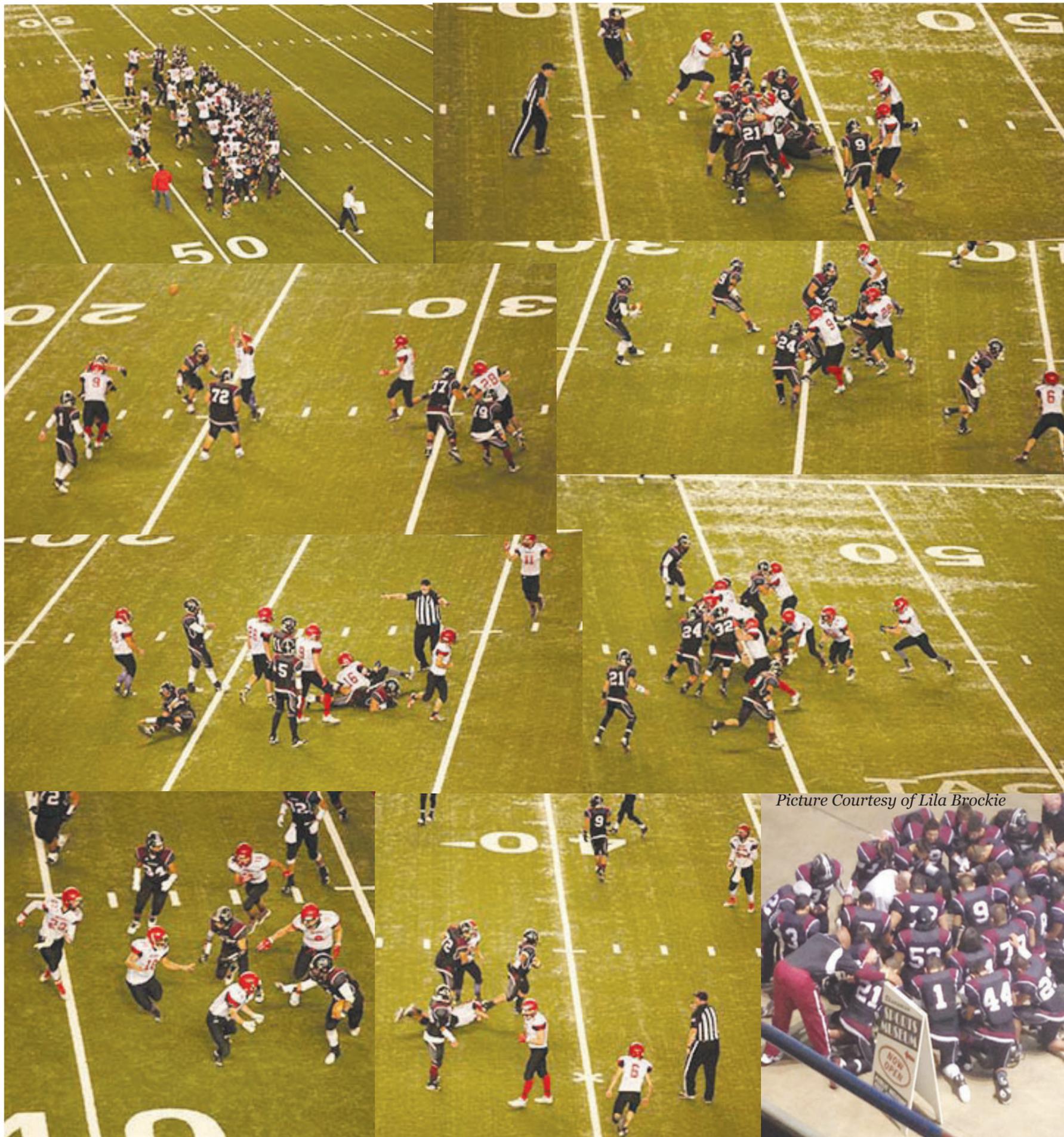




## Blackhawks Showdown vs Red Devils At The Tacoma Dome



Picture Courtesy of Lila Brockie

Submitted by:  
Coach Jim Sandusky

This year's semi-final was as close as you could get to making it to the championship the following week. So many great offensive and defensive plays that made for an exciting game.

The game was a close one and the Blackhawks were only one score away from playing in December for the

Championship, as they lost 26-20. The Blackhawks finished the season with a 10-4 record and took 3rd place in the state tournament. It was a tough loss to take, especially for the seniors as they were the last group to be part of the Championship that was won in 2010.

The seniors will leave with a record of 54-12, count-

ing games from when they first started as 8th graders in 2010 to this year. They had one championship, one fifth place and three third place finishes in the state football tournament, which is not bad when all is said and done. On a good note the underclassmen are a group of young men that have already dedicated themselves to becoming bigger, faster,

and stronger by starting to prepare for winning a championship as a core group of them started working out the Monday after the big loss. They will pick up where we left off as they have a great work ethic and are dedicated to make themselves better and the team better.

2014 season was a great one with many memories

that the players and coaches will remember for the rest of their lives. This season will fade into the background as the 2015 team prepares for another great year. Only 369 days until the 2015 state championship with Lummi playing TBD.

# Education

## Winter Remedies for Cough and Cold Season



What: Herbal honey, facial steams & winter remedy teas.

Date: Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Time: 2:00-5:00pm

Where: NWIC Cooperative Extension

Bld. #20 in the kitchen

For more information please contact Vanessa Cooper at 360-392-4343 or vcooper@nwic.edu

### "Parenting in Action" Lummi Parenting Skills Program



**Want positive parenting skills and SUPPORT?!**

Individual parenting class offered at no cost to parents or caregivers raising a 2-5 year old

1. Weekly parent coaching sessions at Behavioral Health
2. Learn new skills to nurture the relationship with children
3. Practice new techniques to manage difficult child behaviors

Advice + Playtime + Positive Discipline + Encouragement  
=A Happy Parent-Child Relationship



For details or to sign up, call Brigid Collins @ 734-4616 and speak to Katie Goger  
Or call Behavioral Health @ 312-2019 for general information!



**BrigidCollins**  
FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

## BEAT the Flu BUG



Get your Shot!

**Lummi Clinic ~ Walk Ins: 9am-11am  
Mon, Tue, Wed, and Fri.  
1pm-3pm Mon-Fri.**

**Get your Flu Shots now!**

### FALL 2014

- ┌ Subject to change without notice.
- ┌ LYR teams will have priority of gym for any reason if needed.
- ┌ Contact LYR office for any questions or concerns, 380-6636.
- ┌ All Open Gym attendees must sign in

# Gym Schedule

	SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
7:00 AM		NWIC Men's	NWIC Men's	NWIC Men's	NWIC Men's	NWIC Men's	
8:00 AM		7:00 – 9:00	7:00 – 9:00	7:00 – 9:00	7:00 – 9:00	7:00 – 9:00	
9:00 AM							
10:00 AM							
11:00 AM		Open Gym	Open Gym	Open Gym	Open Gym	Open Gym	
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1:00 PM							
2:00 PM		NWIC Women's	NWIC Women's	NWIC Women's	NWIC Women's	NWIC Women's	
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4:00 PM				Open Gym		Open Gym	1:00-6:00
5:00 PM	Open Gym			4:00 – 5:30		4:00 – 5:30	
6:00 PM	4:00 – 8:00	Open Gym	Open Gym		Intramural Basketball League		
7:00 PM		4:00 – 9:00	4:00 – 9:00	5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Volleyball	4:00 – 9:00	5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Volleyball	
8:00 PM				6:00 – 7:30		6:00 – 7:30	
9:00 PM				Open Gym		Open Gym	
				7:30 – 9:00		7:30 – 9:00	



# 2014 Lummi Nation Community Contribution Application

*“To preserve, promote, and protect our  
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*We are the Lummi Nation. We are coast Salish  
People with a rich history, culture, and traditions.  
We are fishers, hunters, gatherers, and harvesters  
of nature’s abundance. We envision our homeland  
as a place where we enjoy an abundant, safe, and  
healthy life in mind, body, society, environment,  
space, time, and spirituality, where all are encour-  
aged to succeed and none left behind..*

*. . . Working together as one mind, one spirit.”*

*Hy’ shqe*

*Che Shesh whe wheleq*

***Applications available at:***

**Lummi Administrative Building**

**Council Operations Desk**

**2665 Kwina Road**

**Bellingham, WA 98226**

**or at**

***<http://www.lummi-nsn.org/>***

***[website/2014%20Lummi%20](http://www.lummi-nsn.org/website/2014%20Lummi%20)***

***[Community%20Contribution%20](http://www.lummi-nsn.org/website/2014%20Lummi%20)***

***[Application%20\(1\).pdf](http://www.lummi-nsn.org/website/2014%20Lummi%20)***

## Deadline: December 31, 2014

### Check List:

- Complete Community Contribution Application
- Project Budget
- Completed W-9 & it must be signed
- Copy of IRS Final Determination 501(c) Letter (Applicable to Charitable Donations)

### Community Contribution Categories:

There are five (5) separate fund categories, please select the category you are applying for (only check one box):

**Community Contribution:** funds that can be distributed to non-tribal local governmental agencies, for reimbursement for actual or potential impacts from Class III gaming activities. (I.E. Police, Sheriff and Fire Departments, etc.)

**Charitable Donations:** funds for non-tribal bona fide nonprofit and charitable organizations in the State of Washington. Non-tribal meaning it cannot be owned by the Lummi government. Other Tribes who have bona fide nonprofit or charitable organizations are eligible to petition for funds. Lummi Nation controlled programs are not eligible for these funds. Non-profit letter must be submitted for proof of status. (501(c) Letter Required for this category)

**Community Impacts:** These funds are for tribal governmental programs that promote the tribe and its members to become self sustaining. (Lummi and other tribal programs can be considered for this category)

# Education

**Lummi Nation  
School K-12  
2014-2015  
School Calendar**

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AUGUST 2014	
26-28	Teacher In Service

SEPTEMBER 2014	
1	Labor Day Holiday, No School
2	Teacher Work day, No School
3	First day of School
12	1/2 Day- Prof. Development
26	1/2 Day- Prof. Development

OCTOBER 2014	
10	1/2 Day- Prof. Development
24	1/2 Day- Prof. Development
30	1/2 Day- Halloween Carnival

NOVEMBER 2014	
7	1/2 Day- Prof. Development
11	Veteran's Day, No School
21	1/2 Day- Prof. Development
24-26	1/2 Day- Parent/Teacher Conferences
27-28	Thanksgiving, No School

DECEMBER 2014	
5	1/2 Day- Prof. Development
19	1/2 Day- Prof. Development
22-31	Winter Break, No School

JANUARY 2015	
1-2	Winter Break, No School
5	School Resumes
16	1/2 Day- Prof. Development
22	Treaty Day, No School
27	Semester Work Day, No School
28	2nd Semester Begins
30	1/2 Day- Prof. Development

FEBRUARY 2015	
13	1/2 Day- Prof. Development
16	President's Day, No School
27	1/2 Day- Prof. Development

MARCH 2015	
13	1/2 Day- Prof. Development
25-27	1/2 Day- Parent/Teacher Conferences

APRIL 2015	
6-10	Spring Break, No School
24	1/2 Day- Prof. Development

MAY 2015	
8	1/2 Day- Prof. Development
22	1/2 Day- Prof. Development
25	Memorial Day, No School

JUNE 2015	
4	LHS Graduation Day
11	Last Day of School, Early Release

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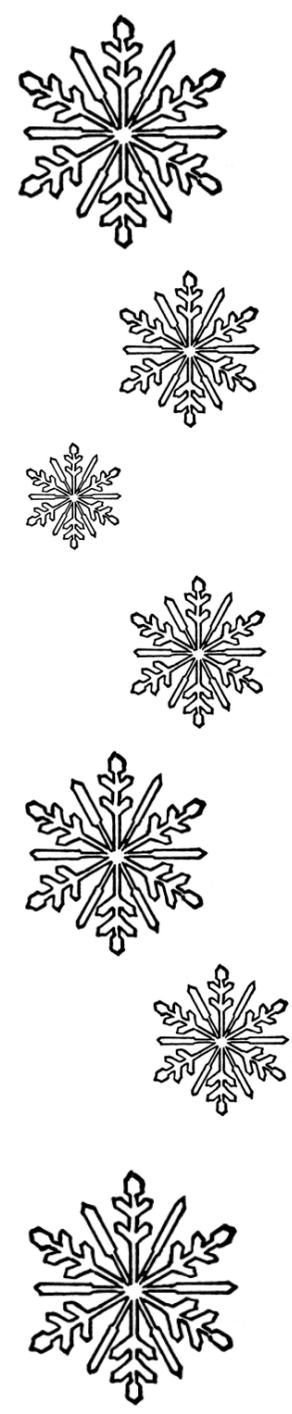
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## LNS Transitions Happenings

Submitted by Edna Harper, Transitions Liaison, Sp.Ed., LNS

This past month a handful of students took a tour of BTC. Some students will be checking out possibilities in more detail in this coming week. We also took a tour of Whatcom Community College and went through their new Health Professions Building. It was amazingly informative and the students had several good questions for the faculty and Admissions Counselor.

We invited several tribal program representatives to do a panel presentation on law and justice careers and are grateful to the following representatives:

Ralph Jefferson, Director, Restorative Justice

Mary McNeil, Attorney

Ralph Long, Assistant Chief, Lummi Police Department

Sharmaine McIntyre, Tribal Court Administrator, Lummi Tribal Court

Irene Owings, Advocate, Lummi Victims of Crime

Adam Harper, Supervisor, Lummi Tribal Gaming

Thank you to Toni Jefferson, LIBC HR Director, for contacting Mary Neill about taking part on the panel. Thank you to Nikki Finkbonner and Robert Finkbonner for assigning your wonderful staff members to participate on the panel presentation. It was well received and we will be doing more and more of this type of event. Several students attended and asked probing questions.

Ongoing classes have been offered by the Northwest Indian College on Financial Literacy. Sunny Guillory, Director and Edna Revey, Trainer have had three two-day sessions with our Seniors, Juniors

and Sophomores and will be having classes with our Freshmen in December, and with our Middle School students in February of 2015.

