



THE S'KLALLAM VIEW

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

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The Early Childhood Program

Getting a better picture of the great service they do!



Just imagine trying to comply with rules and regulations formed by thousands of bureaucrats over many years of time. Try to grasp meeting the demands of over 1,600 regulations handed down by agencies 3,000 miles away from where you live and operate. Imagine trying to go through reviews of your programs, your records, your budgets, and your everyday life every three years.

That's what our Early Childhood Education Program that includes

Head Start and Early Head Start services accomplished when it was found in full compliance by a team of Washington D.C. reviewers in November of 2010. The achievement was nothing short of wondrous for the organization, which has received countless commendations from programs around the country in response to this incredible achievement. Most importantly, this achievement is a reflection of how seriously your early childhood program takes its mission to provide the best services

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Thoughts from the Chairman

Thank You All . . .

Tribal Council would like to thank everyone who has supported our Tribe in the efforts to save Port Gamble Bay!

It has been a long process, one that we will continue to take on, with the help of a lot of knowledgeable individuals. We did an amazing job of getting our message out there, our voices were heard and everyone was great at telling, not just their own story, but the Tribe's story.

Recently the Kitsap County Commissioners removed the option to build a Fully Contained Community (FCC). This means: **NO BIG CITY** in Port Gamble (for now)! A smaller National Historic

Town is still possible, but we have eliminated the biggest threat.

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We are so proud of our Tribe and the people who testified, wrote letters, attended hearings and otherwise supported us in this effort! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our staff. Natural Resources, PGDA staff and Administration helped so much and will continue to do so! *Nice Job!*

*Thank you all,
Jeromy Sullivan,
Chairman*



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The Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe Supports the University Of Washington Longhouse Project

The Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe is proud to support this exciting project that Charlotte Cote, associate professor of American Indian Studies and head of the House of Knowledge Advisory Committee, and others have dreamed about for over 30 years. The University of Washington Longhouse Project is now scheduled to be completed by December 2012 and opened for public use in early 2013.

One of the leading goals of this project is to make Native people visible on the UW campus and to visibly manifest and symbolize the importance of Native traditions to the institutional culture. In addition, a key goal is boosting recruitment and retention of Native Students, staff and faculty.

In this devastating economic era, many worried that such a project would not be possible. However, project organizers believe that the generosity of the community, the federal government, and the help and advice of area tribes and the support of the Washington State Legislature will make it happen.

To show support for the Longhouse Project, the Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribal Council asked Cedar Specialties, a PGDA company, to investigate the possibility of donating a cedar log from its inventory to the project. Noel Higa of PGDA contacted the UW Longhouse Project proponents with the idea. They were very enthusiastic and appreciative of the offer.

In early February, The Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribal Council voted to donate a cedar carving log and the shipping of the log to the UW Longhouse Project. This is a donation valued at over \$10,000. The UW has stated that they will acknowledge the tribe on the building’s donor wall and will make use of the log as a prominent, artistic carved post.

In addition to this cedar carving log, Cedar Specialties of PGDA have eight additional logs that are close to this size to sell for Native cultural purposes. **For more information please contact PGDA at (360) 633-1887.**



Cure for the common cold?

Zinc may be the next best thing to a cure for the common cold. Medical research on zinc shows that sniffing, sneezing, coughing and stuffy-headed cold sufferers finally have a better option than just tissue and chicken soup.

When taken within 24 hours of the first runny nose or sore throat, zinc lozenges, tablets or syrups can cut colds short by an average of a day or more and sharply reduce the severity of symptoms, according to the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, a respected medical clearinghouse.

In some of the studies, the benefits of zinc were significant. A March 2008 report in The Journal of Infectious Diseases, for example, found that zinc lozenges cut the duration of colds to four days from seven days, and reduced coughing to two days from five.

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possible to the tribe and its children.

Here are some of the items cited by the reviewers in giving their perfect score:

Program Provides a Rich Cultural Environment. This exemplifies the understanding the early childhood program has for nurturing aspects of S’Klallam culture into its programs. Children are involved with community clam digging and clambakes, introduction to S’Klallam language, drumming and dancing that focus on cultural practices and traditions, participation in the annual canoe journey, continuous exposure to time with elders and storytelling, appreciation of S’Klallam traditions and customs.



