



# 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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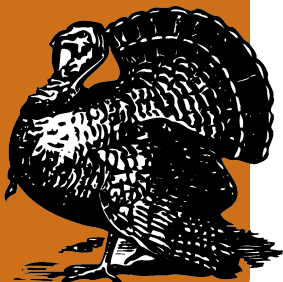
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Happy Thanksgiving!



# Been waiting for your Lot?

The Tribe's latest effort to update land allotments for it's members.

**Are you on the lot waiting list.** If so, please verify that the information on file is correct. A letter was recently sent to everyone on the list.

If you did not receive a letter, please contact Sharon Purser at (360) 297-6276 or sharonp@pgst.nsn.us to make sure we have your current contact information.

It is your responsibility to notify the Tribe of changes in your contact information. If the Tribe is unable to contact you with the information on file, you might miss out on an opportunity for an assignment of Tribal land.

Also, if you no longer wish to be on the Lot Waiting List, please advise and you will be removed from the list.

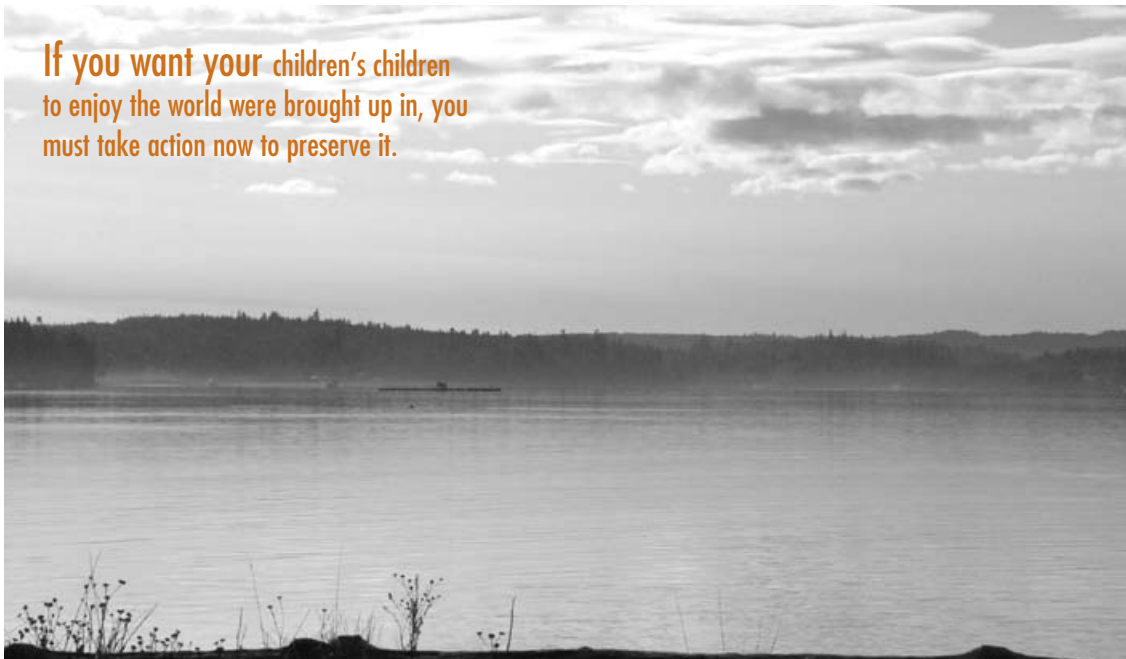


An arial view of or Tribal lands, taken a few years ago does not do our home the justice it's beauty deserves.

# Conservation Effort Agreement

Option Agreement to Begin Conservation Effort for 7,000 acres and Port Gamble Bay Shoreline Signed

**If you want your children's children to enjoy the world were brought up in, you must take action now to preserve it.**



**After months of hard work,** we're happy to report that an 18-month option agreement has been signed between Olympic Property Group (OPG) and Cascade Land Conservancy (CLC) to try to conserve as much as 7,000 acres of OPG-owned forest land in North Kitsap and 2 miles of Port Gamble Bay's western shoreline.

Our Tribal leadership has been working with involved organizations and interested public groups—including OPG, CLC, the Suquamish Tribe, and Kitsap County—on strategy for this effort for several months now.