LNS Transitions will be teaming up with Employment Training Center's Youth Outreach Director, Anita James and Outreach Counselor, Anthony Hillaire as well as staff from the Lummi Youth Academy, the Johnson O'Malley Program, College Success Foundation representative, and others for a FAFSA-PREP night for Lummi high school seniors and their parents on DECEMBER 3rd at the Lummi Nation School at 5:30 p.m.

Our Transitions Program would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We have lots of plan for the future and look forward to 2015 with mountains of optimism.

## Early Learning Center Headstart Calendar

### December Activities

**Dec. 5th - Policy Council Family Engagement Training**

**Dec. 6th - Building Parent Teacher Relationships**

**Dec. 9th - Picture Retake Day**

**Dec. 18th - Headstart Family Activity Day**

**Dec. 22nd through January 2nd - Winter Break**

## Lummi Youth Basketball Game Schedules



Lummi Youth Basketball Game Schedules will be ready on Wednesday, November 26th. Schedules can be found at

[www.whatcomclubs.org](http://www.whatcomclubs.org) or at the Youth Recreation/Wellness office.

Contact Sarah Tom for questions at 380-6647 or SarahB@Lummi-nsn.gov.

All of the games for all teams (boys and girls in K-8th) will be played at various gyms throughout the county on Saturday's or after 5:00 PM on weeknights starting in the beginning of December until the beginning of February."



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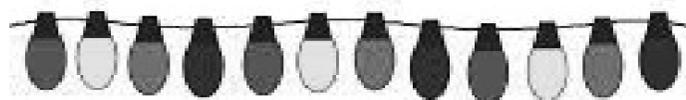
**Scholars for Justice Awards**  
Scholars for Justice Awards are awarded to two students in each entering class who demonstrate commitment to a career in public interest law. Scholarships are full-tuition and will be given based on a demonstrated commitment to pursuing a career as a public interest lawyer, involvement in significant public service and/or social justice activities prior to coming to law school and academic achievement.

**Douglas R. Nash Native American Law Scholarship**  
A three-year, full-tuition scholarship will be awarded to an admitted student who is an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe. The recipient will demonstrate a commitment to Native issues, academic achievement and promise. Native Americans have one of the smallest bars in the nation, and Seattle University School of Law is committed to increasing the number of Native students who attend law school.

**We hope to see your application before February 1.**

Apply for free until January 15!

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## Happy Holidays!



### 2014-15 Lummi Nation Varsity Girls Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Place	
* Thu, Dec 11	█ Orcas Christian	5:30 PM	Home	LHS
* Fri, Dec 12	█ Tulalip Heritage	5:30 PM	Home	LHS
Sat, Dec 13	█ Mount Rainier Lutheran	4:30 PM	Home	LHS
* Mon, Dec 15	█ Highland Christian	5:30 PM	Away	CRC
* Fri, Dec 19	█ Lopez	2:30 PM	Away	LHS
* Sat, Dec 20	█ Grace Academy	6:00 PM	Away	Grace
Fri, Jan 2	Darrington Holiday Tournament			
	█ Darrington (Host)	TBD	Away	DHS
Sat, Jan 3	Darrington Holiday Tournament			
	█ Darrington (Host)	TBD	Away	DHS
* Tue, Jan 6	█ Orcas Christian	3:30 PM	Home	LHS
* Fri, Jan 9	█ Tulalip Heritage	5:00 PM	Away	THHS
Mon, Jan 12	□ Neah Bay	4:00 PM	Home	LHS
* Tue, Jan 13	█ Highland Christian	5:30 PM	Home	LHS
* Fri, Jan 16	█ Lopez	4:30 PM	Away	LHS
* Tue, Jan 20	█ Grace Academy	5:30 PM	Home	LHS
* Mon, Jan 26	█ Orcas Christian	3:00 PM	Away	OCHS
* Thu, Jan 29	█ Tulalip Heritage	5:30 PM	Home	LHS
* Fri, Jan 30	█ Highland Christian	5:30 PM	Away	CRC
* Mon, Feb 2	█ Lopez	3:30 PM	Home	LHS
* Wed, Feb 4	█ Grace Academy	6:00 PM	Away	Grace

**Post Season (If Qualified)**

Date/Time	Opponent	Place / Result
Feb 14 - Feb 21	1B Tri-District at Mt. Vernon Christian	

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### 2014-15 Lummi Nation Varsity Boys Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Place	
* Tue, Dec 9	█ Providence Classical Christian	4:00 PM	Away	Overlk
* Thu, Dec 11	█ Orcas Christian	7:00 PM	Home	LHS
* Fri, Dec 12	█ Tulalip Heritage	7:00 PM	Home	LHS
Sat, Dec 13	█ Mount Rainier Lutheran	6:00 PM	Home	LHS
* Mon, Dec 15	█ Highland Christian-JV	4:00 PM	Away	CRC
* Fri, Dec 19	█ Lopez	4:00 PM	Away	LHS
* Sat, Dec 20	█ Grace Academy	7:30 PM	Away	Grace
Mon, Dec 22	█ Meridian	7:15 PM	Away	MHS
Mon, Dec 29	█ Muckleshoot Tribal School	5:00 PM	Home	LHS
Sat, Jan 3	Darrington Holiday Tournament			
	█ Darrington (Host)	TBD	Away	DHS
* Tue, Jan 6	█ Orcas Christian	5:00 PM	Home	LHS
* Wed, Jan 7	█ Providence Classical Christian	7:00 PM	Home	LHS
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# Kevin Villars' Road to the Lummi Nation

More than anything, this is a message to all of the students that I have come to know and love since I have been working here. The message is don't sell yourself short and if you set goals, you can do anything with your life that you want to. I have had the pleasure of working here at Lummi for the

past three years. I started as a substitute teacher and now I am proud to be your Vice Principal. Some of my longtime friends tell me that I have had a lot of luck in my life. I was able to play professional football, I owned Villars Moving and Storage for 13 years, and now I am a Vice Principal.

You could call it luck

or you could call it being prepared. No matter how lucky you might be, if you are not prepared when opportunity comes knocking then opportunity will pass you right by. My father always told me that I could be anything that I wanted to be when I was young and I believed him. As a matter of fact it was my father that encouraged

me to apply at the Lummi Nation School at the end of a long day when I was tired and didn't want to drive all the way out here. His voice entered my head and told me that there might be a job at Lummi. Looks like he was right and I know that he is looking down on me right now telling me to keep setting goals and

reaching for my dreams.

So for all of you students who know me and all of the ones who don't, I challenge you to dream big and believe in those dreams. All of the goals I set in my life I believed would come true when I set them. So if you work hard, set goals, and believe in yourself the sky is the limit.

**LIBC and Lummi  
Clinic closed  
Thursday & Friday  
December 25th &  
26th, 2014  
in Observance of  
Christmas**

**LIBC and Lummi  
Clinic closed  
Thursday,  
January 1, 2015, in  
Observance of New  
Year's Day**

## The Longhouse Education and Cultural Center - House of Welcome

### *Awarded Governor's Heritage Organization Award*

(Olympia, Wash.): The Longhouse Education and Cultural Center at the Evergreen State College was presented with a 2014 Governor's Arts and Heritage Award from Governor Jay Inslee on Tuesday, October 28th. The award recognizes the Longhouse's nearly twenty year record of making broad and lasting impacts in both contemporary and traditional Native arts and cultures throughout Washington State, across the nation, and in many places around the Pacific Rim. The Longhouse is dedicated to indigenous arts and culture, having achieved excellence in work encompassing education, cultural preservation, creative expression, and economic development. Part of this work includes hosting thousands of indigenous artists from across the globe for workshops; convening regional, national, and

international stakeholders to foster and promote Native artistic expression; facilitating the marketing and sales of indigenous works; and gathering Native peoples from Washington, the greater United States, and the Pacific Rim to learn from one another's cultural practices, values and traditions.

The Longhouse received congratulations from Senator Patty Murray, who stated, "Your organization's efforts to encourage cultural exchanges and your dedication to preserving indigenous arts and culture have truly been a benefit to our state and our nation." State Senator John McCoy (Tulalip) also offered a message of commendation, "Thank you for your extraordinary contribution to, and perpetuation of traditional knowledge, arts and cultural customs of the Northwest indigenous peoples. Your

work enriches community through arts education, and culture of Washington State."

Of the Longhouse's longtime work, Les Purce, President of the Evergreen State College said "There is nothing more extraordinary in my mind than the evolution of our Longhouse - the first such Longhouse in the nation. Much of that is attributable to the extraordinary leadership of Tina Kuckkahn-Miller. Through her efforts, her imagining, her incredible skill, the Longhouse is now on the international landscape. Over the years, she has had a vision, she's built community and connections internally on campus with faculty and staff and she's worked with Native American people in the Northwest, in the country and now with other indigenous people around the world in translating the vision of the House of

Welcome to a service center for the college and for our region that is matched nowhere."

The Longhouse nominated two of the other honorees for awards this year: Johnpaul Jones (Cherokee and Choctaw) of Bainbridge Island, who won the Heritage Individual Award for his lifetime career as an artist and architect that has brought prestige and honor to the state of Washington. Johnpaul Jones is currently working with the Longhouse to build a new Fiber Arts studio on the campus of the Evergreen State College. Also nominated was Earl Davis (Shoalwater Bay) of Tokeland, who was awarded the Young Arts Leadership Award for his work at his tribe's heritage department in revitalizing the Southwest Coastal arts in a rural remote area of Washington State.

Other Awardees are: the Arts Council of Snohomish County (The Schack Art Center) of Everett, which won the Arts Organization Award, the Arts Organization Leadership Award went to Speight Jenkins (Seattle Opera), and the Individual Artist Award was given to Norie Sato of Seattle.

The Longhouse Education and Cultural Center, "House of Welcome," is a public service center located at The Evergreen State College. Its mission is to promote indigenous arts and cultures through education, cultural preservation, creative expression and economic development. For more information about the Longhouse, visit [www.evergreen.edu/longhouse](http://www.evergreen.edu/longhouse).

Contact: Tina Kuckkahn-Miller, Director  
Phone: (360) 867-5344  
Email: [kuckkaht@evergreen.edu](mailto:kuckkaht@evergreen.edu)

# Make Reading Fun at Home!

Morgan Hunter, Lummi Nation School, Literacy Coach

Reading at home with your child isn't limited to reading a book together. Reading can happen anywhere, whether it's at the grocery store, at a family gathering, or while you're driving.

## Grocery Shopping

Create a grocery shopping list together. Have your child write their list while you are writing yours. Practice reading the list together. On the way to the store, read the road signs, store signs, and bumper stickers. At the store, sound words out together. "Let's find all the words that start with the /mmm/ sound, like milk." Or "That starts with the letter m." At the store you can even play "I spy words." Read the ingredients, nutrition facts or find the better bargain. Make it fun!

Once you bring home the groceries, try reading and making a recipe together. Use your favorite holiday recipe or share the family secret recipe.

## Family Gathering

While your family is home for the holidays, have them bring or share their favorite children's book. Your child can share their favorite story with relatives. Or write and illustrate a family story together.

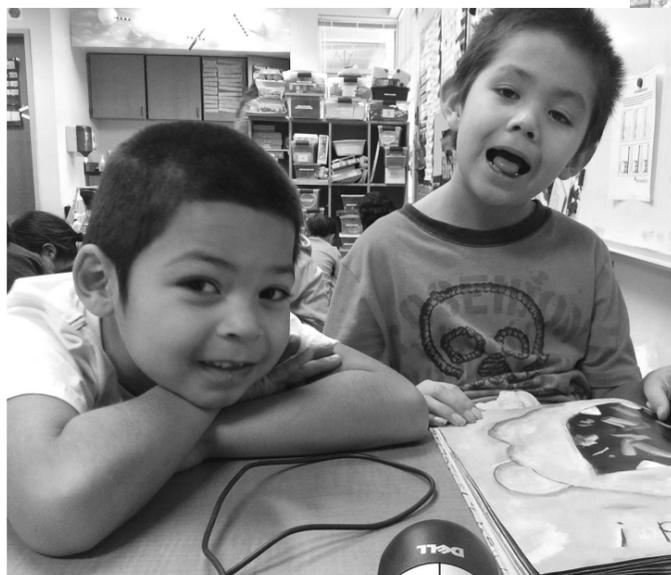
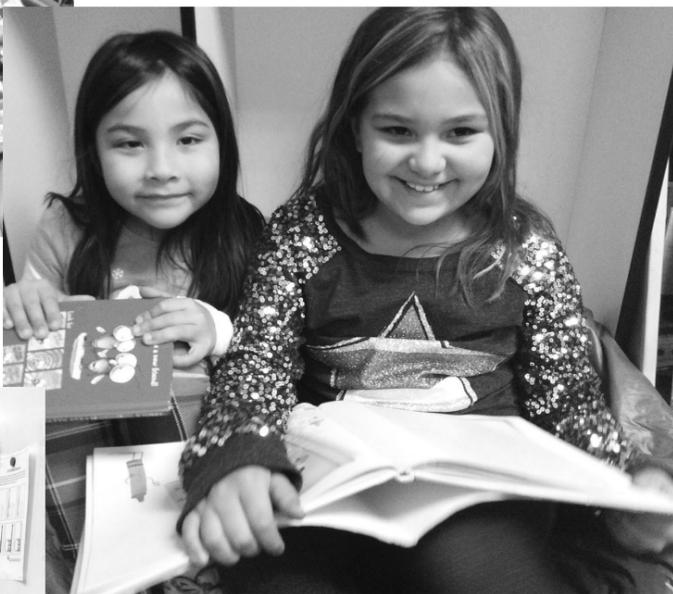
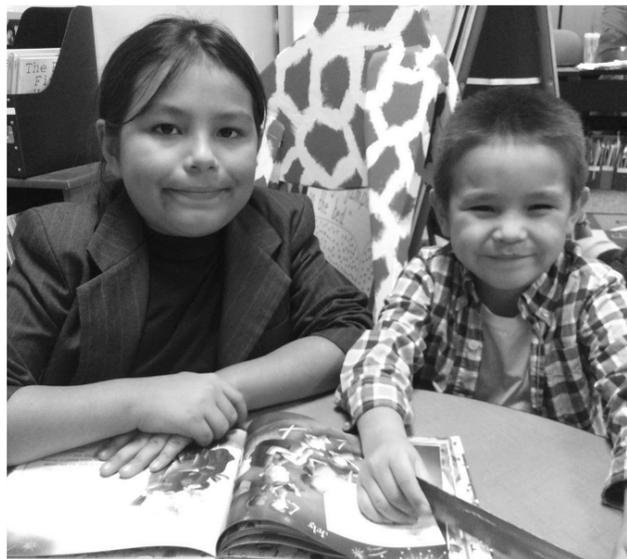
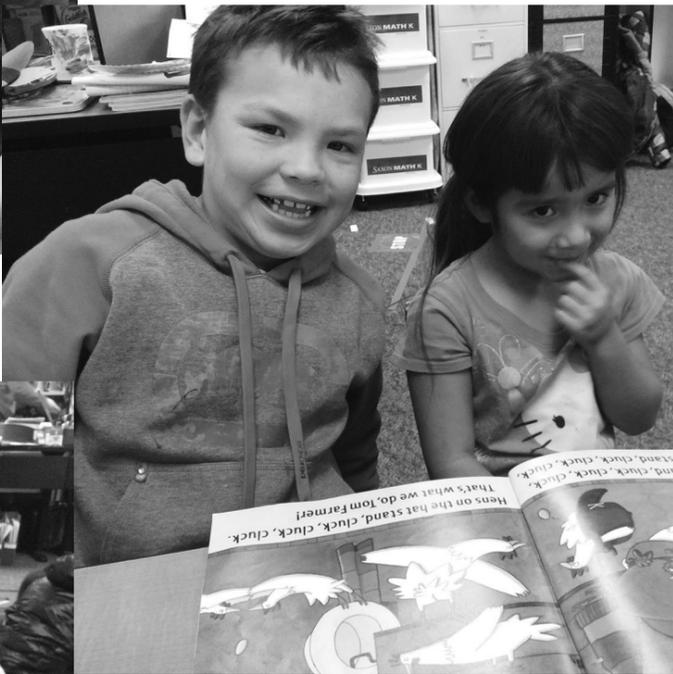
Play a game that has reading involved like monopoly, boggle, or... Play "I spy" around the room. "I see something that starts with the /s/ sound."

