications are safer.

Fact: It’s true that too much insulin can cause low blood sugar too low (Hypoglycemia), but it is otherwise quite safe and has no bad effects on the heart, kidneys, pancreas, or liver, as do some oral medications. Insulin can be thought of as a clean medicine, with little effect on the liver and kidneys.

#6 Myth: Injections hurt.

Fact: Some people may experience discomfort, when injecting insulin. However, today’s insulin needles are short and very thin—about the same thickness as three hairs laid side by side, making injections less painful than they once were. Testing a needle at your visit with the diabetes educator may pleasantly surprise you.

#7 Myth: Insulin will lead to weight gain.

Fact: Insulin helps the body absorb the calories from the foods you eat and stored as fat, so weight gain is a risk. When starting insulin you can take steps to avoid packing on pounds. The obvious strategy is eat less and exercise more.

#8 Myth: Taking insulin is hard.

Fact: You may associate insulin with testing blood glucose, carbohydrate counting, and other tasks. Some insulin users benefit from these activities, but not everyone will. Most people with Type 2 diabetes who take insulin use a fixed dose of long-acting insulin, so they may not need to count carbohydrates, which is strategy for adjusting mealtime insulin does. Most insulin users will tell you that once you adjust to taking insulin it is just a routine task like any other.

This article is taken from the “Diabetes Forecast” magazine, April, 2014 issue.
Lummi Health Clinic Interim Clinic Director

Hello, my name is David Quincy. I am an Anishinaabe enrolled with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe located in Northern Minnesota. I was originally hired in November as the Business Office Director, but as of February 27th, 2014 I was appointed as the Interim Clinic Director for the Lummi Tribal Health Center. My education includes a Masters in Public Administration – Health Administration, with a certificate in Tribal Administration from Portland State University and a BA Degree from the University of Montana – Northern. I have over twenty years of health care administration experience, starting as the billing coordinator for the Native American Rehabilitation Association of the NW’s Urban Indian Health Clinic. I was also the Contract Health Services Supervisor for the Cass Lake Service Unit in Northern Minnesota; I then worked for 4 years in the Office of Self-Determination in the Bemidji Area HBS. I have also worked as the Commissioner of Health and Human Services for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. So my education, experience working with Urban, Tribal and Federal Indian Health programs makes me uniquely qualified for the Interim Clinic Director position here at Lummi.

I am very excited to be working here, the health care field is an evolving one, with unique challenges and opportunities. Most notable are the ones coming about with the Affordable Care Act, which when passed in 2009 also included the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. The direct and indirect impacts of the passage of this act will be enormous value to health care delivery to the Lummi Community. Also of importance is the expansion of insurance eligibility through health care exchanges and expanded Medicaid eligibility. The Lummi Nation has made a commitment to enroll Tribal members into these exchanges, as well as traditional and expanded Medicaid and Medicare programs. The Tribe is also developing and will be implementing a Tribal Sponsorship program whereby the Tribe will pay for the Insurance Premiums for eligible Tribal members. The benefit for the Tribal member is expanded opportunities and choices in receiving health care. The benefit for the clinic is more revenue.

So the question is with insurance coverage allowing for more choices in where a patient receives their care, why would they come to the Lummi Tribal Health Center? The answer is that the quality of care given needs to be equal or better then what can be found elsewhere. That is a goal, that I and the staff at the Lummi Tribal Health Center is committed to achieving. It is rooted in the belief that through Self-governance the Lummi Nation can design and deliver healthcare services that are uniquely suited for their Tribal members and community. That Lummi Tribal members and the Lummi Community needs and deserve the best care possible.

How do we achieve this goal? We start by setting specific goals, for example, “Every patient that comes into the clinic as a walk-in will be triaged within 10-20 minutes of checking in at the front desk and that the patients needs will be met within 30-90 minutes of being checked in (average times)”. To accomplish this goal we will have to change our processes, and invest in staff needed to implement and follow those processes. This change requires that once the patient is checked in, they are triaged by a Medical Assistant, or LPN. The triage process will gather vitalis, blood pressure, weight etc… and will determine the reason for the patient visit, if all the patient needs is a flu shot for example then that can be administered by the nurse. If the need is more complex, then the walk-in does need to be seen, or an appointment could be made, or if there is a patient no show for a provider’s appointment schedule, then that doctor could see the patient. For the patient, this process will result in shorter wait times, with their needs being met. For the Clinic, it means increasing the number of patients being seen through walk-in, back filling the appointment schedule, this mitigating the no-show rate, and utilizing our providers and other clinic staff more effectively and efficiently.

In a Patient Centered Care team, the patient is a critical member of that team, which means that the patient also share responsibility for their care along with the provider, nurses and other clinic staff. An example of this responsibility includes asking questions when being triaged and providing feedback as to their needs. This is so that those needs can be properly identified and addressed. In those situations where a patient is communicating one level of need to the triage nurse, but then expands those needs, when they see their provider, that patient may be asked to schedule an appointment to address those expanded needs.

Contract Health:

I know one area that is of concern, our patients are Contract Health. Specifically, who is eligible, and why a persons bills are not paid by CHS. There are specific rules and regulations that spell out eligibility and CHS coverage.

First - to be eligible, a person has to be an enrolled Tribal member and living in Whatcom County, if they are enrolled with the Lummi Tribe or live on the reservation if they are enrolled Tribal members of another Federally recognized Tribe.

Second - a referral from a Lummi Tribal clinic provider must be made, it is important to note that a referral is not a guarantee of payment. Self-referrals, just going to a provider for services, will definitely result in a denial of CHS benefits. This does not include ER visits, but those type of visits have to be a medical necessity as determined by Lummi Tribal Medical Staff.

Third – Lummi Contract Health Services is the payer of last resort. What this means is that CHS will only pay after all other resources have paid, these resources include, Medicare, Medicaid, Employer and/or Insured Insurances, etc….

That can be provided through the Lummi Tribal Health Clinic’s Pharmacy; and

For those medications not provided through our pharmacy, there is no prescription from either a Lummi Tribal Health provider, or a CHS approved referral or ER visit. This is particularly true for narcotics.

In summary, I am excited to be here and am honored and humbled at the opportunity to work for the Lummi Tribe. I have been made to feel welcomed by both staff and the community. I pledge to put my education, knowledge and skills in working with Clinic staff, Lummi Tribal Leaders and community members in order to help provide the quality health services that this community needs and deserves.

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Elders Luncheon | Elders Birthday Lunch
Tuesday ~ 11:30 am
May 13, 2014
Silver Reef Casino

12 noon
May 16, 2014
Little Bear Creek
Contract Health Services

Lummi Tribal Health Center
2562 Kvina Rd.
Bellingham WA, 98226
Telephone (360) 312-2492 Main Line Service:
Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Closed on weekends and holidays:
Contact Health Staff: Sharon Johnson, CHS
Lead 360-312-2485
Raybeau Bob, CHS Clerk 360-312-2466
John Leathers, CHS Clerk 360-312-2297
David Quincy, Interim Clinic Director 360-312-2401

About Contract Health

Medical or dental care provided at an Indian Health Service (IHS) or Tribal health care facility is called direct care. The Contract Health Service (CHS) Program is for medical or dental care provided away from an IHS or Tribal health care facility. CHS is for services provided by private doctors and hospitals that IHS/Tribal clinics are unable to provide.

CHS follows the Code of Federal Regulations Title 42 Subpart B 136.11 – 136.14, Subpart C 136.21 – 136.25, Subpart D 136.30 – 136.32 and Subpart G 136.61, the Indian Health Service CHS Manual part 2 chapter 3, and other rules and laws per our 93-638 Contract.

CHS is utilized in situations where:
- No tribal or IHS direct care facility exists.
- The IHS or tribal direct care facility cannot provide the required emergency and/or specialty care.
- A patient’s alternate resource(s) is not enough to cover the total of required care. See below for an explanation of “alternate resources.”
- The service is determined to be within established medical/dental priority.

The I.H.S./CHS program is not:
- An entitlement program (such as Medicare or Medicaid).
- An insurance program.
- An established benefit program.

After Hours Dental or Medical Services (Emergency)

If you have an emergency need to access dental or medical services while the LTHC offices are closed:

1. Call 911 or visit the emergency room if the situation is a true emergency. Emergency Rooms are for true emergencies, not for care that can be provided by primary care providers or because it is more convenient. Use of the emergency room will be reviewed for urgency of the service(s) provided.

2. Call Lummi Tribal Health Contract Services (360) 312-2241; (360) 312-2401 and leave a message with the following information:
   - Your first and last name
   - Your date of birth
   - Your phone number or another number where you can be reached
   - Date and time
   - Reason for dental or medical treatment

3. You will be contacted by CHS staff during regular business hours.

Some common reasons why CHS will deny payment from an outside provider:
- No prior notification/authorization of service.
- No 72-hour notice of an ER visit
- No medical record established at Lummi Tribal Health Center
- No CHS eligibility on file
- Non-emergency use of emergency room or ambulance
- Patient is in custody of law enforcement or another State agency
- Alternate resources must be billed before CHS can consider payment. You failed to apply for alternate resources.
- You could have utilized the Tribal Clinic for the service(s) provided. This includes Pharmacy/Prescription Medications

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What are “Alternate Resources?” Alternate resources are health care resources other than those of the IHS. Such resources include health care providers, institutions, or health care programs for the pay of health services including, but not limited to programs under Titles XVII and XIX of the Social Security Act (i.e., Medicare and Medicaid, State Children’s Health Insurance Program), State and local health care programs and private insurance. Examples of alternate resources include:
   - Medicare
   - Medicaid Program such as the Oregon Health Plan
   - Veterans Benefits (Champus, Chapmpva)
   - Private Insurance (such as Blue Cross Blue Shield, Pacific Source, etc.)
   - Homeowner’s Insurance
   - Children’s Rehabilitative Service (Crippled Children’s Services)
   - Auto Insurance (liability)
   - Workman’s Compensation
   - State Vocational Rehabilitation
   - State Maternal and Child Health Programs
   - Medicaid Program
   - No CHS eligibility on file

2. Why do I have to apply for Alternate Resources?

This is required by 42 C.F.R. 136.61, Payor of last resort. Approval of CHS payment for services is considered after all other Alternate Resources (AR) are applied. Any patient who is potentially eligible is required to apply for the alternate resource.