We're happy to see the project moving forward, but realize the hard work has just begun! Over the next 18 months, we'll collaborate with these parties, community groups, and you, our Tribal

membership, to try and come up with solutions to conserve the areas key to our Tribe: the Port Gamble Bay shoreline, forestland surrounding the bay, and areas adjacent our reservation.

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In the coming months, we'll provide updates and opportunities for you to express your thoughts and become involved. This is an exciting time for our Tribe, but we understand there are a lot of challenges still ahead. We're ready to face them head-on to create a better tomorrow.

#### **\* NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS\***

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SUBMITTING AN ARTICLE IN THE S'KLALLAM VIEW, PLEASE CONTACT SHARON PURSER AT: SHARONP@PGST.NSN.US OR CALL: 360-297-2646**

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*General Manager, The Point Casino*  
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*Director, Tribal Gaming Agency*  
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*PGS Foundation Executive Director*



# The National Indian Gaming Commission selects . . .

The National Indian Gaming Commission selected Leo Culloo, General Manager of The Point Casino, as a member of the recently formed Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC). Leo will represent the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe in assisting the Commission's review of the Technical Standards and Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS).

The National Indian Gaming Commission announced the formation of Tribal Advisory Committee in August, 2011. A total of 55 nominations were received from tribal governments. Leo was selected as one of the 15 TAC members who will serve for one year. The purpose of the Committee is to provide opinions and suggestions to the NIGC during a review of the Minimum Internal Control Standards which is slated to be complete in late summer 2012.

Leo has over 20 years of experience in the gaming industry. His extensive regulatory, as well as, managing experience is conducive to giving sound advice.

Congratulations to Leo!



## HOUSING GRANT OPPORTUNITY

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Bureau of Indian Affairs Housing Improvement Program (HIP)  
What is HIP? HIP, the Housing Improvement Program, is a home repair, renovation and replacement grant program administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

Why is HIP Different? HIP is a home improvement and replacement grant program that serves the neediest of the needy? American Indians or Alaska Natives who have substandard housing or no housing at all and have no immediate source of housing assistance.

Income guidelines and point system to determine eligibility is required. Applications are now available at the Housing Office and will be taken through December.

**If you are interested in this program please call Marvelle Lahmeyer @ 297-6286 or ext. 286 at the Housing Office**



# Around the Reservation . . .

## Great S'Klallam Achievements

### Shallee Graff one of 20 American Indian Women Recognized by the Embrey Family

The American Indian College Fund, through a \$1 million grant from the Embrey Family Foundation, provides 20 scholarships and leadership training for American Indian women pursuing their bachelor's degrees.

As part of the leadership training, participants attend annual retreats to develop skills and gain networking opportunities. Participants also attend culturally relevant programs to help formulate their personal leadership development plans, which will take root in their Native communities and evolve as they progress toward employment opportunities and advanced degree programs.

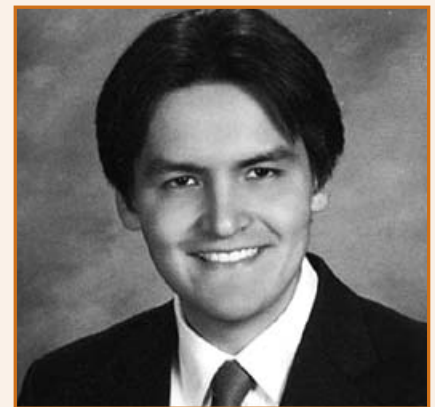
**Shallee Graff** (Port Gamble S'Klallam tribe) education major, Northwest Indian College; was one of twenty women chosen from six tribal colleges to participate in the program, including: Cankdeska Cikana Community College (Fort Totten, ND); College of Menominee Nation (Keshena, WI); Fort Belknap College (Harlem, MT); Northwest Indian College (Bellingham, WA);

Sitting Bull College (Fort Yates, ND); and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (Albuquerque, NM). These colleges were identified because of the strength of their women leaders, for the diversity of the academic programs they offer, and for the regions they represent.

Shallee is the daughter of Steve and Juanita Holtyn and the granddaughter of the late Janice Charles.



### Anthony J. Jones Attorney at Law



Anthony Jones recently passed the Washington State Bar Examination and is now licensed to practice law in the State of Washington.

Anthony, the son of Mike (Jr.) and Michelle Jones, of Little Boston, graduated from North Kitsap High School, then received his degree from MIT in Boston, Mass. He received his Juris Doctorate at Washington University Law School at in St. Louis.

