



# THE S'KLALLAM VIEW



## The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

Helping bring you the monthly news from your S'Klallam community.

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## *The Tie That Binds, That Won't Break*

Youth and Elder Programs developing stronger relationships and creating new memories



**The Youth and Elder Programs** are working hard to build relationships between the youth and elders of the community. Many youth have outside influences that impact the direction in life they take. Youth are in need of connecting with their elders, learning traditions, and hearing stories. Many youth do not get to spend regular time with a special elder. It is the goal to hold monthly events at elders lunch. We have had 8-15 youth who eagerly attend the event to eat lunch with their elders and participate in a craft or cooking project. The youth would enjoy the company of getting to know more elders, both men and women. In the past activities have included

jam and pie making, blanket making, and giveaways for elders honoring. If you have an idea for an Elder/Youth Project or have something you would like to come teach the youth please let us know. For dates of events you can contact Sue Hanna (360-297-6333) or Steph Carpenter (360-633-0112) or look for fliers in the memo and on tribal grounds. Events are normally listed on the monthly youth calendar as well. A special thanks goes to all the elders and other adults who have taken time to attend the events. We would like to recognize Georgia Makris and Vicki Quinney for always being eager to share your time and loving smiles.

*More photos on pages 2 & 3)*

# Community New Years Eve Party — A Great Success!

Submitted by Laura Price

Over 225 people attended the Tribal Sponsored Community New Years Eve Party! There was much joy and excitement in the Gym with a 35 foot inflatable obstacle course for the big kids and a ball pond bouncer for the little ones, as well as table games and a picture booth for all. There were two sessions of Adult BINGO with over \$300 worth of prizes, a Cribbage Tournament with Jonelle DeCoteau reigning Champion! and winning a gift card basket. In the kitchen we had plenty of food and desserts to keep the crowd fed, Wii and Xbox Connect video games to play and held a special candlelight vigil prayer circle. There were door prize baskets and the winners were Laysea DeCoteau, Kade Fulton, Tyler Ives and Judy DeCoteau. Congratulations!

Thanks to Jimmie Bidtah, we were live-linked via the web to New York to watch the Times Square Ball drop at 9:00 pm our time. A large count-down clock to illuminated the gym until 11:30 pm, when we became linked with Seattle King 5 News to

watch the Seattle Space Needle erupt with fireworks at midnight. The gym was packed full of noise and laughter as we counted down to 2011 and celebrated a new year with sparkling cider toasts and plenty of hugs and kisses among family and friends!

Special recognition and thanks must go out to the following people, without whom the Party could not have been so successful: Becky Dovery, Tammy Sullivan, Carilla Trevathan, Shyia Purser, Shayleen Fulton, Sheila DeCoteau, Kayli Schell, Herman Price, Jeremy Fulton, John A. Horton, Alex Wright, Lisa and Drew McDonald, Abby Purser, Tina Armstrong, Shawn DeCoteau, Jonelle DeCoteau, Jimmie and Melody Fulton, Joe Price, Justin Symes, Bruce and Judy DeCoteau, Shawna Jones and Merry Makers who gave us a price break on inflatable rentals. Ha Nungsen! Ha Nungsen! Ha Nungsen! You made a difference and contributed greatly towards our S'Klallam Community!

*Another photo from The Youth and Elder Programs story on page 1: showing our Tribal community enjoying a meal, fellowship and the creation of stronger bonds.*



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## **Tribal Council**

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Chad Sullivan,  
*Councilman*  
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*Councilman*

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# A Gesture of Appreciation



As a gesture of appreciation from the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, all Tribal employees who have been continuously employed with the Tribe for fifteen years or longer received jackets. The presentation was made at the annual staff Christmas Party. The party was held in the Tribal gymnasium on December 17th.

*Spending regular time with an elder, means sharing meals, learning traditions and hearing stories. These types of activities brings us closer to our S'Klallam heritage.*



## Council meetings are now broadcast "Live"!

Council meetings are now broadcast "Live" from the website. Tribal members and Staff can register for the website by going to [www.pgst.nsn.us](http://www.pgst.nsn.us) Once Tribal membership or employment is verified, web administrators will approve the request. You must install a program entitled Starlight from the web, which is free, in order to view the broadcast.

Not only can Council meetings be viewed live, registered members can view the approved Council Minutes, Monthly paper, Weekly Community Memo, Calendar of Events, Tribal Policies and Core Tribal documents.

Emergency Weather notices are also posted on the website and Facebook.

# Tribal Transportation Planning Questionnaire

## Tribal Transportation Planning Questionnaire

The tribe is doing this survey to help identify the transit needs of the tribal community. "Transit" includes transportation services like the bus, or the "Access" van, etc. The tribe may pursue bringing transit services to the reservation if needs are identified. Results of this survey are confidential and will be kept anonymous.

Please complete the following questions and return to:

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c/o Planning Department  
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe  
31912 Little Boston Road NE  
Kingston, WA 98346

If you have any questions, call Ahmis at (360)297-6266 or email [ahmis@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:ahmis@pgst.nsn.us)

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Income \_\_\_\_\_ Below poverty level (see Table, other side of sheet)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Above poverty level

Do you (or someone in your household) use public transportation? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
If Yes, who provides the service (i.e. Kitsap Transit, ACCESS, Tribal paratransit, vanpool, ferry) \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you use public transportation? \_\_\_\_\_

Where would new transit service be beneficial for you? (i.e, trips to Kingston, trips to Poulsbo, trips within the reservation) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What would/do you use a bus for?