3. Why did my bill not get paid?

Each visit to a non-IHS health care provider and the associated medical bill is distinct and must be examined individually to determine CHS eligibility. All CHS requirements must be met for each episode (treatment) of care. A patient must meet residency, notification, medical priority of care and use of alternate resources requirements of 42 CFR 136.23, 136.24 and 136.61 in order to be eligible for CHS. Example: If a CHS authorization is issued, IHS will pay the first medical treatment.

4. Secondary Referrals - Follow up care or additional medical care are to be done at the nearest accessible IHS or tribal facility; or will require approval with a new CHS authorization. If this process is not followed, the patient may be responsible for the expense.

5. An IHS doctor referred me to a specialist, why am I being held responsible for the bill?

Referrals are not a guarantee for payment. A referral is a recommendation for treatment/test only. The CHS program must review the referral to make the determination for IHS or tribal approval of payment. All CHS eligibility requirements must also be met. See 42 C.F.R. 136.23, 136.24 and 42 CFR 136.61.

6. How do I register with CHS? [Registration]

To register with CHS, the following documents must be submitted to CHS:

A. Completed CHS Client Intake Packet which includes the Registration form

B. Social Security Card

Proof of being an enrolled member or un-enrolled minor descendent of a member such as a tribal identification card, enrollment papers, or birth certificate.

C. Proof of residency: Driver’s license or state identification card; and acceptable documentation of the address such as a Rent Agreement or Utility bill; or a notarized letter

Alternate Resource Information such as a private insurance card; Medicare card (Part A, B, D or Supplemental); or a Medicaid determination letter (stating that you are ineligible).

D. Additional documentation may be required to determine eligibility and will be requested at the time of application by the CHS Specialist.
Community Updates

Please join us!

2014 Health & Wellness Fair

Submitted by Maureen Kinley, Health & Wellness Task Force Manager

Where: Silver Reef Casino Event Center
Date: May 17, 2014
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Grand Prize Drawing

- Apply for health coverage and visit 10 of the onsite exhibitors. Your card will be punched by the 10 exhibitors. Turn your completed punch card into the registration staff to be entered into the grand prize drawing.
- Grand Prize Drawing will be held at 2:00 P.M. Need not be present to win.

Door Prizes
(How do I win a Door Prize?)
- Just how it sounds! Just walk through the door and get automatically entered into the “Door Prizes” drawing. Just turn in your Door Prize ticket to the event staff. You need not be present to win. Door prize drawings will be held throughout the day!
- If you already have health coverage, bring a friend to apply for health coverage and receive an extra Door Prize Ticket.
- Early Bird Arrivals will receive extra door prize drawing tickets. Show up at 8:00 a.m. for the Healthy Walk and attend the 9:00 a.m. general session, and you will receive an extra drawing ticket.

Agenda At A Glance
8:00 AM - Healthy Run/Walk (South SRC Parking Lot - Tent)
9:00 AM - Welcoming Prayer/Remarks (SRC Theatre)
10:00 AM - Exhibitor’s Opening Ceremony (Event Center)
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Exhibits Open (Event Center)
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Let’s Get Covered! Assistants Available (Chairman’s Room)
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Naturopathic Care Demonstrations (Director’s Room)
2:00 PM - Grand Prize Drawing

A day of remembrance

In honor of National Child’s Mental Health Awareness Day
SAVE THE DATE JOIN US
Wednesday May 7, 2014 & Wednesday May 14, 2014
LUMMI BEHAVIORAL HEALTH sponsored by Lummi System of Care PRESENTS
“Medicine of the Heart”

At the Waxman, 4 PM table, 6:30 Work
For more information: Valerie Fewit 360-312-2123 or 360-393-8258

LYWC PRESENTS:

BEADS - BEADS - BEAD
COMMUNITY CULTURE CRAFTS
ART - GIFTS

BEADS - BEADS - BEADS

Bring the family and come make some art and crafts with Beads! You name it! Necklaces, earrings, bracelets, key chains and so much more. Hope to see you there.

Date: 5/8/14 6:30 PM @ LYR Gym LIGHT DINNER PROVIDED

Contact Information: Rebecca Haggard or Jacqueline Royal; LYWC Staff
360-390-6665 (office)
Community Updates

Commod Squad Update

Submitted by Raphael P. James

The Community Services is pleased to be able to provide an update of services available to the Lummi Community. It is our goal to enhance and improve services to the Lummi Community.

Commodity Foods – Staff Attend 27th Annual NaFDPIR National Conference June 8-14, 2014

We are very excited about the upcoming National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservation 27th Annual Conference, “Waves of Fitness-Oceans of Nutrition”.

#1 Goal is to provide food through Commodity Foods while striving for better products from USDA. Butter is back! Yes the Tribes and the Feds agreed on a healthier choice of distributing real butter. We received this on February 4, 2013. The USDA is working on adding more food items in meat and vegetable, fruit selections.

Our goals include compassion, care, and confidentiality when serving our community. We service an average of 150 households per month.

Nutrition Education

We got our funding for Nutrition Education for this year so look out for fun events this summer. George Guerrero is accepting applications for gardening at the Commods office come down and fill one out and get a garden at your house.

Energy Assistance

Tribal Energy Assistance

Tribal Energy Assistance well be starting up again, for elder May 5-16 and every one else will be on 19th, limited files so it will go fast.

Woodcutting Program

Woodcutting is winding down for the year, so the crew can gear up for next years cold weather. There have been 149+ Households served to date. We are scheduled to be cutting and delivering through the end of April.

To Be Eligible For Wood:

1. 62 YRS OF AGE
2. SINGLE PARENT W/CHILDREN 6 YRS OR YOUNGER

Food Bank Program

The Lummi Food Bank runs every Friday excluding the first of every month. The last Friday of the month is our basic needs for the Lummi Families where Laundry Soap and Toiletries are distributed. There are 200-households serviced through the food bank. Just a reminder that Homebound is strictly for 62 Years and older with no vehicle. We really appreciate the donation from Community Services from the state with a portion coming from our Lummi Nation. From Small Potatoes a Whatcom County Produce Grower and a big Thanks to Franz’s Bakery for the Bread!!!!

Pampers And Clothing

50 HH Once a month there is a donation from the TANF office of Pampers for the Children of the Lummi Nation for Emergency use only. There are clothing and household goods donated to the Lummi Food Bank from outside sources. Any donations are appreciated if they are cleaned before donated. Hy’shps!!

‘Commod Squad’ Staff:

Elaine, Frank, George L., Christopher, Ray, George G., Jack, Tyrone S., Roger, Vince and all our Awesome Volunteers…..You know who you are…

God bless our men and women in service.
Smokehouse Roundabout

Submitted by Kirk Vinish, AICP, Assistant Planning Director

This summer we will be constructing a roundabout at the Haxton Way, Smokehouse Road intersection. Here are a few of the most common questions we receive regarding roundabouts:

Why are we building a roundabout at Smokehouse Road?

Studies have shown that roundabouts are safer than traditional stop sign or signal-controlled intersections.

Roundabouts reduced injury crashes by 75 percent at intersections where stop signs or signals were previously used for traffic control, according to a study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS). Studies by the IIHS and Federal Highway Administration have shown that roundabouts typically achieve:

- A 90 percent reduction in severity of collisions
- A 37 percent reduction in fatality collisions
- A 75 percent reduction in injury collisions
- A 40 percent reduction in pedestrian collisions
- Slower speeds are safer for pedestrians, especially for the elderly and children

There are several reasons why roundabouts help reduce the likelihood and severity of collisions:

- Low travel speeds – Drivers must slow down and yield to traffic before entering a roundabout. Speeds in the roundabout are typically between 15 and 20 miles per hour. The few collisions that occur in roundabouts are typically minor and cause few injuries since they occur at such low speeds.
- No light to beat – Roundabouts are designed to promote a continuous, circular flow of traffic. Drivers need only yield to traffic before entering a roundabout; if there is no traffic in the roundabout, drivers are not required to stop. Because traffic is constantly flowing through the intersection, drivers don’t have the incentive to speed up to try and “beat the light,” like they might at a traditional intersection.

One-way travel – Roads entering a roundabout are gently curved to direct drivers into the intersection and help them travel counterclockwise around the roundabout. The curved roads and one-way travel around the roundabout eliminate the possibility for T-bone and head-on collisions.

Do I have to yield to entering vehicles if I’m already in a roundabout?