Anthony is currently working for Tulalip Tribes and is living on Camano Island with his wife, Hannah and daughter, Clara.

Congratulations Anthony. You are a true example of S'Klallam Pride.

# Around the Reservation . . .

**With deep regret:**

## **Martina "Tina" Armstrong**



**Martina Ellen Armstrong  
"Tina"**

Born Martina Ellen Ives, to Joseph and Geneva Ives, on July 8, 1954, in Bremerton, Washington, and passed away on October 7, 2011, at her home in Suquamish, Washington.

Tina is survived by her children: Faith Ann Williams, Nic Armstrong, B J Armstrong, Madison Cordero, Chebon Tiger; grandchildren: Bearon Old Coyote, Kh-Kai and Asasis Williams. She also leaves behind brothers Joe Ives, Ray Ives and Pat Ives, and sisters Betty DeCoteau and Debbie DeCoteau. Tina was preceded in death by her parents, son Santana Ives and sister Carmelita Seachord.

Services and internment took place on October 15, 2011 at Little Boston.

## **50 Year Class Reunion Loral Wellman & Ron Charles**

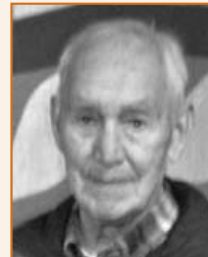
Loral Wellman and Ron Charles, along with Ron's wife Sharon, recently attended the 50th year Class Reunion for North Kitsap High School, where both Loral and Ron were class members. The event was held at Kiana Lodge. "It was fun to see everybody," said Loral, "even though it was hard to recognize classmates after all these years."



(Left to right) Sharon Charles,  
Ron Charles & Loral Wellman.

## **Birthday wishes to our: S'Klallam Elders**

- Aaron Purser: 10/22
- Eleanor Kryscio :10/19  
(not pictured)
- Sharon Ives: 11/2
- Russell Fulton: 11/9
- Mary Fulton: 11/22
- Jessie Scheibner: 11/30
- Jennarose Fulton: 11/30



Aaron Purser



Mary Fulton



Sharon Ives



Jessie Scheibner



Russell Fulton



Jennarose Fulton

*Happy Birthday to you all, may  
the coming year be filled with  
happiness and many blessings.*

# Northwest Indian College President visits Port Gamble

Northwest Indian College President, Cheryl Crazy Bull and Carol Rave, Vice-President of Instruction and Student Services, spent the day at the Port Gamble Longhouse as part of the annual Embrey American Indian Women's Leadership Retreat. Embrey Scholar and Northwest Indian College student, Shallee Graff, hosted the twenty scholars who traveled from all over the United States, from six tribal colleges to participate in Leadership Management, Skill Building and Public Speaking and cedar basket weaving workshops. Embrey Fellows enjoyed a Salmon dinner prepared by Lenore Edwards.