## Driving

Driving can have endless possibilities for reading opportunities. Read street signs, bumper stickers, store signs, etc. While driving play the license plate game, goal of the game is to find all the states, or find all the letters of the alphabet on the license plates.

"Eating the Alphabet" is a game where each player states something that starts with the letter of the alphabet. For example, the first player says "I'm so hungry I could eat [item which starts with A]." The second player repeats the last item and adds another item they'd like to eat which begins with B.

Whether you are at home or with family, reading can be an enjoyable activity that brings the entire family together.



# Education

## Second Graders Tour the Lummi Bay Sea Ponds

On the beautiful, but chilly, morning of November 12th, Mr. Brink's Lummi Nation School second graders traveled by school bus to tour the Lummi Bay Sea Ponds.

They were treated to a very informative presentation on the salmon life-cycle stages. Also, they witnessed how the Lummi Nation is growing shellfish from tiny clams and oysters to huge goeyducks. The salmon ponds had swimming and jumping "spawners" that delighted the students.

Inside, where it was much warmer, the students saw how red, brown, and green algae are grown to be fed to the young oysters. Holding some tiny oysters and Manilla clams was amazing. But even MORE fun was holding the adult goeyducks because they turned into water fountains! More than a few students received a bit of a shower.

Finally, the students toured the new shellfish tower wing that is getting closer to beginning operations.

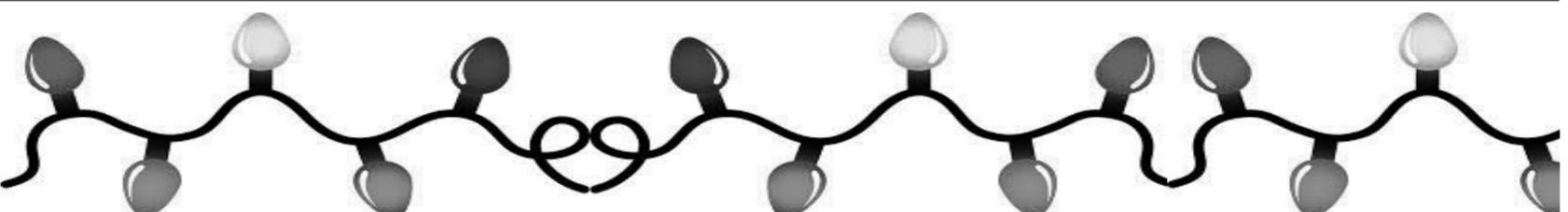
Mr. Brink's class wants to say a big HYSHQE to our field trip leaders.



## WSU Special Music Guest: Dr. Gregory Yasinitsky



Above left: WSU Director of School of Music. Above right: Lummi Nation School high school music students had a special visitor from Washington State University on November 19. Dr. Gregory Yasinitsky, Director of the School of Music and Regents Professor of Music was in the area for a jazz festival and visited Ms. Sheng's first period HS music class. Students learned about opportunities at WSU in music as well as other areas of study and listened to Dr. Yasinitsky perform a few jazz pieces on his tenor saxophone.



# Hands-On Learning in Grade 1 Math

Submitted by Jackie Baisch

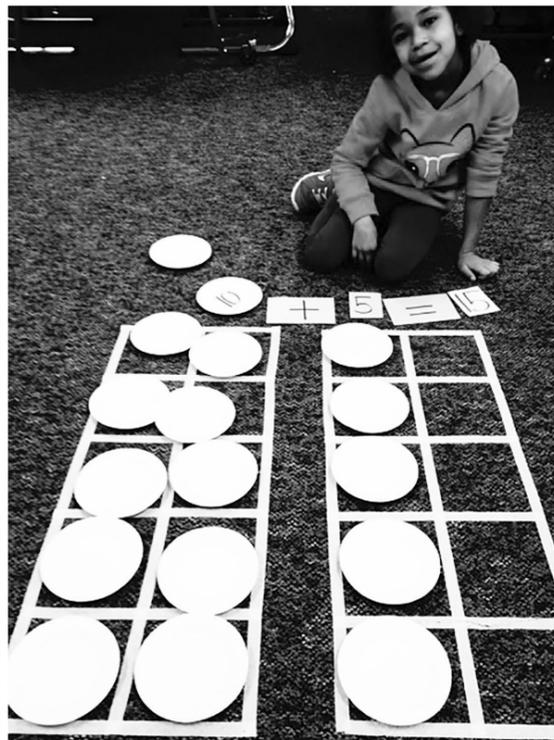
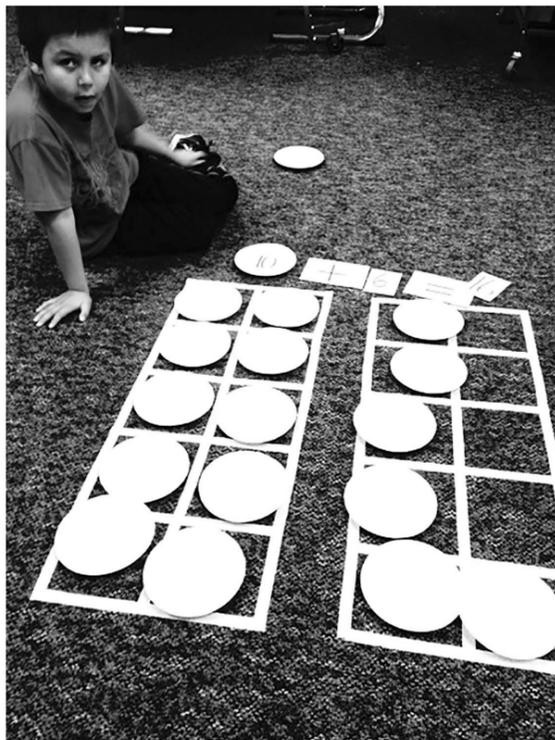
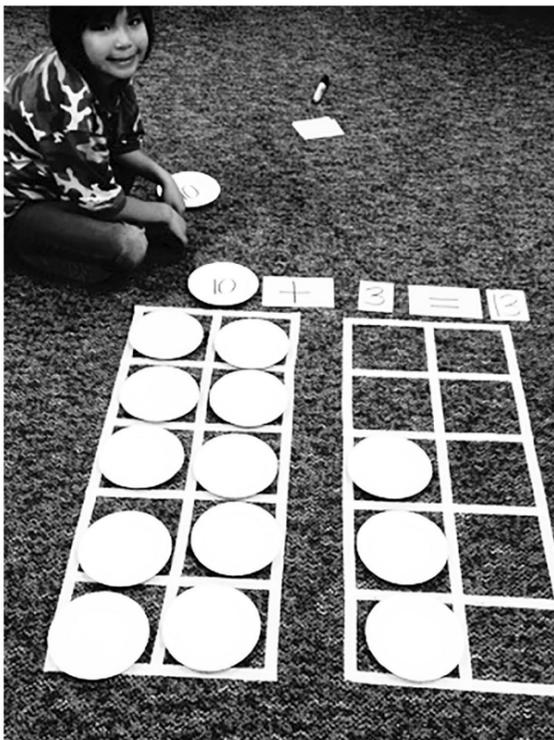
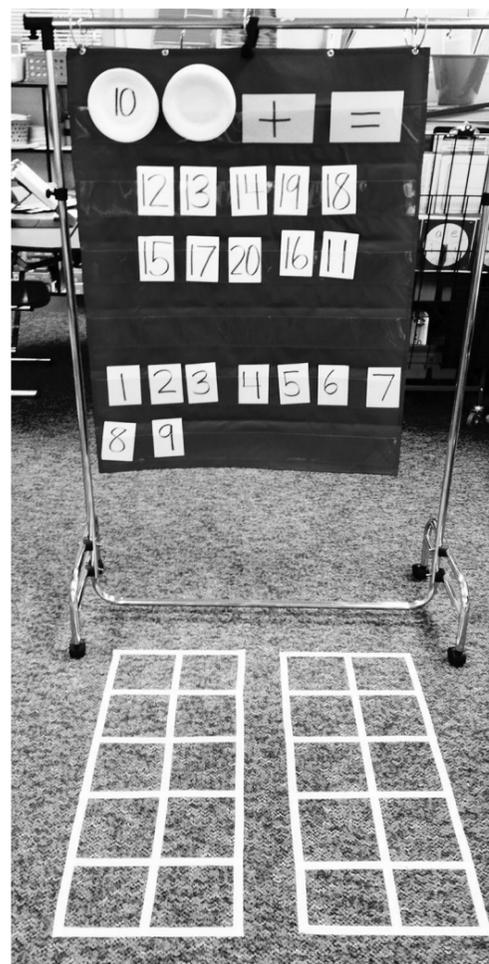
For the past couple of weeks, 1<sup>st</sup> grade students in Teacher Jackie's intensive math group have been working on teen numbers. The students have been working hard on correctly identifying the "teens" and not confusing them with the "tens". Students at this age often mix up these numbers, saying "forty" instead of "fourteen" when they are reading the numbers. Along with accurately reading the numbers comes the need to understand that teens are ten plus another number (1-9). With a lot of oral practice and concrete instruction, the students are making great progress with this common core state standard.

The common core state standard 1.NBT.2 states that students will understand that numbers from

11-19 are composed of a ten and one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, or nine ones. An effective way to make this concept more understandable for the students is to start with a concrete model. This provides the students with a tangible understanding of the math concept. When students are supported to first develop a concrete level of understanding for any mathematics concept or skill, they can use this foundation later on to link their conceptual understanding to abstract mathematics. After a concept is modeled with concrete materials (in this case, paper plates, colored index cards, and a ten-frame on the floor), students will then transition to a representational model (semi-concrete), which involves drawing pictures that represent the concrete objects previously used (e.g. ten frames,

tally marks, dots, shapes). Finally, students will be instructed at the abstract level, where only numbers and mathematical symbols are used. In all stages of instruction, it is important that students are provided many opportunities to practice and demonstrate mastery of the concept or skill.

As the students move from concrete-to-representational-to-abstract, it is important that the abstract numbers and symbols be used along with the concrete materials and drawings. This is especially imperative for students with special needs since it promotes association of abstract symbols with their concrete and representational understandings. Providing this graduated framework for the students helps them make meaningful connections in mathematics.



## Notes from the desk of Nancy Sheng, Music Teacher

### K-12 Lummi Nation School

Our Music Department will be preparing a Christmas Carols program for the elders at Little Bear Creek. Lummi Nation School students will perform at the Christmas luncheon there on December 16.

After winter break is over, elementary students in grades 4, 5 and 6 can

sign up for Honor Choir. Honor choir members will rehearse during after school tutoring and go to the SJMEA (San Juan Music Educators Association) Elementary Choir Festival in March 2015.

High school students are also preparing for the SJMEA Solo and Ensem-

ble Contest that will be held in January 2015. Music students from all over our region will perform in front of judges and receive written comments on their performance and a rating. Winners of the regional contest will advance to the state competition which is held at Central Washington University in May.

## ASB News from Lummi Nation School

In November, Lummi Nation School students elected student council members by secret ballot. It was a close race. Here are the new ASB officers for 2014-15:

- Adam Lawrence, ASB President
- Janyha Ell, Vice President
- Violet Rodriguez, Secretary
- Saneen Roberts, Senior Class Representative

Jeffrey Cultee, Junior Class Representative

Raven Borsey, Sophomore Class Representative

Marlaneh Jefferson, Freshman Class Representative

Congratulations to all! ASB Advisors are Nancy Sheng and Antonio Marquez. ASB will be involved in planning pep assemblies, dances, senior recognition, graduation, and school service.

## Lummi Nation School Elementary Classroom Student November Student of the Month

Each month, Lummi Nation Elementary School honors a student from each classroom for hard work and dedication to the school and the community. Teachers from 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade choose a star student to be selected for this prestigious honor.

### First Grade:

Naima Jefferson was named first grade Student of the Month of November at Lummi Nation School from Teacher Jeri's class.



Naima is an excellent first grade student. She always puts forth 110% effort in her learning. She is often the first student to show her teacher she is ready to learn and on task. Everything she does is with a huge smile on her face, which is so contagious! When asked what her favorite subject is at school she said "Reading, because it is so much fun!" She is a leader in her first grade class by always being ready to learn and having perfect attendance.