Male Involvement with the early childhood program. We all understand the importance of fathers and men in the lives of our children. The early childhood program has made this a key part of its program to be sure that, whenever possible, men are included in the care, education, and participation of programs. Two lead preschool teachers, Kyle Carpenter and Chad Sullivan, one preschool assistant Matt Oliver, one infant teacher, Anthony Adams, a bus



driver Jimmy Price, an extended day child care teacher Aaron Newmam, and one on-call classroom assistant Steven Adams are all men and all S’Klallam tribal members. We are so proud of our male staff and the participation of male community members who have all stepped forward on behalf of our youngest children.

Summer Transition Program with Wolfle Elementary School. At the heart of the Head Start philosophy is that early childhood education provides the building blocks for success in public schools. By providing a rich learning environment to young children, the outcome for success later is more assured. Our program has proven a winner in this regard. This program focuses on the meaningful school readiness of children, families, and kindergarten teachers as our kids move from Head Start into the elementary school.

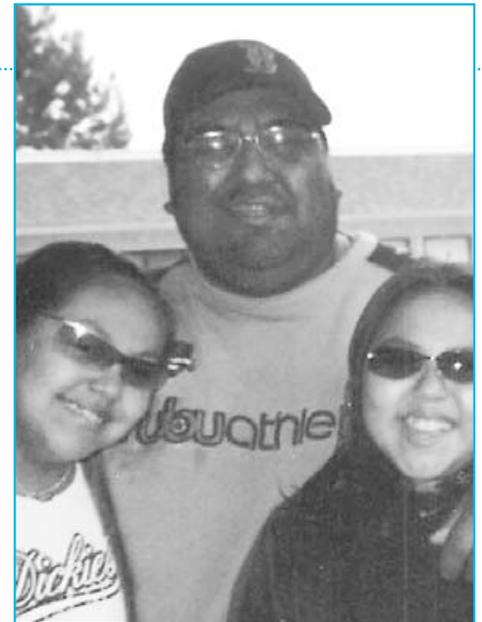
Around the Reservation . . .

Darryll D. Fulton

Darryll D. Fulton passed away on January 28, 2011 at his home in Little Boston/Kingston, Washington. He was born on December 22, 1968 in Bremerton, WA to Fred and Mary Fulton. He was 42 years of age. He attended North Kitsap High School and later worked as a commercial shellfish harvester and tribal maintenance worker.

Darryll was always happy to be able to go to work on the beach to dig clams, pick oysters and go out fishing. He liked to watch baseball and basketball games. He enjoyed spending time with his daughters, grandchildren and other family members.

He is survived by his mother Mary L. Fulton, wife Yvette M. Fulton, daughters Kayleen L. Fulton and Shayleen M. Fulton, stepdaughter Selena M. Fulton (William) and his siblings; Merrilee R. Miguel (Ron), Debbie Carpenter (Bob), Curt Fulton, Brian (Beed) Fulton, Angie Ives, Fred (Brown) Fulton Jr., Brenda Seachord (Ted), Patricia Johnson (Gilbert) and Shawna L. Morrison all of Kingston, WA. He also leaves behind many loving nieces and nephews. Darryll was preceded in death by his father Fred G. Fulton and sister Corinna F. Sullivan.



The Tribe Applies to the Bureau to Take the Former “DNR Land” into Trust

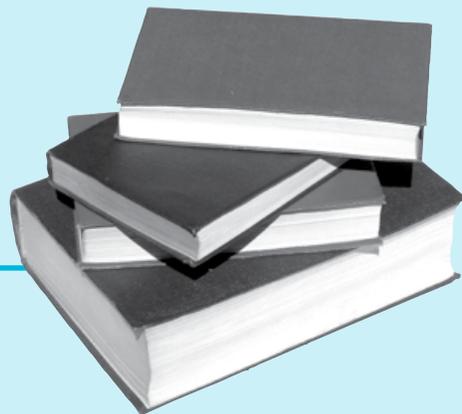
In 2004 The Tribe purchased approximately 400 acres of land directly next to the reservation, known as the “former DNR land.” The Tribe paid the loan off to buy this land in 2009.