No. If you are in a roundabout, vehicles entering the roundabout must yield to you. However, you must yield to pedestrians or bicycles in crosswalks when entering or exiting the roundabout.

What is the speed through a roundabout?

Roundabouts are designed for speeds below 25 mph. You should never exceed 25 mph as you travel through the roundabout.

How do I use a roundabout if I’m on a bicycle?

Bicyclists can choose to ride through the roundabout with traffic or walk their bicycles through the pedestrian crosswalks -- much like they would in a traditional intersection. Like vehicles, cyclists must obey the rules of the roundabout as they proceed through the intersection. Riders who choose to walk their bicycles may find that some roundabout designs have a ramp onto the sidewalk, which makes it easier for bicyclists to use.

How do I drive through a roundabout?

As you approach a roundabout, you will see a yellow “roundabout ahead” sign with an advisory Yellow roundabout ahead sign speed limit for the roundabout.

In a roundabout, you treat emergency vehicles the same way you would in a traditional intersection. Do not stop if you are in the roundabout. Continue to your exit. Once you exit the roundabout, pull to the right and allow the emergency vehicle to pass. If you see an emergency vehicle as you are approaching a roundabout, pull to the right to allow it to pass, then continue into the roundabout.

What if an emergency vehicle approaches?

In a roundabout, you treat emergency vehicles the same way you would in a traditional intersection. Do not stop if you are in the roundabout. Continue to your exit. Once you exit the roundabout, pull to the right and allow the emergency vehicle to pass. If you see an emergency vehicle as you are approaching a roundabout, pull to the right to allow it to pass, then continue into the roundabout.

Continue toward the roundabout and look to your left as you near the yield sign and dashed yield line at the entrance to the roundabout. Yield to traffic already in the roundabout.

Once you see a gap in traffic, enter the circle and proceed to your exit. If there is no traffic in the roundabout, you may enter without yielding.

Look for pedestrians and use your turn signal before you exit, and make sure to stay in your lane as you navigate the roundabout.

There are a few key things to remember about driving roundabouts:

- Yield to drivers in the roundabout
- Stay in your lane; do not change lanes
- Do not stop in the roundabout

How do I drive through a roundabout when I am towing my boat?

Roundabouts are designed to accommodate vehicles of all sizes, including emergency vehicles, buses, trucks towing boats and semi trucks with trailers. Our roundabouts are designed with a truck apron, a raised section of pavement around the central island that acts as an extra lane for large vehicles. The back wheels of the oversized vehicle can ride up on the truck apron so the truck can easily complete the turn, while the raised portion of concrete discourages use by smaller vehicles. The key to successfully taking your truck and boat through the roundabout is to go slow, likely you will need to go slower than a car and use caution when exiting the roundabout.

If you have questions regarding the new roundabout at Smokehouse Road please contact Robert Pell, Project Manager (360) 312-2348.

Food Handler’s Classes

Thursday, May 27 ~ 10 am - 12 noon
Thursday, May 29 ~ 10 am - 12 noon
Thursday, June 5 ~ 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

To sign up: 360.306.8554
“The Best Safety Project in 2013”

Submitted by Robert Pell, Project Manager, Lummi Nation Planning

In 2006 professional Consultants produced a comprehensive traffic study for Lummi Nation with recommendations. One of the main target areas for modification in the report was the intersection at Haxton Way and Kwina Road. This was and still is a main commercial thoroughfare. With the amount of collisions too varying degrees it was recommended that the intersection be reconstructed in order to provide fewer traffic conflicts. In fact in the report a Traffic Circle was recommended at both Haxton and Kwina as well as Haxton and Smokehouse intersections. Lummi Planning and Public Work’s motivation was established to begin development of both Roundabouts.

We are proud to say Lummi Nation was awarded “The Best Safety Project in 2013” from the BIA Northwest Region for the Roundabout at Kwina and Haxton Roads. This project was completed last year. Again the round-a-bout addresses some significant safety issues that were identified in the Lummi Nation Traffic Study. So far it is an award that is well merited considering the recent accident data submitted indicates there are no accidents or collisions at the intersection since last year when the Roundabout was completed. “The proof is in the pudding”, as they say. It was a privilege for all of us to be a part of the project.

Artist of the month

Colby A. Schnackenberg

Born: Lummi Nation to Althea Wilson; Grandparents: the late James H. and Roberta Hunt-Wilson. He was inspired by his love for the natural habitat of the Pacific Northwest. Colby has studied birds of prey in their natural environment; he has a passion for sketching animals and recently studied North Coastal Native Design. Colby enjoys art and has an eye for naturally formed elements of nature.

To contact Colby for artwork shown here or to see additional artwork call (360) 224-2399 cschnacks79@gmail.com

REMEMBERING OUR HEROES ON MEMORIAL DAY!
News from the TERO Office

DIRECT Line: 360-312-2245

REFERAL APPLICATION: All Clients need to update personal information yearly. Remember to update any information—phone numbers, address, etc. for 2014.

You may also update on our website at www.lummitero.org

We refer laborers, flaggers and receptionists through our TEMP SERVICE to date we have placed on projects/depts. for 1-2 weeks:

Temp Services:
Please see Teresa Ray for paperwork. She will assist you in applying for the required positions. In order to be qualified for the Temp service you must be willing to:

- Work on call and have work boots, clothes, and safety gear ready before the job start date.
- Have an updated referral form for 2014
- Read & Sign a Job Description.
- Pass a Background and Drug & Alcohol Test
- Check in weekly to see if any new positions have opened
- Keep the TERO office updated with current address and phone numbers to be dispatched.

Once you have started the process on getting on the TERO Temp list it can take up to 3-5 business days before you are cleared to go out on the job.

A majority of our temp positions are 1-2 weeks. For our temp Flaggers only if the job is more than 3 months long the positions will be rotated to give our other flaggers work as well.

Projects for 2014 may change:
- Mini Mart
- Renovation of 260
- Processing Plant
- Cove - Phase 1
- Hotel / Parking Space Smoke shop
- Youth Academy
- Kwina Apartments
- Turkey Shoot Development
- Youth Wellness Skate park
- Dental Clinic addition
- Roundabout - Smokehouse/Haxton
- Olsen Phase 1 & 2 Infrastructure
- Grace Erickson Development

For more information about these projects please contact the TERO office.

Assistance for tools, union dues etc... We are going to be requesting additional funding to assist clients with tools, union dues, work clothes, etc.... One time only assistance.

RE-Licensing Assistance Program to Lummi Tribal Members Only!

Alisha Pierre is the Relicense Coordinator and she will assist you. If you plan to get assistance please provide the following information:
- Washington State ID
- Documents from courts or collection for fine amounts.
- Tribal ID

The relicense program is a provided to help Lummi Tribal members to get their License reinstated. We will help you get set up on a payment plan, also pay first months insurance if needed. We do not assist with insurance only.

Training
If you are interested in getting trained in the construction trades contact the TERO office. We have a training coming up to get a recertification of the Asbestos certifications for those who already have the card and also a Electrical training.

TERO Commissioners
- Kathy Pierre, Chair
- Andrea Johnson - Vice-Chair
- Clint Cagen
- Penny Carol Hillaire
- Jim Scott Sr.
- Steven Toby, Council Rep.

Meetings are every 3rd Thursday of the month...all are welcome to attend.

TERO MISSION
- Develop and maintain a cooperative working relationship with contractors and subcontractors while working under the guidelines of the TERO Ordinance.
- Referring qualified tribal members for employment and training.

TERO Staff
Ron Finkbonner Sr., Director ext. 2344
Rachel Phair, Compliance Officer ext. 2344
Alisha Pierre, Relicense Coordinator/Administrative Assistant ext. 2330
Teresa Ray Sanders Dispatch/Referral ext. 2245
Lummi TERO “It’s the luv” www.lummitero.org 360-384-2245 Direct Line 360-380-6990 FAX “To Preserve, Promote and Protect our Sche Lang en

Types of Training Date
Asbestos Recertification May
Electrical Training May

Month Applications Received License re-instated
January 28 20
February 10 6
March 21 9
April 21 10
Total 80 45

TERO MISSION

To Preserve, Promote and Protect our Sche Lang en

General Council Meeting Thursday, May 15, 2012
Wexliem 5 p.m. Dinner Provided

Invitation from J2W Men’s Home
Submitted by John Jefferson Sr., Journey to Wellness Manager

Journey to Wellness Men’s Home would like to extend and invitation to men returning home from long term incarceration, such as state or federal jail, or treatment centers.

If you are willing to work on your recovery in a clean and sober environment and begin your path on the road to a better way of living, here is a safe place to get started!!

Those being released from treatment must show proof of graduating and/or completing drug court. If you are willing to help yourself stay clean, you are invited to join our self help groups at the Journey to Wellness Center, 1301 Kope Rd Ferndale WA 98248.

For more information: 360-312-8995 or 360-306-7014

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Community Updates

Interim Director of LCDFI

My name is Laura Williams (Plelaelut) and a Lummi tribal enrolled member. I am the newly appointed Interim Director of the Lummi Community Development Financial Institution (LCDFI). Prior to this, I served as the Loan Officer for the past two years. In June, I will be graduated with a Masters in Public Administration (MPA) degree from the Evergreen State College.

Already in the first quarter of 2014, the Lummi Community Development Financial Institution (LCDFI) has deployed approximately $112,700 dollars, in loan funds, to the Lummi Nation community which accounts for 10 loans (business expansions or new businesses) and approximately 1-2 jobs created each.