### Second Grade:

Robyn Jones was named Mr. Brink's second grade Student of the Month of November at Lummi Nation School.



Robyn is an exceptional reader and writer. She consistently goes beyond the norm when answering written questions. She also works hard at completing her 400 reading minutes in a month outside of school for her reading log homework. Robyn is a great role model for her peers. Her citizenship and work attitude provides an example to be followed.

### Third Grade:

Destanie Jefferson was named Mrs. Hubert's third grade Student of the Month of November at Lummi Nation Elementary School.



Destanie demonstrates a strong work ethic in and out of school. She comes to school ready to learn and consistently completes her homework. She is very focused on improving her skills in each academic area. Her kindness and



caring nature is a positive addition to her classroom community. Destanie's favorite school subject is math and she is proud of her progress on Reading Eggs in Computers.

### Fourth Grade:

Peyton Brockie was named Mrs. Marshall's fourth grade Student of the Month of November at Lummi Nation School.



There are so many great things to say about Peyton! Peyton is a good friend to other students at our school and he always has a smile on his face. Often times, it is Peyton there trying to get the other students to smile along with him. Peyton shows incredible effort. He works hard in class, and when subjects are difficult, Peyton pulls himself together and keeps on trying. On occasion, Peyton even comes to school early to get a head start on activities that are more difficult for him. Peyton loves football. Recently Peyton shared a trophy that he was awarded for participating in the Wolfpack Football team. Peyton is also a very reliable student. He rarely misses school and is a good example for other students with his regular



attendance. With Peyton's friendly attitude, effort, and reliability are great examples of what it takes to be selected as the student of the month.

### Fifth Grade:

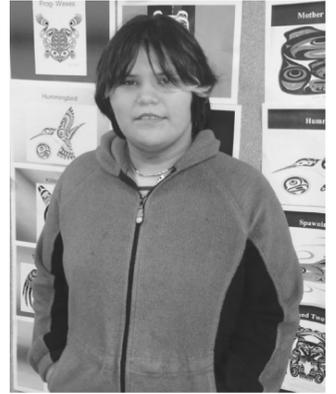
Adam Bello was named Mrs. DeYoung's fifth grade Student of the Month of November at Lummi Nation School.



Adam is one celebrated student this month. He puts forth his best efforts in classroom discussions and his school work. Adam always brings a lot of great ideas to the table. He is helpful, kind, and fun to be around. He is a natural leader, often helping others. One of his favorite classes here at LNS is P.E. To be the fifth grade Student of the Month makes Adam feel proud and very happy.

### Sixth Grade:

Norma Sanchez was named sixth grade Student of the Month of November at Lummi Nation School from Mrs. Campbell's class.



Norma is a leader in her classroom. She leads by example. On a consistent basis she brings in her homework, has perfect attendance, and a positive attitude. She is always on task and focused. She is a creative problem solver and has great listening skills. Norma also has several hobbies including geology and her pets. Norma is an overall excellent sixth grade student at LNS.

### Specialists: Physical Education:

Adam Bello was named Ms. Crummel's P.E Student of the Month for November. He was chosen from the entire Lummi Nation School Elementary student body.

This amazing young man is the first to be nominated twice in a month for exceptional behavior and hard work in his regular fifth grade classroom and in P.E. He loves to laugh and brings a wonderful energy to the fifth grade P.E class. He is willing to help any who ask and includes all of his classmates into any given activity. Adam always has a smile on his face and a very enthusiastic energy where ever he goes. He is an outstanding citizen here at LNS and a role model throughout school.

## LNS Counselor's Corner

Dear Lummi Nation School Families,

As the new Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> grade counselor, it has been a treat getting to know the children and youth of Lummi Nation School. I am learning many names and beginning to see the complex and supportive connections amongst the families of Lummi.

It has me thinking

about how much we are like mirrors for our young people. They see reflected in our faces and words the happiness we feel in their company and at their growing abilities. Sometimes our mirrors are hazy with the problems we have as adults-doing all the chores we must do to take care of children, providing food, getting everyone to bed, going to jobs. Or they are

fuzzy with our fatigue and sometimes, illness. But children keep looking into our "mirrors", hoping to see their reflections shining in our eyes, smiles, and words.

When children make mistakes, it is easy to darken our reflections for them, so they experience our displeasure, anger, or sadness at their behavior. But it is important to lighten

the picture for them fairly soon, to give them hope and show them that we still believe they can learn from errors. Our words of encouragement and warm smiles can say so much. "I know you'll do better next time". Or, "I believe in you. You can make better choices." These are the kinds of word reflections that build children up so they can overcome diffi-

cult moments and help remind them that they are loved, whatever happens. Don't forget to shine up that mirror often for your own hopefulness and for a loving reflection for the children in your life.

Laurie Winters

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# Opinions & Perspectives

## Bob's Garage "Tom Magliozzi: Im Pace Requisat"



Submitted by Bob Aiken

Getting on toward serious winter now. The nights are at their longest. On nights when the sky is clear and the temperatures drop to their coldest, the constellation Orion is cruising smoothly through the night. The winds are chilling and the fire is welcoming and warm. And, there are more stories.

I had several stories that I could relate for you, but there is one that needs telling. Frankly, I'd rather not be having to write this, because it involves a person that I thought the world of.

Tom Magliozzi died on November 3rd, 2014.

For those of you who don't listen to National Public Radio, this may not have a great impact on you. For those who are long-time listeners, Tom and Ray Magliozzi were probably part of your extended family, and maybe we can join hands around the fire and relate stories about the Magliozzi brothers and their show on National Public Radio to those who are among the uninitiated.

I'll start.

I first heard about the NPR radio show "Car Talk" back in the late eighties in an article I was reading in "Autoweek" Magazine. It was a short feature about two garage owners who were doing a radio show out of WBUR in Boston having to do with car repair. As I read the article, I became more and more curious about these two guys who were about as whacked out as I was, and a hell of a lot more intelligent to boot. The article mentioned that their show had been likened to "...a couple of kids playing around with the high school PA system..."

One example of their goofiness went something like this:

(caller) "Well, the hot light is glowing on the dash of my car."

(Click and Clack) "Oh, really?"

(caller) "Yeah, and it flickers off and comes back on again."

(Click and Clack) "Well have you checked to see what the antifreeze level is in your radiator?"

(caller) "No, not really."

(Click and Clack) "Oh, so we're doing this by inference, eh?"

I was hooked.

Soon after, the local NPR radio station in Lafayette, LA began running their show on Saturday mornings. Now I was really hooked. At this time, I was finally making a living as an auto mechanic, and everything that they mentioned on their show rang true. Joyce had her own way of dealing with the show. Whenever it would come on Saturday afternoon, she would leave the living room and go read while I was killing myself laughing like a jackal while listening.

What made them so effective was that they were also graduates of MIT and could muster more intellectual power than both houses of Congress (Which, actually, isn't very hard to do.) in the pursuit of answering questions posed by folks calling in with car problems. They would feature letters sent in by listeners, who turned out to be every bit as twisted as they were. I remember Tom reading a letter from a listener one time having to do with the debates that would spring up in academia:

"...So here he poses the classic question: 'If a man is in a forest and says something, and there's no one around to hear him, is he still wrong?'"

That one had me laughing so hard that Joyce rushed into the room asking me if I was going to live.

And another:

(caller) "I have a 1978 Cadillac El Dorado...."

(Click and Clack) "SELL IT!!!"

It was Tom who told us about his method of handling those A-holes behind you in traffic who honk as soon as the light turns green.

"It's usually on a hill. The light turns green and the jerk behind me gets on his horn. So, I put the clutch in on my MG like I'm going to start off, and I roll slowly back into his front bumper. We get out, we look at the situation and figure that no damage has been done. We discuss it and get back into our cars. By this time, several cycles of the traffic light have occurred. At the next green light, if he honks again, I put the clutch in and roll back into his front bumper...."

At this point Joyce would have to come into the room again to see if I was going to live.

Around two years ago, the brothers announced that they were going to

retire from doing the live shows and that the Saturday mornings shows were going to be re-broadcasts of "The best from the archives." I, along with a lot of other listeners were disappointed, but we understood. They'd been at it for over three decades, and most of us figured that there were other things they needed to do in their lives.

Well, we didn't get it exactly right.

When the news finally came, the cause of death was listed as "complications from Alzheimer's disease". And we really understood. And we thought it was unfair for such a brilliant, warm person to be taken that way.

I can't tell you where Tom Magliozzi is now. I can only hope he is someplace with Mama Magliozzi and driving the black '62 Dodge Dart convertible that he and his brother, Ray were seen in during the "60 Minutes" feature that they appeared in years ago. If he is, I can only hope that he keeps it between the ditches and the shiny side up.

### December's Tip of the Month:

**At this time of the year, it's important to remember that our only true wealth is our family, friends, and loved ones. Take care of them on the road and everywhere else. May your holidays be filled with happiness.**

## Departing WDFW Director Will be Missed



Submitted by Lorraine Loomis, Chair Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission

When the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission was searching for a new director about six years ago, chair Miranda Wecker said they were looking for a director with

a strong conservation ethic, sound fiscal-management and leadership skills and expertise in intergovernmental relations.

They got all of that and much, much more when they selected Phil Anderson to lead the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

The treaty Indian tribes in western Washington are both sad and happy to learn that he will be stepping down at the end of the year.

We are sad because we are losing a top-notch director, a champion for fish and wildlife who guided the department through some of the most difficult challenges it has faced. We are glad because Phil will get a chance to rest, hunt, fish, and spend some well-de-

served time with his family. We are encouraged to hear him say that after leaving his current position he will look for other opportunities to further contribute to resource conservation and management. We wish Phil and his family all the best for the future.

Phil is an experienced, knowledgeable and talented director. A former charter boat operator, he has played a leading role in fish and wildlife management in Washington and the Pacific Northwest over the past two decades. From serving on the Pacific Fishery Management Council to the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission and the U.S./Canada Pacific Salmon Commission, Phil has been a tireless advocate for sound fisheries man-

agement.

The tribes got to know Phil best through the North of Falcon process. This is the annual forum where state and tribal co-managers develop salmon fishing seasons for marine and freshwater fisheries throughout Puget Sound, the Columbia River and Washington Coast.

Phil is a tough, but fair negotiator. We have not always agreed, but we have always appreciated the integrity, honesty and willingness to work together that Phil brought to the table. Perhaps most importantly, he always comes to meetings looking for solutions.

One of the reasons for Phil's effectiveness as WDFW director is that he

has shown respect for the tribes as co-managers. He understands that tribes are sovereign governments with treaty-reserved fishing, hunting and gathering rights. But for all of his qualities, it is his ability to truly listen and be responsive to concerns being expressed by others that set him apart from many who have occupied the director's chair.

We hope that the same respect, understanding, responsiveness and ability to truly listen that Phil has shown the treaty tribes will also be among the qualities of whomever the Fish and Wildlife Commission chooses as his replacement.

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## Northwest Indian College Job Fair



# “The Great Wall”

The Native American Career Technical Education Program (NACTEP) at NWIC is bridging construction trade instruction and work experience at the Lummi Campus.

Nestled at the Safety West Coast office complex (on Slater Road), Phil Elgin, carpentry instructor, and the basic skills instructor Kathy Humphrey-Shaffer, have worked tirelessly to bring our inaugural construction trade course to the Lummi community. This fall quarter they started with Core Curriculum, a prerequisite class leading into the Carpentry I course. The core curriculum course covered basic safety, introductions to construction math, hand tools, power tools, construction drawings, materials handling, basic communication skills, and basic employability skills.

Each trades course is certified by National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER). NCCER is progressive program that was created to standardize construction

industry training and credentialing programs for construction trades. This includes the curriculum used during class time and certifications. Student certifications and course transcripts are documented on a wallet card and registered with NCCER. This helps students take the trainings skills wherever they go for employment. Employers can also track each student’s professional trade qualifications on national NCCER registry.

We have 11 dedicated and committed students in the Carpentry I class. They are transforming the NACTEP classroom by constructing a 50’x21’ wall, “The Great Wall”. This renovation consists of two walls, which will create a classroom, office and break room and will separate the industrial power equipment from the classroom. Also, students have completed a NWIC Workforce office remodel project that provides Workforce staff and clients privacy privilege during meetings.

This class time practicum gave the students invaluable hands on learning experience to coincide with course curriculum and opportunity to practice safety standards and orient them into the construction trade “One nail, one measuring, one leveling and one Great Wall at a time.”

Construction of the Great Wall with our 11 dedicated and hardworking students is associated with the great contributions from NACTEP instructors, support staff and Workforce staff, and with the cooperative spirit, partnership and collaboration of Lummi Indian Business Council (LIBC) and their stakeholder programs Dislocated Fishers, TANF, TERO, Lummi Voc Rehab, General Assistance, and NWIC. LIBC program support for the students and the work of NACTEP staff has been meaningful contributions to the program’s success. Here is a sample of the spontaneous comments

made by students and staff during Carpentry I course heard by NACTEP staff and LIBC program personnel:

“I feel that I am really accomplishing something that will give me a job opportunity for rest of my life.”

“It was really cool to see the owners so happy with the wall construction.”

“It looks really good, I like it!”

“I saw the students working on the office wall. It was great to see them carefully work through the process.”

And finally, our partnerships with LIBC, Stakeholders, and employers are significant piece to NACTEP student success after training. Students will be entering the job market upon completion of training courses, and applying their professional trade skills and credentials in the industry field.

Also, we want to extend our appreciation to the Silver Reef Hotel Casino Spa for their support of our students by providing them celebratory ceremony meal “Hy”Shaq”. NACTEP is a part of NWIC Workforce Department. under the leadership of Tania Vega, Director of Workforce & Adult Education; Fred Machana, NACTEP Program Director; Melissa Wall, Workforce Specialist; Laura Maudsley, BFET Coordinator; Phil Elgin, NACTEP Carpenter Instructor; Vincent Feliciano Jr., NACTEP Recruiter/Advisor and Fred Eningowuk, Job Developer. Our Workforce team is available to address program questions and concerns for those interested in job training. Also, were committed to extending program results and supporting stakeholders for success.

