Tribal Times



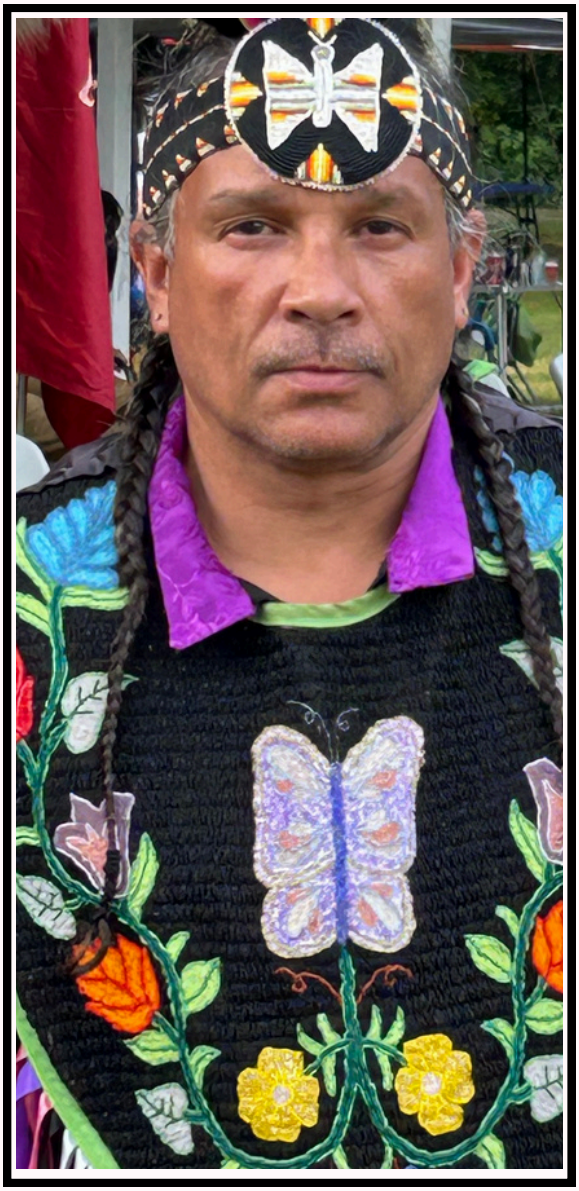
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Message from the Tribal Chairman:
Chief Urie Ridgeway

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Greetings Tribal Nation

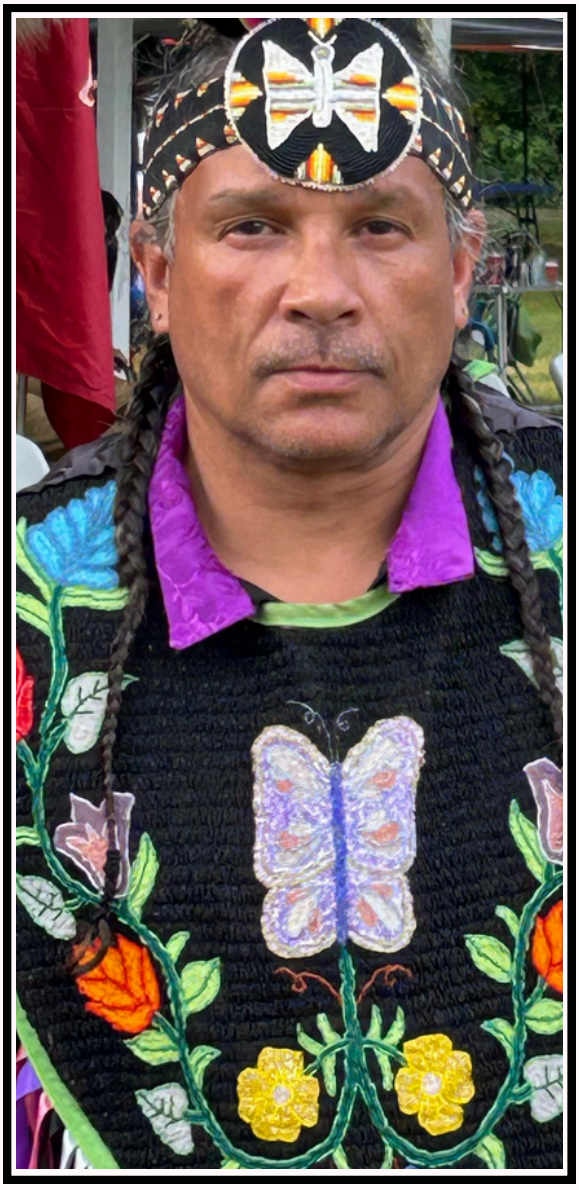
It is an exciting time for us. There are many positive things happening within our tribe. But first, I pray the Creator has given each of you and your families many blessings this summer. Let's start with Achimwit! If you have been to the property lately, you have seen that site work has begun for the museum's parking and storm drainage areas. Soon storm pipes and electrical wires will be placed. The Architect has submitted renderings of the floor plan and exterior finishes. Work is expected to begin inside the building within the next few weeks. Now the work begins for the curation of art for the museum. This project has been a long time coming! We hope Achimwit fulfulls the vision of all of those who started tis project so long ago!