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Also a note to all current clients, please make all payments in-person (cash/check) at LIBC Cash Receipts office. Coming soon, we will have another secured payment option to mail your payments to. When this becomes available, LCDFI will send out notices.

We would like to take the time to thank you for all your continued support from the Lummi Indian Business Council, our partners—LNSO and Ventures, Northwest Area Foundation, and U.S. Department of Treasury Native American CDFI Assistance (NACA) Program.

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Lummi Cemetery expansion
LNSO’s Fiscal Sponsor partners are making impacts

Submitted by Nancy Jordon

LNSO Fiscally Sponsors about 20 groups, each representing Lummi Community projects or initiatives that carry out the Mission of LNSO, which is to improve the health and quality of life for the people of the Lummi Nation by supporting and strengthening programs, projects and special initiatives—especially those organized to promote social well-being, education, culture and civic purposes. These projects work in partnership with LNSO Board and Staff to attract funding and other resources ranging from private foundations to individual and corporate donations. A few of these active Fiscal Sponsored projects are:

- Lummi Youth Wellness
- Lummi Youth Academy
- Lummi Youth Conference
- Breast Friends Forever
- Lummi Shaker Church
- House of Tears Carvers
- Swa’las Memorial Sla Hal Tournament
- Youth Basketball Tournament
- Lummi Natural Resources
- Lummi Community Services
- Lummi Canoe Family
- Lummi Victims of Crime

Successes are being reported through our FS partners, a few of these include:

- Lummi Victims of Crime (LVOC) expanded their program through a special initiative with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation beginning in 2012. This resource allowed LVOC to provide more resources to families and create safe permanent housing, exceeding their initial project goals.

- Lummi Youth Conference funding for youth to travel for leadership training opportunities, regionally and with the annual National Unity Conference.

- Lummi Youth Basketball Tournament again hosted another successful event in April with funds raised from fundraising activities, applications for community contributions grants, and by establishing a donation request campaign.

LNSO’s goal for 2014 is to attract $300,000 in new funds for these and other Fiscally Sponsored projects and/or initiatives, and to strengthen existing and establish new relationships with prospective partners and future activities that match LNSO’s mission and serves an identified need within the Lummi Community.

Training tools and resources are available for those interested in working with LNSO on a prospective project or initiative. If you are interested, please call our office at 312-2341.

LCAA sponsoring China Express exhibit at Lummi Gateway Center

Lummi Cultural Arts Association (LCAA) is sponsoring China Express, a traveling photo exhibit presented by the Santa Fe Art Institute at the Lummi Gateway Center from May 6 through 10. The display will be open for viewing between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day, plus a special early evening presentation with documentary photographer and lignfong educator, Carlan Tapp, on Thursday, May 8th.

Online access to the complete collection of images and stories from China Express, please visit Questions of Power (http://goo.gl/wupzyB).

A call to Lummi Nation Artists

Artistic Visions of Xwe’chi’eXen

Pacific International Terminals wants to locate North America’s largest coal export terminal at Xwe’chi’eXen (Cherrypoint) on an ancient Lummi village landscape and its marine waters. The Lummi Cultural Arts Association (LCAA) is calling upon artists of the Lummi Nation to help bring out what Xwe’chi’eXen means to the Lummi people.

Qualifying artists will be invited to take part in a series of art shows and sales in Whatcom County and in the San Juan Islands, sponsored by the LCAA.
**Community Updates**

**Mother’s Day is celebrated around the world at various times of the year**

Mother’s Day celebrations date back centuries. Anna Jarvis, a school teacher in Philadelphia set in motion the national holiday in the U.S. and in 1914 she succeeded in her efforts.

After many years of looking after her ailing mother, Anna missed her mother greatly as did her sister Elsine when their mother died.

Anna felt children often neglected to appreciate their mother enough while the mother was still alive.

As an honoring of the mothers Ann started the campaign to establish a national Mother’s Day, supported by her friends she started a letter writing campaign to urge senators, business men and congressmen in declaring a national Mother’s Day holiday.

She hoped Mother’s Day would increase respect for parents and strengthen family bonds. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May a national holiday in honor of mothers.

These days we celebrate Mother’s Day giving her gifts...and hopefully the appreciation they deserve!

**Shellfish Hatchery Update**

*Submitted by Flavian Point, Lummni Shellfish Hatchery Manager*

**Oyster & Clam Operation**

- Oyster & Manila clam broodstock are being conditioned for spawning
- Single Oyster seed at the flupsys (3-4 million) for spawning clam broodstock are ordered for 2014
- Shell washer on schedule to be completed by mid May for bagging oyster cultch bags.

*Geoduck Operation:*

- Begin harvesting geoduck seed on the week of May 5th
- Selling 5mm+ and bigger.
- 683,000 5mm seed ordered for 2014

**Enrollment Office**

Christine Cullete, Enrollment Specialist 1 312-2265

Next Enrollment Committee Meeting is May 13, 2014. Have your application turned in by May 15.

**USDA Awards Grants for Nutrition Education Programs in Tribal Communities**

GREEN BAY, Wis., April 15, 2014 - Agriculture Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has awarded over $700,000 in grants to support nutrition education programs for participants of USDA’s Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FPDIR). In total, 15 nutrition education projects in 11 states were selected through a competitive award process that was open to Indian tribal organizations and state agencies that administer FPDIR. Deputy Secretary Harden made the announcement during the keynote address at the Food Sovereignty Summit in Green Bay, Wis.

“The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations provides a vital source of healthy foods for households, many of which may have limited access to SNAP-authorized food stores,” Deputy Secretary Harden said. “This year’s awardees have developed creative, self-initiated projects designed to assist participants with incorporating healthy foods and physical activity into daily lifestyle habits.”

In Wisconsin, the Menominee Tribe will use its FY 2014 grant to continue a community garden program and collaborate with the University of Wisconsin-Extension in Menominee County to provide healthy cooking classes, recipes, and nutrition education handouts to FPDIR-eligible participants. In addition, the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians will conduct weekly nutrition education and food demonstration sessions at the FPDIR program site, the Wellness Center, and the organization’s youth center. This project will also provide nutrition education while making home deliveries of USDA Foods to homebound participants of FPDIR.

Projects selected in other states include a summer camp program for youth to teach healthy cooking techniques; nutrition education sessions held during scheduled food deliveries for participants in remote reservation areas; community gardens to promote fresh and vegetable consumption, and nutrition activities combined with physical education based on Let’s Move! in Indian Country guidelines. The full list of awardees includes:

- Sherwood Valley Food Program in California
- Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Food Distribution Program in Montana
- Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Indian Reservation in New Mexico
- Seneca Nation of Indians in New York
- Spirit Lake Tribe in North Dakota
- Cheyenne and Arapaho Food Distribution Program in Oklahoma
- Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians in Oregon
- Lummi Indian Tribe of the Lummi Indian Reservation in Washington
- Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians in Wisconsin
- Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
- Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa for the Midwest Region Nutrition Advisory Committee in Wisconsin

Three of the proposed awardees are located in areas designated as part of USDA’s StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity (Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, the Spirit Lake Tribe, and the Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Indian Reservation). The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is included in President Obama’s Promise Zones Initiative.

Since FY 2008, USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service has provided up to $1 million annually in nutrition education projects that benefit FPDIR participants and those eligible for FPDIR. The grants announced today follow USDA’s announcement last month of new funding opportunities for state agencies and Indian tribal organizations to develop innovative strategies to prevent hunger and food insecurity.

FPDIR operates as an alternative to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for low-income American Indian and non-Indian households that reside in certain designated areas. The program provides a package of USDA Foods that has been selected to enable participants to maintain a nutritionally-balanced diet that is consistent with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Currently, there are 276 tribes participating in FPDIR through 100 Indian tribal organizations and five state agencies. To date in FY2014, FPDIR has served an average of 85,400 individuals per month.

FPDIR is one of 15 nutrition assistance programs administered by USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service that works in conjunction with the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs, and the Summer Food Service Program. Together these programs make up the federal nutrition safety net.

Contact: White House Office of Communications (202)720-4623
Community Updates

Dislocated Fishers Update

The Dislocated Fishers (DLF) grant is ramping down and will come to a close this June of 2014. As we are in our final stages, all clients are being transitioned from training or retraining into Employment Services.

What are Employment Services?
Employment Services consist of Job Readiness, Work Experience or On-the-Job Training (OJT) and Support Services.

Job readiness includes:
- Interview skills
- Resume writing/cover letter
- Job searching/completing job application
- Dress for success
- Soft skills/Work Ethics

What is Work Experience?
Work experience provides the client the opportunity to spend a period of time outside the classroom learning about career opportunities in a particular job or area of work. Work experience is planned, structured learning experience that takes place in a work atmosphere for a period of time ranging from 3 months.

Benefits of a Work Experience:
- Provides new skills for the worker.
- Exposure to a new occupation and career.
- Work experience that can be highlighted on a resume.
- Learn about the skills employers look for when hiring for a job vacancy.
- Gain the skills necessary to succeed in the workforce.

How to participate in a Work Experience:
DLF will recruit worksites for participants that sufficiently meet the needs of the work experience participant.

What is OJT?
OJT gives the employer the opportunity to train a new employee to the specific needs and requirements of their respective business.