Starting in Winter quarter 2015, NWIC/ NACTEP will be offering Core Curriculum, Carpentry I and II, Electrical I and Plumbing I. If you are interested and are committed to expanding your trade skills for a career, contact Vincent Feliciano Jr., at (360) 392-4295 / [fjfeliciano@nwic.edu](mailto:fjfeliciano@nwic.edu) or Fred Eningowuk at (360) 392-4282/[faeningowuk@nwic.edu](mailto:faeningowuk@nwic.edu).

NACTEP is a gateway opportunity at NWIC for trade skills development and we’re excited about the construction trade courses we’re offering. We also look forward to the next Industrial Entry training for individuals interested in job skills leading to refinery industry, which provides significant employment in the region.

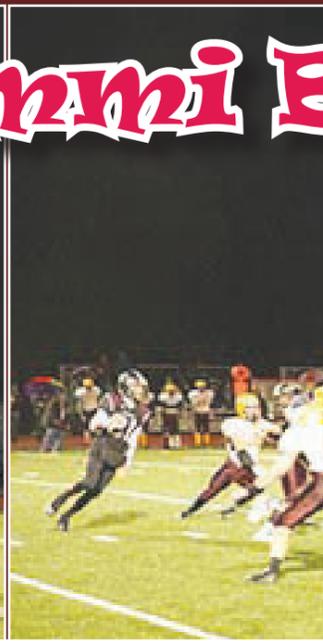




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# BlackHawks vs Lopez



# Mini BlackHawks vs Lyle Wishram



# Community Updates

## War of All Warriors II



# Sacraments of the Holy Order

This is the last of the seven sacraments Holy Orders & Matrimony, already covered the Baptism, Confession/Reconciliation, Confirmation, Eucharist, Anointing of the Sick.

## CHAPTER THREE (of the Catholic Catechism)

### THE SACRAMENTS AT THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

1533 Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are sacraments of Christian initiation. They ground the common vocation of all Christ's disciples, a vocation to holiness and to the mission of evangelizing the world. They confer the graces needed for the life according to the Spirit during this life as pilgrims on the march towards the homeland. (1212)

1534 Two other sacraments, Holy Orders and Matrimony, are directed towards the salvation of others; if they contribute as well to personal salvation, it is through service to others that they do so. They confer a particular mission in the Church and serve to build up the People of God.

1535 Through these sacraments those already consecrated by Baptism and Confirmation<sup>1</sup> for the common priesthood of all the faithful can receive particular consecrations. Those who receive the sacrament of Holy Orders are consecrated in Christ's name "to feed the Church by the word and grace of God."<sup>2</sup> On their part, "Christian spouses are fortified and, as it were, consecrated for the duties and dignity of their state by a special sacrament."<sup>3</sup> (784)

## ARTICLE 6

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

1536 Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time: thus it is the sacrament of apostolic ministry. It includes three degrees: episcopate, presbyterate, and diaconate. (860)

(On the institution and mission of the apostolic ministry by Christ, see above, no. 874 ff. Here only the sacramental means by which this ministry is handed on will be treated.)

#### I. Why Is This Sacra-

ment Called "Orders"?

1537 The word order in Roman antiquity designated an established civil body, especially a governing body. *Ordinatio* means incorporation into an *ordo*. In the Church there are established bodies which Tradition, not without a basis in Sacred Scripture,<sup>4</sup> has since ancient times called *taxeis* (Greek) or *ordines*. And so the liturgy speaks of the *ordo episcoporum*, the *ordo presbyterorum*, the *ordo diaconorum*. Other groups also receive this name of *ordo*: catechumens, virgins, spouses, widows,.... (922, 923, 1631)

The priesthood & the sacrifice

To know what a priest is we have to know what a sacrifice is.

Nowadays the word "sacrifice" is used in many different ways. But in its strict meaning, its original meaning, a sacrifice is the offering of a gift to God by a group, through the agency of someone who has the right to represent the group.

The purpose of such an offering is to give group worship to God; that is, to acknowledge God's supreme lordship over mankind, to thank him for his blessings, to atone for human sin, and to beg for his benefits.

It is not that God needs our gifts.

Everything that exists was made by God in the first place. Even a mountain of diamonds would of itself have no value in God's eyes. Until Jesus gave us himself as the perfect gift in the sacrifice of the Mass, nothing that man could offer to God was really worthy of God.

#### Prayer in action

Nevertheless it pleased God, from the very beginning of human history, to have man "act out" his feelings towards God by means of sacrifice. From all that God had given, man would take the very best (whether it was a lamb or a bullock or fruit or grain) and offer it back to God—destroying it upon an altar to symbolize the act of giving.

These were only "token" gifts—like the Christmas necktie which a poor man might give to his rich and generous uncle. But the

gifts expressed, better than could words, the deepest sentiments of the human heart towards God.

"O almighty God," the gift would say, "I know that all which I have, I have from You. I thank You for Your bounty. I beg Your forgiveness for not serving You better. Please be good and merciful to me anyway."

Sacrifice, in short, is prayer in action. It is the prayer-in-action of a group. And the one who offers the sacrifice in the name of the group is the priest.

Deeply rooted in the Old Testament

Since men have offered sacrifice to God from the very beginning of the human race so also have there been priests from the very beginning.

In the first period of Biblical history—the age of the Patriarchs—it was the father of the family who was also the priest. It was the father of the family who offered sacrifice to God for himself and his family. Adam was priest for his family; so were Noah and Abraham and all the other family heads priests for their families.

In the time of Moses, however, God directed that the priesthood of his chosen people, the Jews, should henceforth belong to the family of Aaron of the tribe of Levi. The oldest son in each generation of Aaron's descendants would be the high priest and the other Levites would be his assistants.

When the Old Law ended with the establishment of the New Law by Christ, the priesthood of the Old Law also came to an end.

A new Sacrifice for the New Covenant

The New Law of love would have a new sacrifice and a new priesthood.

At the Last Supper Jesus instituted the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. In this new sacrifice the gift offered to God would not be a mere token gift, such as a sheep or an ox or bread and wine. The gift now, for the first time and always, would be a gift worthy of God.

It would be the gift of God's own Son—a gift of infinite value, even as God

himself is infinite.

In the Mass, under the appearances of bread and wine, Jesus would daily renew the once-and-forever offering which, upon the cross, he made of himself to God. In the Mass he would give to each of us, his baptized members, the opportunity to unite ourselves with him in that offering.

But who would be the human priest who would stand at the altar—the human agent whose hands and whose lips Christ would use for the offering of himself? Who would be the human priest to whom Christ would give the power of making the God-Man present upon the altar, under the appearances of bread and wine?

Priests at Christ's own command

There were eleven such priests, to begin with. (It is not certain that Judas was present at the time the Apostles were made priests.) At the Last Supper, as we know, Jesus made his Apostles priests, when he gave them the command (and with the command, the power) to do what he had just done. "Do this," he said, "in remembrance of Me" (Luke 22:20).

It was this power, the power to offer sacrifice in the name of Christ and of Christ's Mystical Body, his Church (which means you and me united to Christ by Baptism), which made the Apostles priests.

To this power of changing bread and wine into his Body and Blood, Jesus on Easter Sunday night added the power to forgive sins in his name. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said; "whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained" (John 20:22-23).

This power of the priesthood which Christ conferred upon his Apostles was not to die with them.

Jesus came to save the souls of all people who ever would live, down to the end of the world. Consequently, the Apostles passed their priestly power on to other men in the ceremony which we now call the sacrament of Holy Orders.

In the Acts of the Apostles we read of one of the first (if not the first) ordina-

tions by the Apostles:

And the plan met the approval of the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip and Prochorus and Nicanor and Timon and Parmenas and Nicholas, a proselyte from Antioch. These they set before the Apostles, and after they had prayed they laid their hands upon them.

(Acts 6:5-6)

It was as deacons that these men were ordained, not yet as priests. But it gives us the picture of the Apostles sharing, and passing on to others, the sacred power which Jesus had bestowed upon them.

As time went on, the Apostles consecrated more bishops to carry on their work. These bishops in turn ordained other bishops and priests, and these bishops in their turn, still others. So that the Catholic priest of today can truly say that the power of his priesthood has come down, in the sacrament of Holy Orders, in an unbroken line from Christ himself.

Holy Orders is a unique sacrament

There are two notable ways in which the sacrament of Holy Orders differs from the other sacraments.

One is the fact that Holy Orders can be administered only by a bishop. Only a bishop has the power to ordain priests. An ordinary priest cannot pass his power on to another.

The second way in which Holy Orders differs from other sacraments is that Holy Orders is not received all at once.

When we are baptized, we are completely baptized by the single pouring of water. When we are confirmed, we are completely confirmed in a single ceremony. Holy Orders, however, is given by degrees, by successive steps.

Three successive stages

Like a flower developing from bud to full bloom, so does the sacrament of Holy Orders unfold itself through three stages as it confers successively the powers of deacon, priest, and bishop.

Deaconship, priesthood, and bishopric are

the three stages in the sacrament of Holy Orders as it was instituted by Christ. At each stage, as in every sacrament, there is an increase in sanctifying grace. At each stage there is the imprinting of a character upon the soul; each successive character, like a progressively brighter sun, enveloping and containing the one that has gone before.

In that character are rooted the right and the power that belong to the order which is being received.

For the deacon it is the right to baptize, to preach, and to administer Holy Communion.

For the priest it is the power to change bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ and to forgive sins.

For the bishop, who alone has the complete fullness of the priesthood, it is the power to confirm and to ordain—to pass the power of the priesthood on to others in the sacrament of Holy Orders.

Then, besides the increase in sanctifying grace and the priestly character with its accompanying power, there is the special sacramental grace which gives to the one ordained a claim upon God for whatever actual graces he may need in the faithful discharge of his office.

The priest & the Sacrifice of the Mass

For priests (and of course bishops), Holy Orders “configures them to Christ” in a special way so that they can act in the person of Christ the Head.

Through the sacrament of Holy Orders, the Holy Spirit imparts that tremendous and almost unbelievable power to call Jesus Christ himself down upon the altar. It is in the Sacrifice of the Mass that the priest exercises the supreme degree of his sacred office.

This is the supreme Sacrifice, offered in divine worship in the person of Christ (in persona Christi), by which the priest acts as a true priest of the New Covenant.

We must also remember that it is only by this sacred, ordained power to act in persona Christi that the priest has the power to forgive, in Christ’s name, the sins of men.

Sustained by grace

No priest would or could wish for more than this extraordinary privilege of acting in persona Christi.

As he bends each morning over the bread and the wine, lending his lips to Christ as he speaks Christ’s words, “This is My Body. . . This is My Blood,” the priest time and again feels all but crushed by the sense of his own unworthiness, by the consciousness of his human weakness. He would be crushed, too, if it were not for the grace of the sacrament of Holy Orders, which God infallibly gives to those who humbly ask it.

It is, of course, this power to offer sacrifice, this power to offer the Perfect Gift to God in the name of God’s people, that distinguishes a priest from a Protestant minister. The minister does not have the power to offer sacrifice, which is precisely what makes a priest a priest.

A major difference between

Catholics and Protestants

Indeed, Protestant ministers do not even believe in such a power to offer sacrifice.

One notable exception to this belief is the clergy of the High Episcopalian Church, or the Anglican Church. These Anglican clergy do consider themselves priests and bishops, but the Catholic Church does not recognize them as such. The reason is simple: there is no one who can impart to them the power of the priesthood.

Back in the sixteenth century, the leaders of the Anglican church eliminated all reference to the Mass and the power of sacrifice from their ordination ceremony. Without the intention of ordaining sacrificing priests, the sacrament of Holy Orders is invalid; it is not Holy Orders.

In fact that is true of any sacrament—whoever gives a sacrament must have the intention of doing what the sacrament is supposed to do, or the sacrament is invalid. That is how true priests and bishops died out, in the Anglican church, once the intention of ordaining sacrificing priests and bishops was taken out of the ordination service. The line of succession by which the power of the priesthood has come down to us, from Christ to the Apostles to bishop to bishop to bishop,

was broken centuries ago when the Anglican Church rejected the whole idea of the Mass and a sacrificing priesthood.

In later times some Anglican High churchmen have revived the idea of the Mass, but they have no bishops who are true successors of the Apostles, no bishops who themselves have any of the power which the sacrament of Holy Orders gives. This is not said in any spirit of prideful disdain—it is just a sad fact of history; one that should move us to renewed prayer that our separated brethren may return to the one true fold.

An essential link to Christ

In the sacrament of Holy Orders, Christ has provided us with an essential link to himself.

Above all else, Holy Orders makes possible the extraordinary gift of the Sacrifice of the Mass—a gift from Christ himself.

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#### ARTICLE 7

#### THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

1601 “The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament.”<sup>84</sup>

#### I. MARRIAGE IN GOD’S PLAN

1602 Sacred Scripture begins with the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God and concludes with a vision of “the wedding-feast of the Lamb.”<sup>85</sup> Scripture speaks throughout of marriage and its “mystery,” its institution and the meaning God has given it, its origin and its end, its various realizations throughout the

history of salvation, the difficulties arising from sin and its renewal “in the Lord” in the New Covenant of Christ and the Church.<sup>86</sup>

Marriage in the order of creation

1603 “The intimate community of life and love which constitutes the married state has been established by the Creator and endowed by him with its own proper laws. . . . God himself is the author of marriage.”<sup>87</sup> The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator. Marriage is not a purely human institution despite the many variations it may have undergone through the centuries in different cultures, social structures, and spiritual attitudes. These differences should not cause us to forget its common and permanent characteristics. Although the dignity of this institution is not transparent everywhere with the same clarity,<sup>88</sup> some sense of the greatness of the matrimonial union exists in all cultures. “The well-being of the individual person and of both human and Christian society is closely bound up with the healthy state of conjugal and family life.”<sup>89</sup>

1604 God who created man out of love also calls him to love the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being. For man is created in the image and likeness of God who is himself love.<sup>90</sup> Since God created him man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man. It is good, very good, in the Creator’s eyes. And this love which God blesses is intended to be fruitful and to be realized in the common work of watching over creation: “And God blessed them, and God said to them: ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it.’”<sup>91</sup>

1605 Holy Scripture affirms that man and woman were created for one another: “It is not good that the man should be alone.”<sup>92</sup> The woman, “flesh of his flesh,” his equal, his nearest in all things, is given to him by God as a “helpmate”; she thus represents God from whom comes our help.<sup>93</sup> “Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh.”<sup>94</sup> The Lord himself shows that this signifies an

unbreakable union of their two lives by recalling what the plan of the Creator had been “in the beginning”: “So they are no longer two, but one flesh.”<sup>95</sup>

Catholic Marriage:

A Union Sealed by the Sacrament of Matrimony

To understand Catholic marriage in the sacrament of Matrimony, it’s best to begin...