Were you ever curious about how our community came to be who we are today? Then please attend...

OUR PEOPLE, OUR LAND, OUR HISTORY SYMPOSIUM
On August 22, 2026 at 10 am at the Luciano Theater on Rowan's College of South Jersey, Vineland campus our Nation is hosting a symposium that will provide a detailed history of our Tribal Nation bu presenting Tribal history, genealogy, history documents and show historical ties with the local Lenape and Nanticoke reservations. As emphasis will be placed on demonstration our Tribal sovereignty and countering the false narrative of our Tribe as a "Pretendian" nation. We are looking forward to your support. Please speak to Councilwoman Madeline Fisher or myself for details on how you can help. After the symposium, everyone is invited to return to the tribal land for dinner and a Red Blanket Singer. Food donations are needed for the dinner.

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Chief Urie Ridgeway

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The Summer youth camp is also happening. July 26 - 31 from 9 am - 3 pm. Please consider bringing your kids out to attend.

It was great seeing everyone at our annual pow-wow. You all showed up in force and made it a success. Special thanks to our pow-wow chair, Duncan Munson and the rest of the pow-wow committee.

I am asking we all continue to work together to achieve the many goals that we have placed on ourselves. As long as we remember "Community... Family... Self" then we will continue to be a Great Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation

Respectfully,
Urie Ridgeway
Chief
Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation

Ceremonial Committee:
Tribal Committee

July 2026



The Gathering and Naming Ceremony will be held on October 2026

If you are interested in naming someone or being named and would like more information, please contact the tribal center at (856) 455-6910.

Citizenship committee has reconvened meetings. They have created a new citizen card design and are able to print and issue new cards. The committee has now started to review the process of new citizen applications.

I would like to thank the citizens for having patience as we get back on track with the process. I would like to give thanks to the following committee members for their dedication and time spent bringing our community up to speed.

Joan Pierce, Mel Pierce, Joanne Lockman, Linda Goff, Charlene Johnson, Donna Morris, Pat Pierce, Linda Jackson, Harry Jackson

Citizenship Report

New Tribal Members
Scott Pierce
Sherry (Seeney) Mast.

Join us in welcoming them to our Tribal Nation
and encourage them to get involved!

Wanishi

Harry Jackson, Jr. Council Liaison

Committee Members

Joan Pierce, Mel Pierce, Joanne Lockman, Linda Goff, Charlene Johnson, Donna Morris, Pat Pierce, Linda Jackson, Harry Jackson



Pat Pierce missing from photo

photo courtesy Linda Jackson



Cultural Retention:
Charlene Johnson, Committee Chairwoman

July 2026

Save The Date For Our Fall Gathering 2026. October 17th - 18th. Doors open at noon on the 17th. Activities begin at 1 pm. Church service begins at 10 am on the 18th.

We are scheduling a bus trip to the Nanticoke Millsboro Pow-Wow in Delaware on Saturday September 12, 2026. Cost for transporation and admission into the Pow-Wow is $50. If you are interested in attending pleace contact the Turtle Trading Post (856)-455-6910 to reserve your seat on the bus.



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Cultural Retention:
Charlene Johnson, Committee Chairwoman

Thank you Lesley , Cory and Urie for your teachings!