Benefits of the OJT Training work:
- OJT is arranged on an individual basis between the prospective applicant, employer, and the DLF counselor.
- The duration is usually ranging from 3-6 months.
- The employer agrees to provide adequate training for entry in the job and a salary equivalent to that of similar positions.
- Employer receives financial reimbursement up to 50% of the participant wage rate.

Dislocated Fishers Update

What are Employment Outcomes?
- Candidates are selected from a pool of pre-screened applicants.
- You receive quality workers who benefit from "hands on" training and become valued employees.
- Training cost for a new employee is reduced. (DLF pays 50% of the salary.)

Support Services:
Support Services are based on what the client may need to become job ready. Support services are limited and vary on a case by case basis.

For example: If a client is placed in a job that requires a uniform outside of their day to day attire, and is required to be job ready by the employer this, is considered an appropriate expenditure.

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The Lummi Cultural Arts Association (LCAA)

Submitted by Shasta Cano-Martin

LCAA is a co-op of Lummi artists, who volunteer to help create, teach, and display art. In existence since 2004, LCAA has helped to bring various art opportunities to Lummi community members through art shows/events/presentations to the San Juan Islands, and the establishment of a local gallery called CedarWorks (2009-2013).

More recently, LCAA membership has been inspired to help bring awareness to the sacredness of Xwe Chi’/Exen through various art forms and interpretations. Twenty five artists will be set up at Orcas Island (Madrona Point, the Odd Fellows Hall) on August 29th, 30th, and 31st, 2014—showcasing original artwork, but also bringing inspired pieces on the “Visions of Xwe Chi’ Exen.”

The next LCAA meeting is Wednesday, May 14th, 2014 at 5PM at the Lummi Gateway Center 4920 Rural Avenue Ferndale, WA 98247. “Like” us on Facebook: Lummi Cultural Arts Association. Make an appointment/leave a message to contact us through: (360) 306-8554. CHINA EXPRESS EXHIBIT

Carlan Tapp photos, through the Sante Fe Art Institute (SFAI) & Lannan Foundation, to be displayed at the Lummi Gateway Center 4920 Rural Avenue Ferndale WA 98247, organized through the Lummi Cultural Arts Association (LCAA). See Schedule Below of Carlans Tapp display:
- Thursday, May 8th, 12-6:30PM
- Friday, May 9th, 12-6:30PM
- Saturday, May 10th, 12-6:30PM

Description of China Express Exhibit:
SFAI is honored to join the Lannan Foundation in bringing artist Carlan Tapp’s China Express to multiple venues throughout the country. China Express utilizes documentary photography as a means to explore the environmental impacts of coal, one of the most pressing issues of our time. Tapp’s stark and straightforward photographs often depict changes in the natural environment that result from social causes. In China Express, Tapp provides us with the visual story of individuals, land, waterways, and entire communities impacted by the 1,200-mile train route stretching from the Powder River Basin in Wyoming to British Columbia, Canada — a route upon which multiple trains pulling more than 100 cars transport coal daily to be shipped to China.

As part of SFAI’s education program, Tapp’s 40 black and white photographs from China Express provide a powerful springboard for standards-based curriculum in Visual Arts, Humanities, and Science. Through observation, description, reflection, and further analysis, students are able to interact with the China Express narrative, both artistically and as a means to better understand and grapple with critical environmental and social issues. SFAI has provided a range of questions and resources that allow students to engage in both brief and expansive investigations into the use of documentary photography in environmental education, and into the use of coal as a debatable energy source.
Interior Sends Additional $1.2 Million in Purchase Offers to Nearly 600 Landowners with Fractional Interests at Makah Reservation

Offers Valid for 45 Days as Part of $1.9 Billion Land Buy-Back Program

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Department of the Interior today announced that the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program) has sent additional purchase offers totaling approximately $1.2 million to nearly 600 individual landowners with fractional interests in parcels at the Makah Reservation in the state of Washington.

These offers will provide landowners the opportunity to voluntarily sell their fractional interests, which would be consolidated and held in trust for the Makah Indian Tribe.

The Buy-Back Program implements the land consolidation component of the Cobell Settlement, which provided $1.9 billion to purchase fractional interests in trust or restricted land from willing sellers at fair market value. Individuals who choose to sell their interests will receive payments directly in their IIM accounts. Consolidated interests are immediately restored to tribal trust ownership for uses benefiting the reservation community and tribal members.

"Fractionation is a serious problem that locks away lands across Indian Country that tribal governments could be using for the benefit of their tribes," said Kevin K. Washburn, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. "That’s why the success of the Buy-Back Program is vitally important to the future of tribal nations. We are encouraged by initial purchases, and will continue to work cooperatively with tribal governments to conduct outreach to landowners.

Consolidating and returning these lands to tribes in trust has enormous potential to improve tribal community resources."

In December 2013, the Program began making offers to individuals who own interests at the Makah, Pine Ridge, and Rosebud Reservations to ensure their lands stay in trust. Accepted offers have already resulted in payments to landowners totaling more than $30 million and the consolidation and restoration of nearly 87,000 acres to tribes. While payments vary considerably, numerous owners have received thousands of dollars, and a few have received more than $100,000 for choosing to sell their interests.

On average, payments to individuals have been made within seven days after Interior receives a complete, accepted offer package.

Purchase offers are valid for 45 calendar days. Owners must accept and return current purchase offers for fractionated lands on Makah by May 30, 2014. Once accepted offers are processed, the Program will move implementation efforts to other tribal locations.

For information about outreach events where landowners with interests at Makah can gather in order to make informed decisions, contact:

Dale Denney at dale.denney@makah.com or 360-645-3106 – or – visit: facebook.com/PTO Puget Sound Agency and face- book.com/MakahTribe.

Landowners can contact their local Fiduciary Trust Officer or call the Trust Beneficiary Call Center at 888-678-6836 with questions about their purchase offers. More information is also available at: http://www.doi.gov/buy-backprogram/landowners.

Sellers receive fair market value for their land, in addition to a base payment of $75 per offer, regardless of the value of the land. All sales will also trigger contributions to the Cobell Education Scholarship Fund. Up to $60 million will go to this fund to provide financial assistance through annual scholarships to American Indian and Alaska Native students wishing to pursue post-secondary education and training. These funds are in addition to purchase amounts paid to individual sellers, so contributions will not reduce the amount paid to landowners for their interests. More information about the Fund and how interested students can apply can be found at the American Indian College Fund website: www.collegefund.org/Cobell.

Interior holds about 56 million acres of land in trust or restricted status for American Indians. The Department holds this land in more than 200,000 tracts, of which about 93,500 – or nearly 150 reservations – contain fractional owners’ interests available for purchase by the Buy-Back Program. There are more than 245,000 landowners, holding more than 3 million fractional interests in the tracts, eligible to participate in the Program.

A decision to sell land for restoration to tribes does not jeopardize a landowner's ability to receive individual settlement payments from the Cobell Settlement, which are being handled by the Garden City Group.

Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2014
Contact: Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov

Land Buy-Back Program Makah Offer Meetings

For more information, please contact:
Dale Denney, Makah Realty 360-645-3106
Clifton Hill, Makah Realty 360-645-1725
Trust Beneficiary Call Center 1-888-378-8466
OSI, Puget Sound Agency 425-252-4905
Or visit the website at www.doi.gov/buy-backprogram
Submitted by Natural Resources staff

Water Resources Division

The Water Resources Division staff continued the surface and ground water ambient water quality monitoring activities on the reservation, reviewed storm water pollution prevention plans and conducted associated inspections for several tribal development projects, conducted site visits to evaluate proposed projects as part of the Lummi land use permit process, and continued the development and maintenance of several databases.

After review and passing motions to adopt the Lummi Nation Integrated Solid Waste Plan, Rebecca Berringer, Natural Resources Department, and the Lummi Housing Authority Board, and the Cultural Resources Protection Commission approved the 2014 forestry sale on April 11. The LIJC approved the final version of the plan. The plan is available on the LNR webpage at: http://lnnr.lummi-nsn.gov/LummiWebsite/Website.php?PageID=294.

As you may have heard, Washington State is in the process of updating their water quality standards to ensure that water quality standards can support beneficial uses (e.g., water supply, shellfish harvest, salmon harvest, recreation, and other uses). As part of this effort, the Department of Ecology has committed to include toxin criteria that are based on a fish consumption rate greater than the current rate of 6.5 grams per day (g/day). Tribal governments and other high fish consuming populations in the state are seeking revised water quality standards that are more protective of their citizens while industries and municipalities are seeking the lowest possible rate to keep their operational costs down. The Lummi Nation is concerned that the state will adopt standards that will not adequately protect the most highly fished and most vulnerable populations in the state including members of the Lummi Nation.

On March 28, 2014, the Water Resources Division met with the Natural Resources Department to review the Lummi Seafood Consumption Study completed during August 2012. Because of a goal of the Natural Resources Department is to restore the fishery to at least the harvest levels of 1985, the Tribal Advisory Committee for the study directed the research team to attempt to quantify the fish consumption rate of Lummi tribal members during 1985. The Tribal Advisory Committee for the survey and found that a fish consumption rate for the Lummi Nation must be no less than the average value (983 g/day) determined from the study in order to be protective of the public health and the Lummi Schelangen. On March 28, 2014 the Lummi Natural Resources Division passed a motion that the protected fish consumption rate that is 95% of the Lummi population at a risk level of 1 x 10-6. Consequently, as the Natural Resources Department brings forward the revised Lummi Nation Surface Water Quality Standards as part of a triennial review process, these revisions criteria will be based on a fish consumption rate of 983 g/day. A letter was sent to Governor Inslee urging him to adopt a fish consumption rate that will be protective of the Lummi people.