...in the beginning.

God didn’t have to make the human race male and female as he did. God didn’t have to share his creative power with his own creatures and make the beginning of a new human life depend upon the free cooperation of a man and a woman with himself. There is a limitless number of other ways in which God could have arranged for the multiplication of human beings, had he chosen to do so.

But God didn’t do it any other way.

He chose to make man male and female, and to give him the power, in partnership with himself, to produce new human life. By the act of intimate union which we call sexual intercourse, man and woman would fashion a physical image of themselves; and into this new body so wondrously begun God would infuse a spiritual and immortal soul.

It is God, then, who bestowed upon humans the power of procreation—as the sexual faculty is called. It is God who planned and who gave to men and women their genital organs. It is God who (to guarantee the perpetuation of the human race) attached to the use of those organs a high degree of physical pleasure.

Since God is the author of sex and since all that God does is good, it follows then that sex in itself is something good.

The sanctity of sex

Indeed, because of its close relationship with God who is a partner to the reproductive act, sex is not merely something good—it is something sacred and holy.

This is a point that needs emphasizing, this basic sanctity of sex.

When the sense of the sacredness of sex is lost, the sanctity of marriage also is

forgotten. Sex becomes a plaything, an exciting tool for pleasure rather than an instrument of God. Easy divorce and casual remarriages; prostitution and marital infidelity: these are some of the evils which follow when sex is twisted from its context in the divine scheme of things.

#### The union of marriage

To ensure the right use of the procreative power God founded the institution of marriage: the lifelong and irrevocable union of one man and one woman.

The necessity of such a union is apparent, since it is essential not only that children be born but that they be lovingly reared and cared for by the father and mother who bring them into the world. Our juvenile courts and mental hospitals bear daily witness to the evils that follow when the unity and permanence of marriage are forgotten.

But it was not merely for the purpose of peopling the earth that God instituted marriage. "It is not good that the man is alone," said God as Adam slept in Eden. "I will make him a helper like himself." It is God's design that man and woman should complete each other, draw strength from each other, contribute to one another's spiritual growth.

It is in the lifelong espousal of one man and one woman, wherein minds and hearts as well as bodies are fused into a new and richer unity, that this purpose of God is achieved.

Jesus explicitly affirmed the permanence of marriage: "What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder" (Matthew 19:7).

#### A new sacrament

Up to the time of Christ, marriage, although a sacred union, was still only a civil contract between a man and a woman.

Jesus, however, took this contract, this exchange of marital consent between man and woman, and made the contract a conveyor of grace. He made marriage a sacrament, the sacrament of Matrimony among Christians.

Matrimony is defined as "the sacrament by which a baptized man and a baptized woman bind themselves for life in a lawful marriage and receive the grace to discharge their

duties."

It is not hard to understand why Jesus made marriage a sacrament—the sacrament of Matrimony.

Grace supports a natural union

From man's beginning, marriage was a sacred union.

It was God's instrument for the begetting, the rearing, the education, and the moral training of successive generations of human beings. Marriage was a "natural," we might say, for elevation to the holy rank of a sacrament. Besides the priesthood, there is no state in life that pleads for grace as demanding as does marriage.

No matter how well matched they may be, it is not easy for any two people to live together day in and day out, year after year, with their inescapable faults and personality defects grating upon each other. It's not easy to help one another grow in goodness and nobility in spite of those faults—little by little adjusting to one another so that the faults of one "fit in" to the perfections of the other and unity arises from the very differences of the two persons. This is a beautiful evolution, like the emergence of the butterfly from its chrysalis; but it is not easy.

No matter how selfless a couple may be, it is not easy for them to face the prospect of responsible parenthood, with all the sacrifices that entails. Especially it is not easy to face the prospect of an ultimate judgment, in which they will have to answer to God for the souls of the children who have been entrusted to them.

If ever there was a state of life which called for grace, marriage is it.

A higher calling in the New Covenant

And, in Christ's new plan for mankind, there was a further need for grace in marriage.

It would be upon parents that Jesus must depend for the continual replenishment of his Mystical Body: that union-in-grace whereby all baptized Catholics are one in Christ. From now on, for Christian parents it would not be enough to beget, rear, educate, and train offspring.

From now on Jesus would expect parents to

form and nurture the souls of their children in the pattern of sainthood.

Without guiding grace and strengthening grace, this would be a hopeless task.

Unbroken tradition testifies to this sacrament

It is no wonder, then, that Christ made marriage a sacrament.

Just when he did so, during his public life, we do not know. Some think that it may have been at the marriage feast at Cana. Others think it may have been at the time he instructed the Pharisees: "Have you not read that the Creator, from the beginning, made them male and female, and said, 'For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? Therefore now they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder" (Matthew 19:4-7).

However, such speculations as to the exact time at which Jesus made marriage a sacrament are rather fruitless. It is enough for us to know, by the constant and unbroken tradition of the Church, that Jesus did so transform the marriage bond.

Who administers this sacrament?

A sacrament, as we know, is an outward sign that confers an inner grace.

In the sacrament of Matrimony, the outward sign is the exchange of marital consent on the part of a baptized man and a baptized woman. In other words the couple who are getting married administer the sacrament of Matrimony to each other.

It is not correct to say (although we often do) that "John and Mary were married by the priest." More correctly we should say, "John and Mary married each other in the presence of the priest."

The priest cannot administer the sacrament of Matrimony; only the contracting couple can do that. The priest (or deacon) is simply the official witness, representing Christ and Christ's Church. The priest's presence is normally essential; without him there is no sacrament and no marriage. But he does not confer the sacrament.

Catholic marriage re-

quires

sacramental Matrimony

Aside from exceptional cases, a Catholic cannot validly contract marriage except in the presence of a priest.

A Catholic who attempts to enter into marriage before a minister or a civil magistrate (such as a judge or a justice of the peace) is not really married at all. He commits a grave sin by going through such a ceremony; and the couple will be living in habitual mortal sin as long as they continue to cohabit.

Two non-Catholics who are married by a minister or a civil magistrate are genuinely married. If the two are unbaptized, theirs is a "natural" marriage, such as was marriage before Jesus instituted the sacrament of Matrimony. If both non-Catholics are baptized, however, their marriage is a sacrament.

But for a Catholic, there just isn't any other way to marry validly except to receive the sacrament of Matrimony. When Jesus institutes a sacrament, he requires that his followers use it.

#### The promise of grace

If a husband (or a wife) is having a bad day, perhaps discouraged under the pressure of an acute domestic problem, tempted to self-pity, with the awful feeling that it was a mistake ever to get married—that is one good time to remember that Matrimony is a sacrament.

It is a good time to remember that each spouse has an absolute right to whatever grace may be needed in this emergency; whatever grace may be needed to strengthen human weakness and to guide to a solution of the problem.

To Christian spouses who do their human best to make theirs a truly Christian marriage, God has pledged his grace, when needed and as needed.

God will not default on his pledge.

#### Two kinds of grace

Since Matrimony is a sacrament, we know that it gives grace.

Like every sacrament, it gives two kinds of grace. First of all there is the increase in sanctifying grace, imparted at the very mo-

ment that the sacrament is received.

As the just-wed couple turn away from the altar, their souls are spiritually stronger, spiritually more beautiful than when they came to the altar a few moments earlier.

It is essential, of course, that they present themselves to receive this sacrament with souls which already are in the state of sanctifying grace. For a person to receive this sacrament with a mortal sin upon his soul would be a sacrilege, a grave sin. The marriage still would be a true and valid marriage; but it would be a most unhappy beginning for what is designed to be a partnership with God.

Matrimony's sacramental grace

Besides this increase in sanctifying grace—which all "the sacraments of the living" confer—Matrimony gives its own special grace, its sacramental grace.

This consists in a claim upon God for whatever actual graces the couple may need, through the years, to make a happy and successful marriage.

For its full effectiveness this grace needs the cooperation of both partners to the marriage. The grace is intended for that single entity, that "one-from-two," which a married couple have become. But if one partner should prove derelict to Christian duty, the other spouse still can count on exceptional graces of strength and wisdom.

To be more specific, the sacramental grace of Matrimony:

Perfects the natural love of husband and wife;

Elevates this love to a supernatural level which far surpasses mere mental and physical compatibility;

Gives to marital love a sanctifying quality, making it an instrument for growth in holiness and marriage a path to sainthood;

Imparts conscientiousness in the begetting and rearing of children;

Gives prudence in the innumerable problems consequent upon family life;

Enables husband and wife to adjust to one another's shortcomings and to bear with one another's faults.

This is only a little of

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what the grace of Matrimony will accomplish for those who, by their cooperation, give God a chance to show what he can do.

Grace merited by Christ's Passion

Four hundred years ago the Council of Trent, in propounding the Catholic doctrine on the sacrament of Matrimony, said:

The grace which would perfect that natural love (of husband and wife) and confirm that indissoluble union and sanctify the married, Christ himself merited for us by his Passion; as the Apostle St. Paul indicates, saying, 'Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the Church.'

It seems to me that it should be a wonderfully inspiring thought to a Christian husband and wife to realize that Jesus was thinking of them as he suffered his Passion—to realize that one of the things for which Christ died was the graces they would need in marriage.

Equally inspiring should be the knowledge that the Holy Spirit inspired St. Paul to compare marriage to the fruitful, grace-filled union and interchange between Christ and his Spouse, the Church.

The marriage bond

In addition to the conferring of grace, another effect of the sacrament of Matrimony is the forging of the marriage bond, a moral change wrought in the souls of the married couple.

Of course, it is only the three sacraments whose fundamental objective is the worship of God—Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders—which work in the soul that physical change which we call the "character" of the sacrament. These are the three sacraments by which we share, in varying ways, in the priesthood of Christ.

However, theologians have not hesitated to compare the marriage bond to these sacramental characters and even to term it a quasi-character.

Unity

It is from this "quasi-character," this matrimonial bond, that result the two properties of marriage: unity and indissolubility (such a jaw-breaker!).

By the unity of marriage is meant that a man can have only one wife, and a woman only one

husband. They are two in one flesh, not many in one flesh. The unity of marriage is opposed to polygyny (many wives) and polyandry (many husbands).

Since Christ's time, monogamy (one spouse) must be the rule without exception.

Indissolubility

By the indissolubility of marriage is meant that marriage is a permanent union.

Once a man and woman are completely united in a consummated Christian marriage, there is no power on earth, not even the Pope, who can dissolve the bond. "What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder" (Matthew 19:6).

The Church does have the power, under very special circumstances, to dissolve a marriage that was not a sacramental marriage (for example, the marriage of two unbaptized persons when one of the parties has later been baptized), and to dissolve a sacramental marriage that never has been consummated.

But even the marriage of two validly baptized Protestants is a sacramental union which, once consummated, the Church herself cannot break.

The state laws which permit divorce with remarriage are meaningless as far as God is concerned. The divorced person who remarries, and his or her new partner, are living in habitual adultery if the previous marriage was valid; legalized adultery, but adultery nonetheless.

The reality of hardship in some cases

There are times when the unbreakableness of the marriage bond seems to result in a great hardship.

We are thinking of such instances as that of a husband whose wife becomes mentally ill, or the wife who must flee from an abusive husband, or the husband or wife who is deserted by a spouse.

Each of these cases is certainly very difficult in human terms. But the permanence of marriage means there can be no remarriage so long as the deserter lives.

That is, there can be no remarriage for such persons so far as God is concerned. They can, of course, secure a civil divorce (with

the consent of the bishop) if it is necessary to protect themselves against a vicious or a deserting spouse.

But the civil divorce cannot break the marriage bond.

Permanence is part of God's purpose

We feel a great pity for persons caught in such a dilemma.

We are tempted to ask, "Why is God so adamant against any breaking of the marriage bond? Why doesn't he make some provision for especially deserving cases?"

The answer is that God, once he decided to create the human race male and female and to have men and women cooperate with him in peopling the earth and heaven too, was compelled to make marriage a permanent union in order to fulfill his purposes. (When we say "decided" and "compelled," we are speaking of God in purely human terms.)

If children were to reach adulthood in the full nobility which God willed them to have—children of God and images of him—it was essential that they should have the emotional, mental, and spiritual stability which could be achieved only by growing up with their own parents. (The writer, whose principal work is with children from broken homes, can bear witness to the harmful effects of step-parentage.)

Moreover, even where there are no children to consider, the secondary purpose of marriage still demands a permanent union. The secondary purpose is the mutual completion which a man and a woman are destined to find in one another—the enrichment and growth which results from their fusion into a new unity, one from two. This is a purpose that never could be fulfilled if the marriage bond were temporary or terminable.

That is why we say that the indissolubility of the marriage bond flows from the natural law, even aside from any positive decree on the part of God. It is based on the very nature of man as he is.

God's care for us, even in difficult times

Yes, someone may say, that is all very true. But couldn't there be a dispensation in cases of exceptional hardship?

Unfortunately, there can be no exceptions if God's plan is to succeed.

When a man and a woman know that "this is for life," that they have to make a go of their marriage—then ninety-nine times out of a hundred they will. If adultery were grounds for severing the marriage bond with the right to remarry, or brutality or desertion, then how easy it would be to provide the grounds.

We have seen that very result exemplified in our own country, as our divorce-and-remarriage rate grows and swells. No, this is a case where God must hold the line firmly or God's cause is lost.

It is a case where an individual (an innocent deserted mother, for example) is sometimes called upon to suffer for the common good. Those who say that the innocent should not have to suffer are saying in effect that virtue should be practiced only when virtue is easy. By this principle it would be quite all right for a Catholic caught in a Communist land to deny his Faith if it would keep him out of prison. By this principle martyrs would be fools, and goodness would simply depend upon how low the pressure was.

As the Catechism's section on the Catholic marriage sacrament of Matrimony says:

The deepest reason is found in the fidelity of God to his covenant, in that of Christ to his Church. Through the sacrament of Matrimony the spouses are enabled to represent this fidelity and witness to it. Through the sacrament, the indissolubility of marriage receives a new and deeper meaning.