## Natural History of Puget Sound>>>

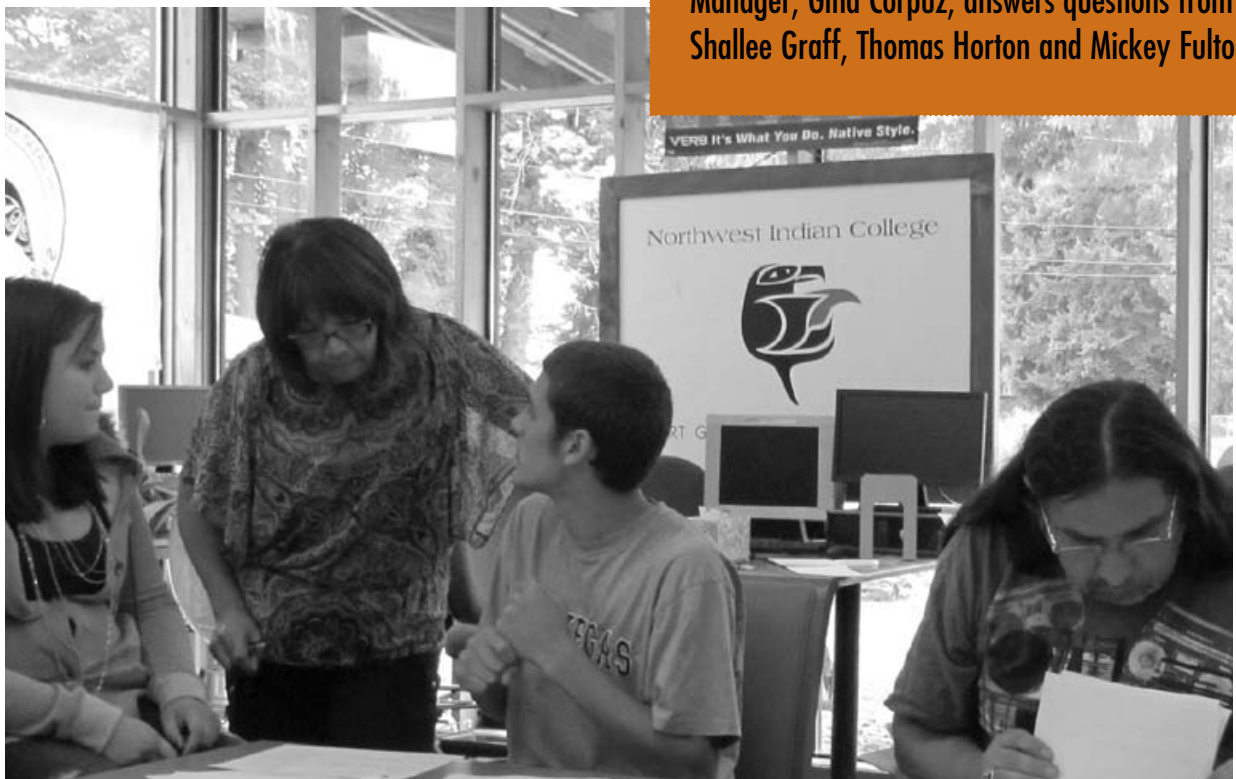
Students in Joyce McClain's Biology class have been taking frequent field trips to the beach to collect lab specimens.

## Students and Faculty attend Fall Orientation>>>

During Fall Quarter orientation students got to meet their instructors and other new students. Mr. Giles is currently offering a Math lab for those students who need time outside the class to improve their math skills.

Students asked financial aid questions, received their required book lists and met their new English instructor, Adam Fuller. Mr. Fuller is currently offering a writing lab for students who need help with papers, formatting, research, grammar, spelling, punctuation and reading comprehension.

Northwest Indian College Site Instructional Manager, Gina Corpuz, answers questions from Shallee Graff, Thomas Horton and Mickey Fulton.





# News & Updates

## IMPORTANT 401(K) INFORMATION!>>>

The decision has been made to switch our 401(k) plan administration from The Standard to ADP. The reason for this change is to take advantage of direct communication between the payroll program and the 401(k) plan, a process that, up until now, has always had to be done manually. This is expected to generate significant administrative time savings.

The target date for the official change is November 1. In order to make sure that the change goes perfectly, there will need to be a 30-day blackout period starting on November 1 while the funds are being accounted for and transferred. During this blackout period, no transactions can be allowed.

“No transactions” means that we will not be able to process ANY requests for loans, changes in investment options, changes in contribution amounts, and so on for at least 30 days after November 1. Access to The Standard’s retirement website will also be discontinued.

Tribal contributions or individual contributions made by way of payroll deduction for payrolls during the blackout period will not be affected. They will happen as always.

An official notice of this blackout period and a set of FAQs will be distributed on or before October 1. Please be sure to read this information carefully and if you have any questions or concerns, contact the HR Department right away.

If, for any reason, you do not receive a copy of the notice, please contact HR for a printed copy.

## LIHEAP>>>

**LIHEAP applications will be available in the foyer of the Children and Families Building on Tuesday, November 1st.** You will need verification of all income including earned, unearned including child support, and treaty income for all household members 18 and older for the months of August, September and October. If you receive Social Security you can bring your most recent award letter or if it is automatically deposited into your bank account you can bring a “current” bank statement.

All documentation must be current and specific.

If you have household members 18 and over who have no income they must complete a no income statement. Please return your completed application, income verification, and energy bill to Debbie Collier. Incomplete applications cannot be processed so please plan ahead so your application can be processed timely.

## FY2012 LIHEAP Income Guidelines

*60% of Washington State's  
FY2012 Median Income*

Size of Family	60% Guideline
1	\$25,518
2	\$33,370
3	\$41,221
4	\$49,073
5	\$56,924
6	\$64,776
7	\$66,249
8	\$67,721