The 2014 enhancement activities associated with the Lummi Nation Wetland and Habitat Mitigation Bank began this month. Henry Misanes was awarded the contract work for planting willows and cordgrass in the Nookachamp Delta. Although, work on this project was delayed due to high water in the Nooksack River, it did not start until March 24, it is due to be completed by April 25, 2014.

Frank Lawrence II and Victor Johnson completed two classes each at the Northwest Indian College during the winter semester. Frank has enrolled in two more classes at the NWIC for the spring semester and Victor has enrolled in one class at the Whatcom Community College. Victor also advised that he was admitted to Western Washington University to obtain a Bachelor’s degree in Environmental Policy starting in the fall 2014.

Forestry Division

Timber Sale Contracts

Forestry Division staff continued work on the Sandy Logging Unit scheduled to be advertised on March 22, 2014. The Sandy Logging Unit will be advertised for 30 days for a total volume of 1,200 board feet of western red cedar, red alder, and other conifer and hardwood species on 61 acres of individual native trust land. So far, there have been a number of interested log purchasers looking to purchase wood and we hope to have a good turn-out at the bid opening.

Residential Burning Permits

Individuals planning to burn vegetation on the Lummi Nation must be required to obtain a burning permit from the Lummi Natural Resources Forestry office. The burning permit provides the Permittee with instructions on what can and cannot be burned, safe burning techniques, liability, and contact information for the Whatcom County Fire Dispatch Center and the Marietta Fire District. The permit requires the Permittee to contact these two agencies prior to ignition so they are aware of burning in the area.

No burning permitted when a burn ban is in effect except for cultural uses, recreational fires limited to 3 feet in diameter in an enclosure, and burning in burn barrels with a wire mesh cover. Residential burning permits may be temporarily suspended or permanently revoked if burning presents a public health or safety hazard.

Harvest Management

Halibut

Lummi has harvested just over 77,000 pounds of halibut this season, or approximately 27% of the tribal harvest. About 20,000 pounds of the tribal quota was opened with additional openings planned for early May. The next opening(s) will involve restrictions on daily landing so as to stay within the quota. More information will be sent out in early May.

Salmon

The forecast return of Fraser sockeye remains unchanged, at 23 million. During April, Fraser River Panel meetings were held to determine inputs for the fishery planning model. Inputs include the run-size forecasts and timing, divergence rates, spawning and environment-based management adjustments, among other things. With a return of 25 million sockeye, fisheries will open in Areas 7 and 7A around August 15 with a target of 0.4 share of between 1.1 and 1.3 million fish. These are preseason estimates that will change in-season as test fishing and commercial catch reveals more about run size and timing. The final pre-season sockeye meeting will be held in June.

Sea Cubes

At the end of April, which is the typical end of the management season, the tribes had approximately 60,000 pounds of unharvested cubes remaining in District 1 and 2 combined. Through discussions with the tribes and state, it was determined that the next management season would begin August 1. The daily harvest quota from last season would be available to be harvested from May to July. Keep an eye out for an article in next month’s Squol Quot that summarizing the recent research and corresponding changes in management strategies for sea cubers.

Timber, Fish, & Wildlife - Forests & Fish Rules (TFW-FFR) Division

This summer the TFW-FFR Division plans to collaborate with the Restora
We were able to get a token fishery to supply a few fish for the first Salmon Ceremony and provide 30 permits based on a minimum expected take of the natural origin Chinook. The limited number of permits was not enough for the community so the lucky fishers were selected by lottery and limited to only one fish.

In a review of the hatchery returns we saw that there was a surplus returning to the hatchery that could provide a harvest opportunity for the community. We were able to get a grant to explore methods of harvest that would release wild fish without harm and allow us to keep hatchery fish in excess to brood stock needs. We go through a pre-season process to estimate the number of Chinook that we will encounter and what proportion of them will be of wild.

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This year we are able to harvest two Chinook, one from Skookum Creek hatchery and one from the Nooksack. At this rate we should be able to harvest any number of Chinook that we will encounter and what proportion of them will be of wild.

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This year we are off to a good start with 61 fish and almost 500 pounds in cold storage in 4 days of fishing. Contact your Fish Commission members or Natural Resources staff if you would like more information on this project.

Tagging at Skookum Creek Hatchery

Bill and the crew are preparing to place small coded wire tags in the snouts of the sub-yearling Chinook they have raised from the captive brood program established to restore early South Fork Chinook. They may be tagging up to 750,000 sub-yearlings for release in late May. At 50 thousand tags per day they should be at it for 15 days.

The tags allow us to identify the sub-yearlings as they pass the Lummi Hovander smolt trap and evaluate their relative survival and migration time from Skookum Creek to the trap. When the adults return we can identify them non-lethally with a tag detector at the hatchery for inclusion in the brood stock and on the spawning grounds to evaluate the success of the recovery program.

This initial large release could return over 3,500 fish in 2015 and 2016 to seed the improved habitat and jump start the to the recovery effort. You should consider visiting the facility to see the improvements that have been made to support the program. Be sure to let them know that you are planning to visit.

Hovander Smolt Trap

The effort at the smolt trap at Hovander Park is starting to ramp up its activity for the peak migration season and the number of migrants is increasing. Kendall Creek hatchery released its first batch of North Fork Chinook on April 15th and the trap operated around the clock to document the movement of the fish down the river and establish a catchability index that will be useful in expanding the trap catch to an estimate of the number of fish passing by the site.

We are collecting information that will allow us to evaluate the ability of the fresh water habitat to produce viable migrants and well as begin to improve forecasts of expected returns. The analysis of the 2013 migration provided information on the relative numbers of natural origin fall Chinook (28%), North Fork Chinook (67%) and South Fork Chinook (5%). This illustrates the poor condition of the South Fork Stock and the need for the rescue program.

Threats to Fisheries

The Wild Fish Conservation filed a citizen suit under the ESA claiming that WDFW was violating the Endangered Species Act by releasing Chambers Creek Hatchery Steelhead without a permit by NOAA approving the hatchery program. They claim that the hatchery operations are impeding the recovery of the natural stocks. WDFW has said they will not release the Chambers Steelhead this year unless they reach agreement with the WFC or get assurances from NOAA that their hatchery management plans will be approved.

This should be of interest to you, because if the WFC has its way, they will move to shut down Chinook, coho and chum hatchery programs that provide terminal salmon harvest. Without hatcheries, the habitat is not sufficient to provide meaningful treaty right salmon fishery. While the steelhead fishery is not a high priority at Lummi, the precedent this action would establish would be devastating. Lummi has been active in prodding the sport fishers to put some backbone in WDFW so they will fight the suit, because without the steelhead hatcheries there is no steelhead fishery.

Fisheries and Schelangen

For some time we have been concerned about the lack of attention given to maintain a supply of salmon to support the treaty fishing right. A connection with the salmon heritage for the youth of the community is a way to initiate an understanding about the connection between salmon and the health and well being of the community.

We have been working in collaboration with Lummi Nation School to provide students in all grades with hands on learning experiences in living their salmon in preparation for the first salmon ceremony. Elders are visiting the classrooms to relate the history of the fishing rights, students will be observing the pilot tangle net fishery that supplies the Chinook for the first salmon ceremony, middle school students will cut wood and shape them into traditional fish sticks, and elementary grades planted the shrub close to the school to eventually harvest to make fish sticks in the future.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Division

The Lummi GIS Division works collaboratively with different LIBC departments to produce maps, figures, and graphics in support of a wide range of projects. This month’s map shows the proposed Sacred Walk route from Cherry Point to the Stommish Grounds on June 17, 2014. In addition to producing maps for the LIBC, the GIS Division will support any community focused project as time allows. For mapping support please contact GIS Division staff at 312-2310.

Restoration Division

The Restoration Division is recruiting for the Lummi Nation Tribal Conservation Corps. If you would like to gain valuable work experience in the Lummi Natural Resources department, earn money, and receive education, then send the flyer below for eligibility requirements or visit us on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/#!/lntcc).
Communit Update 

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By: Kwsolset, Diana Dixon

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Some interesting facts about the 5th month. May is devoted to the Virgin Mary in the Catholic Church. Armed Forces Day is observed on the third Saturday. The Run for the Roses, is on Kentucky Derby Day, May 9th, 1934. The Indy 500 NASCAR race is held every year since 1911. The 2nd Sunday of May is Mother’s Day. Christopher Columbus died May 20, 1502, in the city of Seville, Spain. Every June 12-22 is Stommish June 12-22. Christopher Columbus died May 20, 1502, in the city of Seville, Spain. Every June 12-22 is Stommish June 12-22.

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by habitat degradation as stream-beds were used for the transport of logs to Puget Sound, met areas dumped waste and debris. Salmons Ethernet them into the bays. Dams were constructed on major salmon spawning rivers below large log jams, threatening the way of our river where the salmon once propagated. The river is a hazard to fish, fishermen and animals. Log jams in the delta and mouth of the river block returning salmon going upriver to spawn. Silt in the riverbed consists of mud, tars from roads and construction. Sandbars increased in size. The river has hidden dangers such as deadheads under water making it difficult and dangerous to navigate. Urban development i.e., roads, parking lots, roof tops pose a threat to the once pristine river system. Rain run-off empties into storm drains flowing into the river. The Army Corp of Engineers is responsible for removing log jams by not removing log jams. However, the Corp of Engineers maintains that the log jams are beneficial to returning salmon runs by slowing the river flow. In essence, fish, tire and die before reaching the spawning grounds.