\_\_\_\_\_ Go to work  
\_\_\_\_\_ Go Shopping  
\_\_\_\_\_ Go to a Medical Appointment  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a driver's license? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Do you have own a car? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

How many vehicles in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

If there were new bus service on the reservation, when and where would it be needed?

What time of day \_\_\_\_\_  
Which day(s) of the week \_\_\_\_\_  
Destination \_\_\_\_\_

# Around the Reservation . . .

## Lavern Tom III (Third)

It is with deep sorrow, the Port Gamble S'Klallam tribe announces the sudden passing of Lavern Tom III at his home in Little Boston on January 15, 2011.

Lavern, or 3rd as he was known to his family and friends, was born on April 3, 1985, in Toppenish, Washington, to Lavern Tom, Jr. and Tracy Clarke. He was raised on the Port Gamble S'Klallam Reservation (Little Boston) by his father and stepmother Leanne Tom. He attend school in the North Kitsap School district. For the past few years, Lavern worked along side his father, employed at the Point Casino, as Sous Chef.

He is survived by his daughter Joanne, father Lavern, mother Leanne, brother Joe, sisters Ramona, Kiara, LaVonne and many other uncles, aunties and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandfather LaVern Tom Senior and his Aunt Tawyna Tom.



## January General Council

**January General Council meeting** was attended by over 100 Tribal members.

Our quorum requirement is based on a percentage of the last three elections and the January meeting needed 100 Tribal members exactly for the quorum requirement.

Without a quorum, we can not conduct business if a motion is requested by the General Council.

The June General Council meeting will be scheduled for the first (1st) Saturday in June. We need a quorum to approve the ballot to change the General Council meeting dates.

When the January General Council meeting started, we had well over 100 Tribal members. After the enrollment vote, we lost our quorum and could not vote on changing the meeting dates for General Council as requested by Tribal members.

We will publish reminders every month for the June General Council meeting.

Congratulations to the \$75 cash drawing winners: Jeromy Sullivan, Kathy Sullivan, Laura Price and Tawny DeCoteau.

Congratulations to the gift drawing winners: Jessie Scheibner-S'Klallam Gift Basket, Carilla Trevathan-

Portable DVD Player and to Bruce DeCoteau-32" Flat Screen TV

Remember, General Council meetings start with lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Childcare is provided for the duration of the meeting.

Agenda Submissions are due one month prior to the meeting and are available at the front desk, through email by contacting Kara Horton: [karah@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:karah@pgst.nsn.us) or Tashe Reynolds: [tashejoy@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:tashejoy@pgst.nsn.us). By mail or fax and may be downloaded from the website at [www.pgst.nsn.us](http://www.pgst.nsn.us) under the "Access To Tribal Government" link.

# News & Updates

## The Bite of Boston>>>

**Friday, March 18th,** the Children and Family Services staff will host the 3rd annual Bite of Boston. Booths will be set up with a wide variety of food, purchase tickets and sample away! All proceeds go to our Tribal Food Bank. This event has been a huge success for us in the past and has helped us to feed many of our families. Everyone is welcome to come and share their specialty food or come in to sample everything there is to offer. Watch for more information in the weekly memo. Questions?

**Contact Jolene at 297-9674 or Danielle 297-6343.**

## Federal Food Stamp Fraud >>>

Abuse and fraud in the state's Basic Food Program and other taxpayer-funded benefits are serious crimes that will not be tolerated by the state and federal governments.

The federal government funds and manages food benefits for states. The state investigates fraud which can range from providing false information to qualifying for food benefits to misusing the EBT cards to get items other than food, or selling cards or the benefits on the card to others. These are federal crimes that can be prosecuted.

In order to reach more community members the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe has a Pilot Project to determine eligibility for food stamps and medical. Staff can assist with your applications in the Children and Families Department however they are held to the same standards and must refer cases for fraud investigation.

If you are a food stamp recipient please keep your EBT card in a safe place, separate from your pin number and do not give or sell it to anyone.

## Poverty Level Chart from page 6

Poverty Thresholds for 2009 by Size of Family and Number of Related Children Under 18 Years

Size of family unit	Weighted average thresholds	Related children under 18 years								
		None	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight or more
One person (unrelated individual)	10,956									
Under 65 years.....	11,161	11,161								
65 years and over.....	10,289	10,289								
Two people.....	13,991									
Householder under 65 years....	14,439	14,366	14,787							
Householder 65 years and over	12,982	12,968	14,731							
Three people.....	17,098	16,781	17,268	17,285						
Four people.....	21,954	22,128	22,490	21,756	21,832					
Five people.....	25,991	26,686	27,074	26,245	25,603	25,211				
Six people.....	29,405	30,693	30,815	30,180	29,571	28,666	28,130			
Seven people.....	33,372	35,316	35,537	34,777	34,247	33,260	32,108	30,845		
Eight people.....	37,252	39,498	39,847	39,130	38,501	37,610	36,478	35,300	35,000	
Nine people or more.....	44,366	47,514	47,744	47,109	46,576	45,701	44,497	43,408	43,138	41,476

Note: The poverty thresholds are updated each year using the change in the average annual Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). Since the average annual CPI-U for 2009 was lower than the average annual CPI-U for 2008, poverty thresholds for 2009 are slightly lower than the corresponding thresholds for 2008.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