Dance Practice

No dance practice has been scheduled at this time





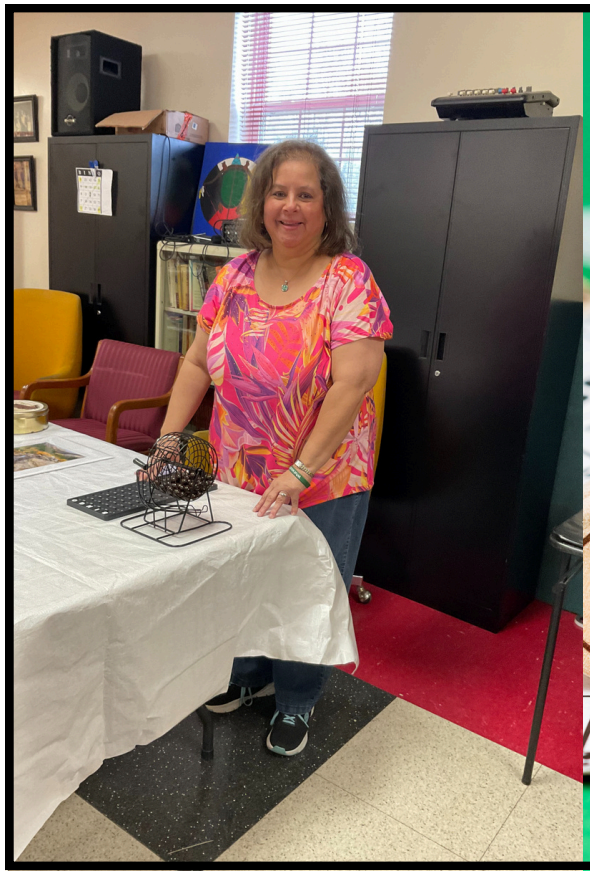




Elders Luncheon:
Romaine Street, Program Director

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Photos Courtesy of Linda Jackson





Elders Luncheon:
Romaine Street Sr., Program Director



The elders lunch program continues to grow and increase in attendance. Our bingo game time is still very competitive, challenging and enjoyed by all.

We are planning some theatre outings this year that are open to the public when seats are available. Fiddler on the Roof on Wednesday September 23, 2026 and Scrooge on Sunday December 6, 2026. We welcome anyone who is interested in joining us on either of our theatre experiences.

We are planning on doing something special with the assistance of the Office of Aging staff. Also looking into some type of chair yoga or stretching methods and or techniques, that would assist in better balance and overall health for all of our lunch participants. We continue to invest in our elders with new activities and adventures.

Federal Acknowledgment

Federal Acknowledgment Committee:
Madeline Fisher, Tribal Councilwoman

July 2026

Government Affairs/Federal Acknowledge Committee
Update 2026

Please plan to attend the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation Our People, Our Land, Our History Symposium being held on Saturday August 22nd at Rowan College of South Jersey, Vineland Campus in the Luciano Theather.

Generations of colonially imposed division has led to misunderstandings between Lenape Nations throughout Turtle Island, adversely affecting our ability to effectively express our sovereignty and self-determination as Lenape peoples. Entitled "Our People, Our Land, Our History," this symposium will be an important opportunity for our communities to come together on Lenapehoking and foster understanding about our diverse histories, heritages, and statuses. We will invite the three federally recognized Lenape tribes, the two Lenape First Nations communities in Canada, as well as public officials, educators, community organizations and leaders. In this way, we hope to give voice to our shared story, broaden perspectives and expand the awareness of our Indigenous communities.

Our tribal citizens along with tribal citizens of our sister communities are encouraged to join us for this important opportunity. Please pre-register by following the link in the QR code on the flyer below (use your phone camera to view the QR code and click the link that is displayes below the code).





Financial Update:
Tori Gould, Tribal Councilwoman and Treasurer

July 2026

We continue to receive generous donations from the public and within our tribal community and businesses.

We are in the midst of obtaining some donated investment properties from the United Methodist Conference. The council will be carefully making decisions on how to best utilize the gifted properties.

We have opened some interest-bearing accounts, etc. to better utilize our liquid assets.



We appreciate all the donations made to the tribe thus far, and would appreciate your consideration to continue your support so we may move our tribe forward in a productive way.

We have opened up a NEW Pay Pal account in which you can make donations to: https://www.nlltribalnation.org

Checks may be written to: Nanticoke-Lenape Indians of NJ with designation for the general operating account.

Mail to: 18 E. Commerce Street
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Wanishi,
Tori Gould
Tribal Treasurer



Groundskeeping:
Kevin Street Sr., Tribal Councilman

July 2026

We truly appreciate the hard work and dedication of our groundskeeper and housekeeping staff. A special thanks to Darlington Henry (Shuggie) for cutting the grass, he does a wonderful job. Also, a special thanks to our dedicated housekeepers, Donna Morris, Vivian Goldsboro, Gwen Street, Linda Pierce and Terri Fuller for keeping our tribal center clean. Last year we took on a new project to enclose the pavilion at the tribal center with a ceiling and new lights. The pavilion is just about complete and it's looking great. We would also like to thank Marquise Pitts for cutting the grass at the Penns Grove property.



Photo Courtesy of Sharon Goldsboro



Health and Wellness:
Sherry B. Caputo, Tribal Councilwoman

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No Updates At This Time

No Updates At This Time



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LIHEAP:

Kevin Street Sr., Tribal Councilman, Office Assistant, and Program Cordinator

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) program may help eligible participants (homeowners and renters) pay toward winter heating bills and medically necessary cooling costs.
Call for an appointment!