The river needs dredging, log jams removed. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) isn’t doing enough to protect the river system. They say they don’t clean up the Nooksack. We tried. Larry Priest suggested it and was stopped from pursuing it any further. End of story.

**News in a Nutshell**

April travel was bomb. What a great time, fun, food, love and laughter. We were near and we were far. From Swinomish and Tulalip Bingo to Lincoln City on the beautiful Oregon coast. We traveled to Muckleshoot. Wow! The Elders know how to get up and go. Better can’t keep up. The Muckleshoot Stick game tournament was charged with fun and excitement. Win, lose or draw it was fun, fun, fun. Our beloved friend, Lora Tom was so very ill. Our prayers went out to her and her family. Yvonne Cagey was hospitalized. We prayed for her recovery. If the family could give them strength and courage in their time of crisis. We love all the Elders and families in need of prayer. Brian Lane, Sr. is busy with classes at Northwest Indian College. Returning to school is a wonderful thing. It’s never too late to further your education. We’re setting good examples for our youngsters. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Alec Fitzhugh on the birth of their bouncing baby boy. Alec is maintenance at LBC. Diana Dixon, Anita-Johnson and Sharon Wolf are going to pool therapy at Peace Health Outpatient. Alta Phair and Vesta Perkins enjoyed nice parties at their homes for their birthdays.

**Elder Strong**

Our 55 yr. olds are taking their place at the Elder’s table. There is honor and respect for Elders. I heard a junior Elder complaining that he wasn’t old and he wasn’t an Elder. However, that very same person was jumping with joy as an Elder: digging clams in the senior beds, first in line, visiting other tribes, taking part in activities, travel here, travel there. We are held in high esteem but we aren’t always fun achieving our status. We lived through many wars and conflicts. We fought to hang on to our Sche’lang’en in an ever changing world. Listen carefully to our words. Someday, it will be your turn to share the history of our people, share our Lhaq’temish and Shen’langen.

**Easter Bonnet Contest**

Held at Little Bear in combination with the Birth-day luncheon, 1st place winner was Clarissa Young followed by Diana Dixon and verrell Lane 3rd. The bonnets were all beautiful and unique, some comical feathers with ribbons and bows, Easter eggs and bunny rabbits. Sisters Ernestine Gensaw and Rena Ballew bonnet’s were quite decorated with baby bunnies and Easter frogs. Verna Linne and Annie Washington, the ladies with a million hats, were charming in their colorful bonnets. Jack Cagey’s bonnet is a mixture of traditional feathers and Easter bunners. Betty Todoroff wanted a play-boy bunny. It was good to see Vern & Mary Johnson, Margaret Greene, Ramona Morris, Sharon Wolf, Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Charles, Kathy Charles, Gordon Charles, Diane Plain, Josie Warbur, Charles Scott, Marcella Laclait, Dickie Greene, Marge Case, Armour Joe, Ed Johnson, Victor Solomon, DeDa Redlighting, Penny Carol, John Victor, Linda Delgato, Joan Finkbonner, Jim Holyoak, Eileen DeCouteau, Nadine Joy, Percy Revey, Ada Kaily. Annette Solomon, Eugene Paul, Floyd Warbur, Henry Laclait, Fred and Marie Egawa and many, many more.

**Lincoln City**

It was a long drive but well worth it. Porky Red in a rain storm, typical for the Oregon coast. The Event Center at Chinook Winds was absolutely awesome. We were entertained by a hip-shaking Elvis. Henry Love and sister Gayle Jones danced the beat. We met old friends and a made a few new ones. Auntie Norma Solomon kept us thinking as only she can do. Joan Finkbonner was sight seeing but not at the ocean. Margaret George and Angie Bell waved and clapped enjoying the sites in the casino. Ernie Brewer and sister Gayle James drove POV from LBC. Gayle, happy to go, and happy to return. Nadine Joy tried her hand at the slots. Verna Long, Cindy Warbur, Linda Cagey and Cynthia Phair were admiring the crafts in vendor row. Porky Red was tempted to go show Elvis how it’s really done. I saw Fred and Marie Egawa doing a happy dance. Andy Martin Solomon made a few feathered friends at the beach feeding the seagulls. There must have been a 100 or more. Charlie Miller wore a gorgeous cedar hat. Diana Dixon went a travel mug. Mary Ann and Bob Kelly brought their little dog along. Jack and Beverly Cagey had a blast. We’re ready to go again. They don’t call us Elders on the Go for nothing. Next stop, Yakama.

**May Birthdays**

Submitted by Jewell James, SIT Office

We have lived through a lot of suffering, as the Lummi People. Most of us, and the general public, do not know the history of the BIA and how it failed to do its job and protect our rights. Their job was to help the "American Indian Affairs" for the United States and to make sure the rights and interests of the Indians were protected from unscrupulous non-Indians. This idea of the BIA protecting our rights has evolved into what the Courts called the "Trust Responsibility."

From 1878 to 1849, the BIA was with the War Department. But, because of the massive theft of the funds and goods authorized by the US for the Indians, by 1884 the BIA was transferred to the Department of Interior. From 1884 to 1892, the BIA stole everything while it was under the Dept. of Interior. So, President Grant was frustrated and sought a honest group to manage Indian Affairs. He issued an Executive Order giving the churches control over Indian Country. Then, they, developed the Indian Religious Crimes Code that made any Indian language, traditions, ceremonial, or spiritual practices reflecting on this knowledge a criminal act by traditional Indians. Indians were sent to prison with unlimited time and had no rights to defend themselves. The tribes would be divided, however, to witness the theft of their goods and revenues by the BIA over the next century plus (1872 to 2012). In 1924, the tribal Indians were made US citizens so that they could have religious freedom under the First Amendment. In 1978, the Congress enacted the American Indian Religious Freedom Act because we did not have religious freedom. In 1888, the Supreme Court destroyed the Indian Religious Freedom Act. In the 1970 Congress, they began to restore our religious rights after we organized and defended ourselves as tribal people. During all this time, the BIA continued to work with other unscrupulous politicians and local authorities to siphon off funds from the Indian Accounts. In the late 1860's the US Congress sought to protect tribes from entering contracts that non-Indians sought to use to deprive the tribes and tribal peoples of their lands and resources. The BIA, after the Dawes Act of 1887 illegally took 90 million acres of Indian lands, and the tribes from the lands, took more control over Indian revenues that came from the sale of their efforts. In 2012, the Cobell Case was settled by Congress for four billion dollars. They admitted that the BIA had continued to deprive the tribal Indians of their rightful income from their lands.

This is all history. While this was happening, our people suffered in poverty. The US tried to terminate our tribal existence, knowledge, and communities. It tried to sell off our reservation lands, so that we could have no home to go to. They wanted us to live in the cities and die off as "minority citizens." But, many tribal people and leaders stayed home and fought to protect our reservations. Because of this, we still have the Lummi Reservation.

I grew up on Lummi when there was about only five hundred Lummi living here yet. I went to public school and Indian board- ing school (Oklahoma). I was reflecting on a couple matters that were assigned to me, when I first returned from college and started working for the tribe. The pay was one dollar and ninety cents an hour. I had to fish to pay the bills but the idea of working for my tribe was always in my mind as I went through college. I was first assigned to work with the tribal attorneys office, as a paralegal researcher (1977-79). I and a fellow employee were directed to investigate the land history of Lummi Reservation and any land sales by the BIA. The elders, back then, were very concerned that the Lummi lands were illegally sold by the BIA. Many elders said they never were paid for their lands when the sales were made.

Overall, the Elders said that "Our reservation lands were never supposed to be sold, but the BIA sold the lands when we were living on our tribal funds from fishing. Some or were forced to sell lands before the BIA would provide public assistance to help our families—since no one would hire Indians. So, some of our families faced having their homes condemned if they did not sell. Some of us they owed taxes on our lands and we would lose it (in cases were non-Indians spouses inherited). They said they would take our land for making roads to cross the reservation. Some of our land was sold by the BIA while we were in boarding school, and we never got that money. Some of our land was taken away from the reservation when they illegally changed our reservation boundaries."

The elders were passionate that these were just examples of a great injustices done to our Lummi People. The reservation system was created by Commission of Indian Affairs to protect Indian communities. In 1787, the US tried to negotiate the Treaty with the Omahas. It was called the "Land Cession to the American Indian." But, the reservations were to become our permanent homes. To protect our rights over our land, we had to challenge the BIA. The BIA had continued to control over Indian lands and resources. The US tried to deprive the tribes of their lands and resources. The BIA had continued to deprive the tribal people of their rights.

In 1887, the General Allotment Act (Dawes Act) passed Congress. As said above, this act would take away millions of acres of treaty-protected land from the tribes, violating 370 Indian Treaties. The lands that were left were divided up and every Indian man, woman, and child was counted and given some of their own tribal lands under a "Trust Patent." The Congress took tribal lands and sold it to individual Indians in order to destroy tribal government. In 25 years the individual Indians then have to pay taxes on their lands to local white governments. Since many Indians did not have an income, they could not pay the taxes so the land was sold for back taxes. Now non-Indians were moving on the treaty-established Indian reservations that were supposed to be for the exclusive use of the tribal people. The BIA began to apply this law on the Lummi Reservation after the 1910 Amendment. This act gave the BIA more control over Indian lands and revenues if the Indians did not live up to these "non-indian" standards. They promised to prove that they (non-Indians) would have to hook up too. Their actions were racially motivated and deliberately hasted the idea of Indians involved in "their lands on the reservation." They demanded that the State of Washington and Whatcom County side with them to stop the Lummi from exercising jurisdiction over them. They said they only were accountable to the white governments not the tribal Indians.