(Catechism, 1647)

As for the deserted wife or lonely husband, God knows their problems better than anyone else. He can be depended upon to give the needed courage and strength and help if given the chance. The abandoned children need a father, yes; but they do not need a stepfather more than they need God. God will be doubly a Father to them.

Surely he can be given credit for caring at least as much as we.

A special blessing for a successful marriage

Of course, marriage is

so much more than just a permanent commitment. It is the place where a man and a woman seek—and find—deep union with each other. It is where spouses cooperate with God in the creation of new life. It is a channel of divine grace, and a place of life-long support and love—love which is a beacon of God's own love for us, a testament of faith to the world.

The bride and groom who are seeking all the grace they can obtain for the fulfillment of their vocation will want to exchange the vows of Matrimony within a Nuptial Mass. The Nuptial Mass is a special Mass with a very special blessing which the Church provides in her liturgy for those who are embarking upon the holy vocation of marriage.

There is a special Mass of Ordination in the liturgy for the young man who is offering himself to God in the priesthood. There is a special Mass of Consecration for the offering of a new church edifice to God. It is not surprising, then, that there is a Nuptial Mass for the couple who are dedicating themselves to God as cooperators in his work of creation and redemption, as a little "church-within-a-church" in the Mystical Body of Christ.

It is a measure of the importance which the Church attaches to the sacrament of Matrimony.

A Catholic couple, both esteeming marriage as a vocation under God, receiving the sacrament of Matrimony after a chaste courtship in which prayer and the sacraments have kept God close, kneeling together to receive Holy Communion at their Nuptial Mass—there is a marriage upon which they, and all who love them, can pin their hopes.

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God Bless and I hope you have learned something about the seven sacraments of the Catholic Faith.

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# Opinions & Perspectives

## Thoughts from a Lummi Elder

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### Goodbye November

We celebrated Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Native American Day, American Diabetes Day, we attended the 1st Annual Lummi Day School Reunion, voted in tribal and national elections, it was AIDS Awareness Month, National Native American Heritage Month, Addiction Awareness Month, and it was the Marine Corps Birthday (USMC) November 10th and this is the beginning of the holiday day season.

### Native American Day-Month

A holiday celebrated in opposition to Columbus Day. The purpose of the day was to promote Native American culture and to commemorate the history of Native Americans. The celebration began in Berkeley, California, and Denver, Colorado. In 1990 President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 "National American Indian Heritage Month."

### Veteran's Day

The Veterans had an Honor breakfast at the Silver Reef Event Center. It was special to see our men and women who proudly served. Lummi has two surviving WWII Veterans, Clifford Charles and Lawrence "Spaghetti" Tom. We listened to war stories from WWII to Enduring Freedom and a few actions in between. We love and honor our Veterans for their courage, valor and the sacrifices made. They fought in weather we cannot imagine from extreme cold in Germany and Korea to the sweltering heat in jungles of Vietnam to the dry desert heat of Afghanistan. Remember our boys who gallantly fought in Normandy, Tripoli, Kosovo, and Iraq. Saying thank you never seems adequate for the battles they fought. Love and Prayers to all Veterans and to those who are standing watch tonight. Our hands are raised to you. Hy'shqe \o/

### Happy 239th Birthday Marines!

The United States Marine Corps celebrated its birthday on November 10th. Their birthday is a day of pride and respect,

and the celebration is one of the most revered traditions in the Corps. Each year, Marines around the world celebrate what they see as their "second" birthday, the day the United States Marine Corps was born. Happy Birthday Jarheads! Leathernecks!

### Elders on the Go!

Elder's Dinner at Nooksack was the perfect close to the travel season. The Nooksack people put on an awesome event. We filled our bellies on a turkey dinner complete with all the trimmings. There was a raffle with lots of prizes and give-aways. We thank the Nooksack Tribe for a memorable, fun filled day. Congratulations Buster James for winning the grand prize, a flat screen TV. Whooot!

Elder's Luncheon at the Silver Reef Casino Event Center every second Tuesday of the month except for November 2014, lunch was held on Wednesday. The food was good. When the Elders get together it's awesome especially story telling, sharing news and breaking bread. Dr. Janine Shaw, Lummi Tribal Health Center Clinical Director, discussed the dangers of diabetes. She answered questions and handed out pertinent information about the disease.

We traveled to Tulalip Bingo, as always, was exciting as ever and loads of fun. Seems like everyone yells "Bingo!" except me. It amazes me how one player can keep up with a table full of cards.

Shopping in Bellingham is usually every Wednesday. We load up the bus and away we go. If you would like to go shopping, please check with Cas Ballew, Transportation Coordinator for dates and times. You can contact him at 758-3500 or stop by the Transportation office at Little Bear Creek. Keep in mind all trips are based on availability.

Little Bear Creek had a chocolate making class and oh what fun it was. We used our fingers to mix the melted chocolate. Putting the gooey mixture into chocolate cups was an art in itself. We put walnuts, coconut, marshmallows and other goodies in our individual chocolates. The end result was absolutely

yummy.

### Elders Speak

Views and opinions expressed by the Elders are their comments and concerns and not that of the writer.

Henry Laclair "Uncle Gordon (Charles) calls me 'Henry the 9th' because I'm the last one to arrive at the dinner table. I like it. I feel comfortable at Little Bear. Everyone is friendly. I really enjoy playing cards with the boys."

David Phair: Would like to get a cribbage tournament going.

Harold Buster James "When I was a kid, oh maybe 17, I was fishing late at night. I was picking up my net when I thought I was in for the fight of my life. I had a 61 pound king in my net. I fought to get that fish in the boat for a long time. I was exhausted, so was the fish. I had the hardest time pulling that great big fish into the boat but I finally got him. True story."

Anonymous: "When do we get our Christmas checks? It would be nice to know when and where the checks will be distributed. You know, it's something to look forward to. It makes Xmas a lot merrier. The anticipation of shopping is exciting. Thank you LIBC for helping us old folks on fixed incomes to enjoy the holidays."

Kwoselwet: "It's fun writing Lummi Elders - Senior Scene. You asked to write an article you could call your own appointing me your public relations person. So that's how it all began. It's challenging. Thank you beloved Elders for having faith and confidence in me. Oh, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and the Happiest of Holidays! Love, hugs and prayers!"

### Halloween Party!

It would be remiss if I did not mention the Halloween party. It was fun, fun, fun! We dressed in traditional, and not so traditional, Halloween costume get-ups for the party. Janice Finkbonner (witch), Rena Ballew (Lori/Dolly Parton), Jack Cagey (The Lone Stranger), Diana Dixon (Vaudeville) and Beverly Cagey (the Devil Wears Prada) all received gift cards for their lunacy. The raffle was pretty awesome.

Everyone was a winner. The Elders really know how to do Halloween. Thanks to Marcell Hillaire and her cooking crew for the fabulous dinner. Thanks to Lois Cadiente and her activity crew for making many of the prizes and she did a knock out job decorating Little Bear. Thanks to Jackie Ballew, Manager, for allowing us to raise the roof. It was all about good food, a good time and lots of good laughter.

### Ebola

Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever or the Ebola virus. According to the Center for Disease Control, (CDC) there's no significant risk of Ebola in the United States. You cannot get the virus from air, water, or food. A person who has Ebola but doesn't have symptoms can't spread the disease.

### Circle of Life

Protect the Circle of Life by getting yourself up-to-date with your vaccinations. If you didn't get your flu shot you better get to your healthcare provider and take care of it. Ask if your shots are current, if not, bring them current. If you had chicken pox as a child you should consider getting vaccinated for Zoster (Shingles). Talk to your clinician about HepA and HepB, pneumococcal and all vaccines. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) getting your shots is a lifelong, life protecting job.

### Inclement Weather

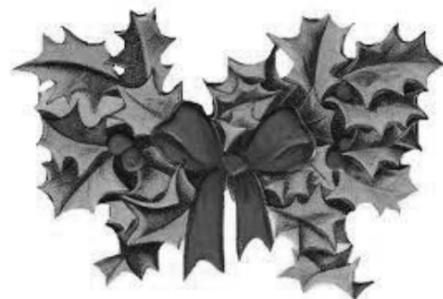
Be extra careful during inclement weather. Keep a watchful eye for patchy ice on your walkway; keep them clear. Road conditions are extremely hazardous covered with black ice and/or compact snow and ice. Winterize your home and vehicles. Make sure you have adequate heating. Before a cold snap it's best to have your water pipes wrapped. Don't try to shovel snow off your walkways, get one of your grown adult kids to do it for you. Dress warm-

ly, coats, scarfs, sweaters, hats, gloves, warm boots, leg wraps or two pair of pants, don't get caught out in the cold. If the conditions are that bad, it's best to stay home. If you need help with heating, call Energy Assistance. Make sure you have flashlights if the power goes out and keep a fresh water supply. A nice cup of hot tea and a warm fire will see us through.

### Christmas

To the Christian world, it's the quintessence of the birth of the Savior, the Christ Child. We attend Midnight Mass; families gather together worshipping in prayer the blessed event and the nativity. Commercially, it's shopping, wrapping presents, caroling, decorating the tree, baking pies and other decadent desserts, parties for young and old, extravagant dinners prepared with love from old family recipes. Then here comes Santa! No matter how you celebrate the holiday, please be safe. Don't use candles or open flame ornaments, not a good idea. Be watchful for toys on the floor, don't trip. Bundle up when going out, it's cold, wet snow and ice. Don't drink and drive; the eggnog might taste a little too good. Do everything in moderation. Enjoy that big holiday dinner, just take smaller portions. If you're diabetic, don't drink alcohol. One alcoholic beverage can contain up to as much as one cup of sugar. After dinner go for a walk, move around. Don't let those dead calories get you by being a couch potato.

My Beloved Elders, have a safe and happy holiday season. Enjoy a feast with family and friends. Thank a Veteran, spoil the grandkids, hug your mate or significant other. Write or call a loved one in the combat zone. Take care of yourself, take care of each other. Each in his own words. Each in his own way. For a world united in Peace, let us bow our heads and pray.



# In Loving Memory

## June R. Wolverton



Passed away very unexpectedly on November 13, 2014 in Bellingham, Washington.

June (Calimbas) Wolverton was born on June 28th, 1956 in Paniquil, Tarlac Philippines to Melencio Sanches Calimbas and Demetria Corpus Calimbas.

She is survived by her husband, Bob (Robert) L. Wolverton; son Robert P. Wolverton; brothers: Ruben (Amelia) Calimbas, Joseph Calimbas; nephews; grand nephew; along with numerous "adopted" kids and grandkids; and her life-long LIBC/Lummi Nation family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Melencio Calimbas, and Demetria Corpus Calimbas.

## A Heartfelt Hy'shqe

The staff of the Financial Services Office would like to extend our deepest gratitude for the support shown by the Lummi Indian Business Council and by the Office of the General Manager as we made arrangements for our dearly departed friend and colleague, June Woolverton. Your support was a beautiful tribute to her devoted service to our community. We would also like to express our recognition of the tremendous outpouring of love from the community and to offer our thanks to everyone who helped out in our time of need. We are so appreciative of the understanding we were shown in the days leading up to her services when the offices were closed. It has been a difficult time for us all, but your patience and understanding have helped us immeasurably.



## Morris H. Bland



Sunrise: February 7, 1959

Sunset: September 27, 2014

Sister: Carol Perry;

Brother: Les (Roz) Bland;

Nephew: Patrick Jefferson



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# Announcements

Michael Peters 12/29/14. I would like to wish you a Happy Birthday, and may your day be filled with lots of love and happiness. Thank you for always being there for me. You so deserve to have the best day ever. Love you.  
Hugs & Kisses Judy W

I would like to send out a Birthday wish to my daughter Destanie Jefferson 12/7/14. I hope your day will be filled with lots of joy and happiness baby girl, Mama loves you so much. Hugs and kisses from me & your sisters.

Happy Birthday Amanda Marie Peters, my life long friend. From next door neighbor to thousands of miles apart I thought of you on your Bday. After 50+ years of travel, here we are both back at Lummi. May it ever be so humble, there's no place like home. It's been one heck of a ride! Friends Forever  
DeeDeeDixon



Wishing my grandson Anton Arthur a Very Happy 7th Birthday on December 18th. Love you Lots Your Kautsa



SWEET 16

From a pretty little princess to a flowering rose! It seems only yesterday I was wiping your nose! Now you're in high school, and you have a job! I'm not really sure where the time's gone! What I do know is we are lucky to have such a smart and beautiful daughter! Happy 16th Birthday Dearousha! Love you!  
Mom, and Papa Bear



want to wish my Husband a very happy 46th Birthday. I hope you have a very special day.  
Love Your Wife- Vanessa Solomon

want to wish my Sister Tami Julius a very Happy Birthday. I hope you a have a real good Birthday... Love you Sister... Vanessa

Happy Birthday to our Niece Coreen LaClair on December 2nd! Love you babe! Merry Christmas to all the Lummi Community!  
Henry, Yvonne & family!

I would like to wish my Husband Robert Washington and my Mother in Law Sandra Washington a Happy Birthday in December... And a Merry Christmas to all the Family....