After years of effort and support from the community, the Tribe recently applied to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to take this land into trust on behalf of, and for the benefit of, Port Gamble S’Klallam people. The Tribe does not propose a change of use of this land from its existing forest management practices.

Placing this land in Trust will help the tribe protect it for future generations. The Tribal Council hopes to report the application was successful sometime this year.

CHECK IT OUT AT YOUR LIBRARY

by Tomi Whalen, Branch Manager



One of my goals as branch manager is to expand the Native American collection at our library. Several instructors have given me booklists, and some students have suggested titles as well. Once in a while an individual tells me about a title that would be a welcome addition. If you think of a book, a music CD, or a DVD title you would like to see on our shelves, please let me know, and I will do my best to obtain it for our collection.

Please visit your library in March for one of these programs:

- **An Evening with a Beekeeper** Monday, March 7, from 6 p.m. Have you ever wondered what is involved with beekeeping? West Sound Beekeepers Association President T. J. Jorgenson will talk about bees and honey for those interested in getting started with beekeeping. For Adults
- **Altered Books Workshop.** Thursday, March 31 from 2-4 p.m. Learn basic techniques for turning old books into works of art. Bring a hardback book to alter or choose one at the workshop. Call 360-297-2670 to register please. For Adults and Teens
- **Family Movie Matinee** Tuesday, March 29, at 2 p.m. If you like a mystery with interesting characters, you'll like the movie we have planned for Spring Break. It will be a Hoot! Rated PG.
- **The Little Boston Book Group** meets the first Wednesday of the month at

11 a.m. The title for March is *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak and if you want to start early, you can begin reading *The Absolutely True Story of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie for April's discussion.

- **Crafternoon** on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. provides a space for adults to bring handwork projects and get inspired by new library craft books.
- **Preschool Storytimes** with Miss Emily through March 15. Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Especially for ages 3-6; siblings are welcome.
- **Toddler Storytimes** with Miss Emily through March 15. Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. Especially for ages 18-36 months.

Our open hours are:

Mondays & Wednesdays 1-8 p.m.

Tuesdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Thursdays & Saturdays 1-5 p.m.

Fridays 1-6 p.m.

Closed on Sundays

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 sample everything there is to offer. Watch for more information in the weekly memo. Questions?

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

VA Expands Outreach to American Indians, Hawaiians, Alaska Natives >>>

New Office to Serve as Advocates for Tribal Veterans

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced the creation of a new Office of Tribal Government Relations to ensure the more than 200,000 Veterans who are American Indians, Alaska Natives, Hawaiian Natives or

are part of the Alaska Native Corporations receive the VA benefits they have earned.

“There is a long, distinguished tradition of military service among tribal peoples,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “VA is committed to providing these Veterans with the full range of VA programs, as befits their service to our nation.”

About 200,000 Veterans are represented by the 800 tribal governments officially recognized by the United States. Although VA has long provided benefits to Veterans in tribal lands, the new office will further strengthen and expand that relationship.

Stephanie Elaine Birdwell, an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation from Oklahoma, has been selected as the office’s first director. A former social worker, she has spent nearly 15 years working on tribal issues with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and, most recently, the Bureau of Indian Education.

She will oversee a six-person office responsible for “establishing, maintaining and coordinating a nation-to-nation, federal-tribal relationship,” according to a

VA briefing.

The office has a charter that officially extends to Veterans who are American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and Alaska Native Corporations.

Together for Children>>>

The Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe received a grant entitled PGST Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting grant to work with families in our community who have young children.

In order to plan activities best suited to our community, Judy DeCoteau and Heila Blair will be performing a survey with PGST families who have children five years old and younger, to learn more about the families’ needs.

If you have young children, you may hear from them in the coming weeks.

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