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The Lummi testimony was that the reservation lands were under the treaty and could not be sold under the General Allotment Laws as was done by the BIA. The federal judge had to decide if the General Allotment Laws applied or did the treaty law govern the land and jurisdiction. If the non-Indians won then the state and county would have jurisdiction over them. If the tribe was right then the tribe had jurisdiction.

The Judge ruled the "Lummi Reservation was under the Treaty not the General Allotment Laws." Wow, this was significant. The state and county settled the case immediately. The on-reservation non-Indians settled after they lost support of the state and county. They had to pay Lummi legal expenses. Once we received those funds we invested them into the NW Indian College scholarship fund. But why did everyone settle right away? They settled because this federal court ruling actually undermined the non-Indian claims that they legally owned reservation lands. The treaty did not allow the sales, no matter how long ago they happened. The lands could not be taxed and could not be taken for failure to pay taxes or confiscated for any government purpose. There was no legal authority for BIA sales of Lummi treaty lands. This case was settled about 34 years ago. We won but the land title question has not been pressed by Lummi.

Throughout our history, the Lummi people lived in poverty on our reservation. Within thirty years after we located on the reservation, the state took away our off-reservation fishing and hunting rights soon after it came into existence (1886). We could not leave the reservation to gather our traditional foods under state law or we would be prosecuted for trespassing on white land. We were left to suffer, without jobs or the ability to use our reservation lands. The BIA controlled the lands and nothing happened unless it was in accordance to the General Allotment Laws. Over time, probates never happened and each piece of reservation Indian-owned land was inherited by hundreds of family members. It became impossible for families and individuals to use the lands. So, it was leased or rented out by the BIA to non-Indian farmers. In our life time, the Congress enacted the Indian Land Consolidation Act to try to give Indian people and tribes the ability to use the inherited lands.

When we look at the reservation and see how it has developed, then we see that the BIA sold off the prime pieces of land located inside our reservation boundaries. The non-Indians bought from the BIA almost all of the prime shore line properties. They tell our Indian people to stay off their beaches and the local sheriff does work with them to stop the Indians from allegedly trespassing on white property. They do not want us to walk on "their beaches" to get our shell fish or to go set our nets. One day, the non-Indian land owners will wake up and find that the Lummi Council had graciously not evicted them from Lummi right after the Sewer Case was settled. By rights, we own the land under the treaty language. Treaties are one of three types of supreme law of the land under the Constitution.

The problem is the non-Indians will have to face the reality that they do not own the Lummi land their houses rest upon. It is treaty protected still. One day they may have to move their houses and leave the reservation. They will want the Title Insurance Company to defend their land titles. All parties will end up in Federal Court and go all the way to the Supreme Court over several years. But, the treaties are protected by the Constitution. It is the national law. We will win. Rather than sue, I think they should settle it. They will settle the case and see how the BIA almost all of the prime pieces of land the BIA sold. We will win. Rather than sue, I think they should settle it. They will settle the case and see how the Lummi Council had granted with them and find that the Lummi Council had graciously not evicted them from Lummi right after the Sewer Case was settled. By rights, we own the land under the treaty language. Treaties are one of three types of supreme law of the land under the Constitution.

I am proud to have been the Lummi Researcher that was deposed for the Federal Courts on the history of Lummi Reservation Lands. I believe I did exactly what the Lummi Elders asked me to do. The Lummi Tribal Council, back then, wanted to recover our lands. At this time, we recovered all of Portage Island as well. We can never give up. We ceded massive amounts of our traditional territory to the USA to secure our treaty rights in perpetuity. And, remember, the US tried to buy all of our traditional territory located outside our reservation for $58,000 in the early 1970's. We never sold.

Thank you, I just wanted to share my thoughts with the Lummi People.

Moving the Shaker Cross from the old Church to the new Church on Scott Road
A good Catholic examination of conscience can be a great help in making a new start in the life of faith

Submitted by Angela Jefferson

We use an examination of conscience to help call to mind our sins and failings during a period of quiet reflection before approaching the priest in Confession.

It's important for a good Catholic examination of conscience to be thorough. This will help you learn about things that you may not be aware of. It's also a chance to develop your conscience. This is a critical aid for the beginning Catholic. I have the Archdiocese of Seattle Confession Guide Experience God's Mercy called The Light is on for You.

How to prepare for a good confession

Confession is not difficult, but it does require preparation.

1. We should begin with prayer, placing ourselves in the presence of God, our loving Father. We seek healing and forgiveness through repentance and a resolve to sin no more.

2. Then come to our own most recent confession, recalling our thoughts, words and actions that were not conform to God's commandment to love him and one another through his laws and the laws of his church. This is called an examination of conscience (you can read more about it).

3. We ask God to make us truly sorry for our sins.

4. We make a firm resolution not to sin again.

Sample examination of conscience

I am the Lord your God. You shall not make strange gods before me.

Have I treated people, events or things as more important than God?

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Have I spoken evil of parents, put down God, the Church or people?

Keep holy the Lord's Day. I go to Mass every Sunday or Saturday and on holy days of obligation. On Sunday, the Lord's Day, I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship of God, pray in his day and practice education of mind and body. Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service to others?

Honor your father and your mother.

Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain frequent good communication with them when possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

You shall not kill.

Have I harmed another through physical, verbal or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

You shall not commit adultery.

Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

You shall not steal.

Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Have I gossiped, told lies or embellished stories at the expense of another?

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Have I envied any one's needs?

You shall not covet your neighbor's wealth.

Have I envied any one's wealth or need, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

The rite of reconciliation

Confession may be face-to-face or anonymous, with a priest between you and the priest. Choose the option that is most comfortable for you.

1. I pray for you;

2. The priest gives you a blessing or greeting;

3. The priest assigns a penance and offers advice to help you be a better Catholic;

4. The priest acts of contrition, expressing your sorrow for your sins (see sample below);

5. The priest absolves you from your sins.
Lummi Youth Academy Security Officer Job

EXEMPT: NO  JOB CODE:  SALARY: $12.00  DIVISION: Lummi Family Services
SHIFT: Graveyard Shift (10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.)  D E - PARTMENT: Lummi Youth Academy
LOCATION: Lummi Youth Academy
SUPERVISOR: LYA Admin Assistant
DURATION: Temp/On-call Position Supervised: None

JOB SUMMARY: This person is responsible for security patrols at the Lummi Youth Academy, to ensure the safety of the residents and property. In cases of emergency, shall contact and work cooperatively with Lummi Law & Order and Lummi Family Service Director.

ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following, and other related duties as assigned:

1. Employee shall be located at the Lummi Youth Academy.
2. Will provide foot patrol inside and outside the facility.
3. Shall call 911 in the event of an emergency.
4. Shall call Lummi Law & Order after calling 911.
5. Shall report all crimes and/or incidents occurring in or around Lummi Youth Academy and cooperate with Lummi Police Officer Investigations.
6. Employee reports any occurrences to an individual, Nightly activity Log book, which is turned in at the end of shift to the LYA Assistant Manager.
7. Records suspicious persons/activities/vehicles inside the facility area.
8. Shall interact effectively and professionally with LYA Program Staff, youth residents, and LYA guests, Lummi Law & Order officials and employees of other LIBC Departments and Agencies.
9. Employee might be required to do janitorial services during this graveyard shift, which may include dusting, mopping, vacuuming, and cleaning the bathrooms and common areas of LYA facility if needed.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Lummi/Native American/Veteran Preference Policy applies.
- High School Diploma preferred or ged rec. equal
- Valid Washington State Driver’s licensed preferred.
- Must become familiar with and abide by all Policies and Procedures for Lummi Youth Academy program.
- Mandatory Reporter for the child Abuse or Vulnerable Adult Abuse per Title V and Title VIII of Lummi Nation Code of Laws and have the willingness to participate in training in regards to this responsibility.
- First Aid/CPR training, AED required, OR must make arrangement to obtain within 30 days of hire.
- Required to participate in HIPPA training and other trainings as requested by immediate supervisor and/or Department Director.

KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS:

- Ability to cope with stressful situations firmly, tactfully and with respect.
- Ability to write clear and accurate reports in the program activity log book, and other correspondence as required.
- Ability to maintain strict confidentiality at all times.
- Have high moral character, which includes honesty and trustworthiness, have high integrity, sound judgment, and temperate habits.
- Demonstrate desire to help people and must enjoy working with the public and youth.
- Candidate must be responsible, compassionate, emotionally stable and cheerful.
- Ability to work independently with minimal direction and supervision.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must pass pre-employment and random drug and alcohol test to be eligible for and maintain employment, as required by the LIBC Drug & Alcohol Free Workplace Policy.
- This position requires regular contact with or control over Indian children and is therefore subject to a successful and extensive criminal background check, CAMS background check.
- Lummi Indian Business Council
- Paving the way to a healthy and successful future for our youth.
Youth Basketball Tournament April 11 - 13