Happy Birthday to my son Robert Johnson born December 7th and my son Kent Johnson born December 21st. Wishing you a blessed and peaceful Holiday. Love you, Mom



Happy 1st birthday to our December 26th baby, Arianna Olsen.. Mom-Mom, Dad-Dad & Ya-Ya(Araya) love you so much Baby girl J

December 17~ Wishing Angela Gaona-Turner a Birthday as Special as you. Thank You for all you do for my kiddo's and all the community. We Love You! Bobby, Kimberly, & kiddo's



December 21~Happy Birthday Bobby Davis III. Thank You for all you do. We Love You Over the Moon Past the Stars Always & Forever

December 13~ Wishing Tara Olsen a very Happy Birthday with many good wishes! Bobby, Kimberly, & the kiddo's



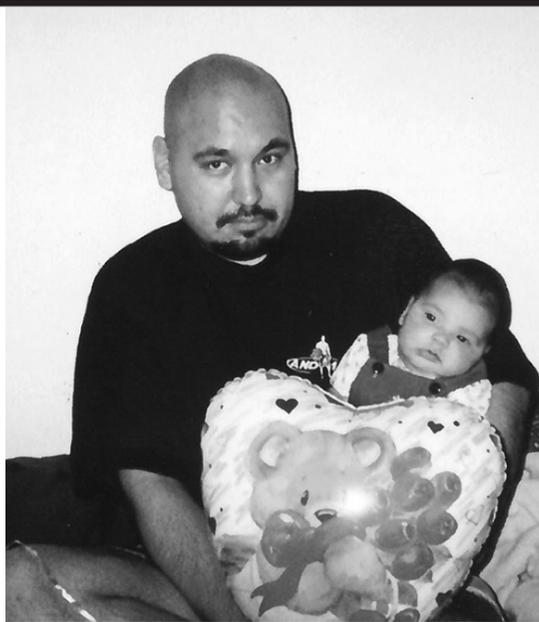
Happy Birthday to our baby and our #1! I love you Nana and wish you the happiest of all birthdays! You have given us so much happiness and filled our hearts more than we could have imagined. You are papas sidekick, the one who started date night, always taking care of Papa when he didn't even know he needed taking care of. You are our blessing and we love you always!  
Love, Grandma



December 18th: Anton Turns 7! Wishing him a Happy Birthday and many many more to come! Love Auntie Landa & Uncle Ronnie. Happy 7th birthday to our Indian Ironman Anton! We love you! Love Mom, Dad & Sister

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Dec. 14, 1998. Happy Birthday "Sweet 16" Dearousha Jefferson. Love always, Dad, Jesse, Laney and Mariah.



December 22~Happy Birthday Dad Luke G. Lane



December 20~sending big Birthday wishes to Auntie G today! Thank You for Always being here for me. Love You Jenessa

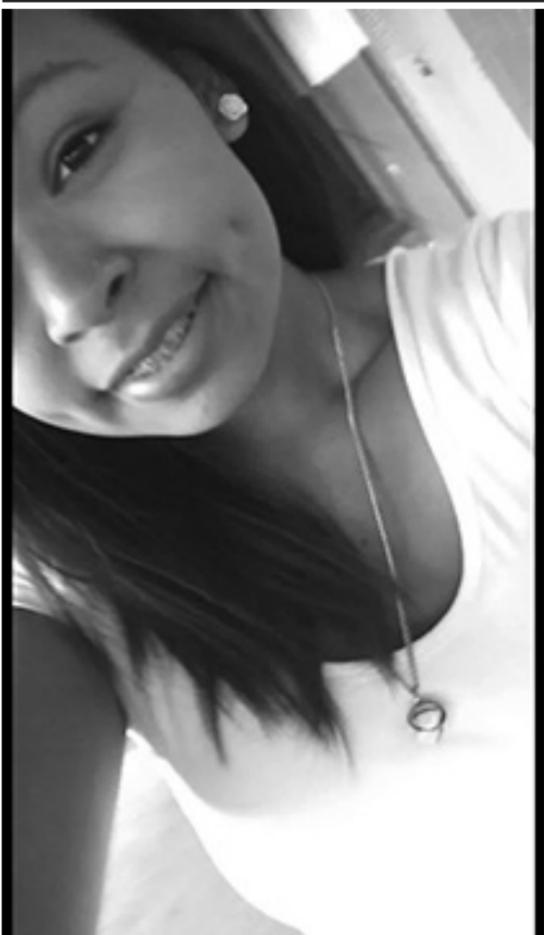


December 21~ The Best Birthday Gift Ever, my Sister giving birth on my birthday. Seems like yesterday you were a little bellybutton and in a blink of an eye We have had the pleasure of watching you grow into a Handsome, Smart, Loving Young man. Words can not express how Proud we are of you. Wishing you all the Best in the years to come. Happy 18th Birthday Deanie Williams

December 17~ Happy Birthday Keith Tom! Thank You for all you do for all the youth. Have a good day ~Ayiana



Happy Birthday Gina Beana Dec 11th. Your family loves you very much!



Happy 16th birthday Dearousha!! Have a wonderful day. Wishing you the best :) ~Ayiana



Happy Birthday to Kaylen Jeffery David Lane 12-9-04. Tishara, Michella, Alexie, MonaJo, Uncle Bill & Auntie Mary Love you lots!



Happy Birthday to Papa's #1! My Nana, you have been a blessing since day one and never cease to amaze me with your love, compassion and at such a young age to be a caretaker. Always checking up on Papa and your ability to always know when something's not right. I love you and couldn't be prouder to be your Papa. Happy Birthday #1 Baby!



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Happy Birthday to my #1 very first princess Tishara-lee Celeste. Mommy loves you with all my heart BabyGirl. You are such a responsible, intelligent, beautiful young lady! I look forward to your older years because I trust that you will be as well behaved as you are now! Reach for the stars my sweetie, I love you & Happy 10th Birthday! 12-8-04!!!!



I would like to wish my little me "Ashley May Lawrence" a very (Dec. 17th) Happy "21st" Birthday! May there be many more to come! Love you Always, Ever and Ever, Promise Mom



Happy "10th" Birthday to our Scoop dat goes to da Hoop! Dana Cooper! Dec. 5th. Love Always Grandma, Papa, Rachel, Trevor, Collin, Lindy, and Richard



Shout out to my family- Merry Christmas to each and everyone of my family members and to all. Please have a safe and memorable Christmas and Happy new Year!!!! Love you all, from Michelle and family.



Shout out to Ryan Scott- Happy Birthday! December 15th We just wanted to say Happy Birthday, we hope you enjoy your day, oh yeah Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family. Love You, from Sister Sharon and cousin Michelle.



Bottom left to right: John S., Shotzie, Mike W., Chuggie. Top Left to right: Grampa Felix, Ted J., Grandma Dora, Ellie S., Tina J.

Happy Birthday Nick, December 2nd; Alberto, December 6th; Maggie, December 8th; Brandon, December 8th; Gib, December 21st; Lisa Rose, December 24th; Shotzi, December 29th. Love you all, have very Happy Birthdays, love from Auntie Candy.



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Happy Birthday My Michella Marie (AKA Mikaa) I love you my little Mini Me. You are such an awesome big sister. I know that whenever mommy is not around, your little sisters would be ok. You have such a big heart and always thing about others. Happy 9th Birthday My Love. 12-28-05!



Happy Birthday Boy (aka Landon Angelo LaFontaine)!!!! Auntie Mary, Uncle Bill, Tishara, Michella, Alexie and Baby Mona Jo love you whole bunch! 12-15-08



Happy Birthday Nana!!! Thank you for being such a great big cousin and one of my best friends! Love you so much!! -Loren Cultee III

To the THOMAS FAMILY IN SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN LUMMI~  
 The anxiety of finals has come and gone and we now await the RESULTS of your labor. Remember our Mom and Dad always said "Just do your level best and all will be fine". I know we had some fearful things happen this quarter but we soldiered up kept moving forward in a positive way. At that given moment you continued to give it "your level best". Be proud of yourself as you did not throw in the towel nor did you walk away. Troubled times will always come and go but at the end of day we will always be "family". Be proud of yourself just as much as we are, regardless of the outcome. Now, this past month we gave "thanks" for everything and everybody in our life. This Christmas Holiday we continue that strong walk of faith and belief that tomorrow will be better. We give thanks and praise to all the Angels who watch over us on a daily basis and we remember all who have gone before us. So for today we will sing hymns of praise and we will sing many verses of HAPPY BIRTHDAY along with HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!! AND CAKE! YES! We will eat cake!! YUM!! Please join the THOMAS FAMILY in wishing the following exactly those two things...

- 2 Leanna "Annish" Thomas
  - 4 Jasmine "Jazzy" James
  - 5 Verne Johnson Jr. (RIP)
  - 9 Bernie and Pam's Wedding Anniversary
  - 11 Kathleen "Chatty" James
  - 14 Braden "Neph" Hillaire
  - 14 King "SON" Mike
  - 23 Irene "Evie" Hillaire
  - 28 Emily and Al Wedding Anniversary
  - 29 Mike "Spike Jones" Peters
  - 30 Melissa and King Wedding Anniversary
- From start to finish in this month we will be celebrating for all the great reasons!! Wishing each of you wonderful things on YOUR DAY...remember you must...GGEEEEET OUUUT ANNND WWWAAALLLK!! Love you each only everyday...yes only every day...333 always and just for bro Berns...444!! ROR!  
 To "Our John" I wish you a Very Merry Christmas and happiness in the coming New Year. I can't believe a year has come and gone and it's time to begin a new! So many things have happened this past year. Some good others were rough. Thank you for being at my side for those times when they were the worst. I thank you for being in my life and that of my family. We are blessed. Happy Holidays to you, I love you. Seiah.



Happy Birthday to my beautiful great granddaughter, Aubryanna on December 22nd. I love you and am so proud of you in every way. XOXO. Nari

Happy Birthday to my lifelong friend, Amanda Peters. Born in the 40s, bussed to off rez schools in the 50s, danced the craze in the 60s, so who remembers the 60s? 70s? Ok Miss Manda, have the best Birthday ever. Keep making those crazy memories. Love ya! DeeDee



I would like to wish the most amazing girl a Happy 8th Birthday, Aubryana Ellen. You are my best friend and I couldn't imagine my life without you. You are a kind, sweet, amazing young lady. We love you and are so proud of you Nana Banana. Love, Mom, Dad and Xavier



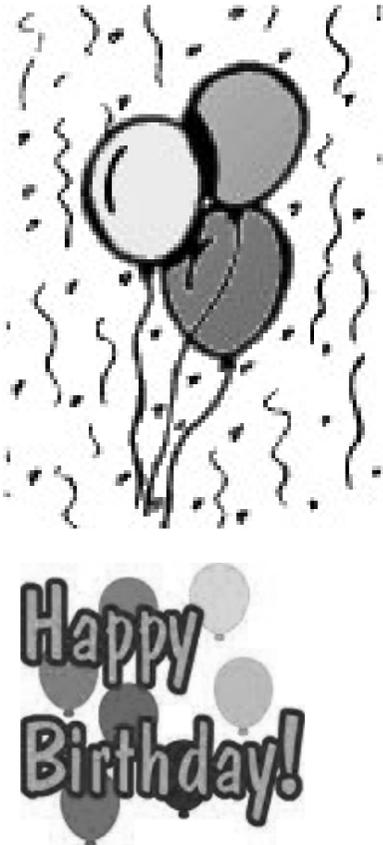
Happy Birthday Aubryana Ellen Jefferson!! My little Mini me!! I love you baby, you are growing up so quick and making us all so proud!! Keep up the good work in school, remember to always have fun, and share your beautiful smile with everyone!! Love you Neicy! Love Aunty Tricia Ellen

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left to right back row: Steve and Maureen Kinley, Teresa Taylor, Lyn Dennis, Clay and Della McCluskey, Josie Jones, Sharon Johnson, and Ralph Scott, Jr.  
 left to right front row: Ralph and Rosalie Scott, Willie Jones Sr., and Julie Johnson.  
 Ralph and Rosalie Scott celebrated their 54th Wedding Anniversary at the Swinomish Casino and Hotel's restaurant, "13 Moons."



Happy Birthday to my big cousin Nana Ellen!!  
 Hope you have a happy birthday and share your cake with me!  
 Love Alice Francel

## 2014 JOM December Birthday 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Johnny Washington	2	3 Richard Ballew Mia James	4 Jasmine James Tracy Powell	5 Dana Cooper Keyonee Morris Glen Parker	6 Salena Phair-Gomez
7 Destanie Jefferson	8 Jesse Rensink Aolani Bumatay Tisharalee Jefferson Fedelina Ortez Alexander Phair Kahlao Young	9 Kaylen Lane Isaiah Morris	10 David Misanes	11 Gabriel Bob Raeshawn Lawrence Cayden Castle Brielle Ford Buddy Lawrence	12 Demairus Lane Chiara Solomon Vanity Washington	13 Aubree James Dominic Solomon-Smith Marissa Wilson
14 Samantha Bob Dearousha Jefferson King Mike	15 Nicole Morris Henry Jackson Landon Lafontaine Julia Lawrence Emily Lawton	16 Christian Cultee Ryleigh Fowler Robyn Jones Rena Lane	17 Kenneth Cooper	18 Jack Horn Dezmen Lawrence	19 Mahnia Johnson Rosalee Ob lad	20 Kylee Lawrence Tristin Morris Jeremy Solomon
21 Jucena LaClair Jeremiah Covington Hunter Ford Trenten Ford Haley Francis Watiko Leighton Jaydalee Martin Abbiegale Washington Dean Williams	22 Aubryana Jefferson Skyler Smith Corrine Solomon	23 Correen Cladoosby Siselya Martin	24 Anthony Felix Darius Rau Isaiah Yzarris	25 Abigail Ricker	26 Kya Agecutay Daniel Holmes	27 Montoya Martin David Rabang II
28 Cole Baker Malikie Bill-Wilson Michelle Jefferson	29 Ethan Aluld Shayla Pitt	30 Ryan Jefferson Josie Nuetzel	31 Heaven James Elijah Wilson			

Cooperative Extension Invites you to join us for the  
Holiday Budgeting & Make-n-Take



Join the NWIC Financial Literacy and Lummi Plants and Food Programs for tips to create a holiday spending plan, ideas for inexpensive home made gifts and make & take projects.

**Enjoy Holiday Treats & Door Prizes!!**

**\*\*All classes will be held at  
Cooperative Extension (Bldg #20)**

Friday, December 15th, 2014

1:00-5:00pm

Activities include: Christmas wreaths, mini Christmas trees, glass etching, Beading, & Herbal Gift Making

*Kid's X-mas Crafts!*



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December 15-19  
8:30am-3:30pm @ Wexliem  
Movie Passes w/  
McDonalds Gift Card  
First Come, First Served**

**Christmas Food  
Basket distribution:  
Elders: 10AM  
December 22  
Lummi Community:  
8:30AM  
December 23**

**Celebrate**

*The holiday  
season together!*

**2014 LUMMI NATION  
HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**DINNER**      **RAFFLE**  
**PHOTO BOOTH**      **MEET SANTA**  
**CANDY BAGS**      **CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

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**December 13th, 2014**

**Bellingham High School**

**8:30 am - 1K Kids Fun Run with the Elves  
9:00 am - 5K Run/Walk and Dog Trot**

**To register call LFC 360-380-6964**