THE NANTICOKE LENNI LENAPE TRIBAL NATION

ARE YOU NATIVE AMERICAN WITH A TRIBAL AFFILIATION AND IN NEED OF HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE? IF YOU MAKE AT OR BELOW THE NEW JERSEY STATE MEDIAN INCOME, YOU MIGHT QUALIFY.

CALL TO INQUIRE TODAY!
(856)455-6910

Little Acorn
Elizabeth Munson

July 2026

Little Acorns will be meeting the 4th Saturday of every month
1 -2 pm at the Tribal Grounds

Little Acorns will resume meeting this fall





Javid Kshuxwe Ridgeway
New Dawn Youth Advisor

Lenape Immersion and Indigenous Youth Wellness Gathering

The New Dawn Youth Council was proud to have our Youth President, Braiden Gould, participate in a meaningful Lenape Immersion and Indigenous Youth Wellness Gathering with the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of the Mohican Indians of Wisconsin.

The gathering took place at The Center at Mariandale in Ossinging, New York, which is run by the Sisters of Hope of the Dominican Order. The center honored the sacred land and acknowledged the original Indigenous peoples who have lived along the Hudson River for generations.

This was a powerful opportunity for Indigenous youth to come together, learn fro one another and strengthen their connections. Throughout the gathering, participants took part in talking circles, traditional craft making and land acknowledgements at sacred sights. These experiences created space for the youth to reflect on who they are, where they come from and how they can continue helping and service their communities.

The trip was a great experience filled with learning, connection and cultural reflection. Experiences like this help strengthen Indigenous youth leadership and remind us of the importance of building relationships with other Native communities.

The New Dawn Youth Council is proud to continue creating opportunties for our youth to learn, grow, connect with other Indigenous communities and carry our traditions forward into the future.

Summited By Javid Kshuxwe Ridgeway



Personnel Committee:
Mel Pierce, Tribal Councilman

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As was highlighted in the last newsletter, the State of New Jersey had a grant that provided the hiring of a Health Services Coordinator for our Tribal Nation. The personnel committee interviewed the candidates and recommended to the Council that Joan Pierce be approved as the Tribal Health Services Coordinator. The Council approved the selection.

Joan has hit the ground running. In the first few weeks, she has been busy meeting with State contacts, like Rowena Madden, and tribal citizens to understand the needs of the community and the services that agencies can provide to the Tribe; assisting with the planning of the State Inter-Generational Conference; and researching topics for chronic diseases/conditions in the elderly and Veterans.

A Human-Interest Story:
Ryan V. Pierce, Little Eagle, is having a memorable, challenging and busy 3 months. He is a PhD candidate in NYC majoring in Theater & Performance; working on his dissertation; completed the winter/spring semester teaching a class; directed an "Off Off-Broadway" play; and closing out the last 3 weeks in the Land Down Under (Australia) and New Zealand while attending a 5-day International Conference on Theater Research in Melbourne; and interviewing selected professors and others related to his dissertation during the travels' and of course enjoying it all!

Ryan is the son of Estella and Mel Pierce.

Pow Wow Committee:
Duncan Munson, Committee Chairman

July 2026

Thank You!

Thank you all for a successful 45th Annual Strawberry Moon Pow-Wow. This year we shared our circle with 156 registered dancers and 4 drums. We were able to showcase the beauty we have in the community and present our very own Honor Guard for the first time. Like years past the committee worked hard to bring it all together. Two dozen vendors shared crafts and tribal members alike were able to reflect on memories while creating new ones. We are truly thankful for the support of the Pow-Wow year after year and only hope we can continue to uphold a tradition of its very own yet again next year.

New this year we also had a 5K run on Sunday which turned out great for its first year. We had 33 registered racers and about a dozen more walkers who just wanted to be active and raise awareness about diabetes. This is something we will look to hold again next year so be on the lookout for that. Once again on behalf of the pow wow committee I want to personally say thank you for your continued support. Also our 45th annual Pow-Wow books are available at the Turtle Trading Post.

Pow-Wow Chairman
Duncan Munson







Turtle Trading Post:
Linda Jackson

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Photos Courtesy of Linda Jackson

Turtle Trading Post

Store Hours :
10 am to 5 pm
Tuesday and Friday
18 E. Commerce Street,
Bridgeton NJ 08302
(856) 455-6910







Turtle Trading Post: Linda Jackson

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Photos Courtesy of Linda Jackson

In addition to items from our tribal artisans, we carry...

Sequoia-Proudly Indigenous

Currently, we are the only store in New Jersey that carries this line of native made soaps, lotions, sprays, lip balms, scrubs, candles, and essential oils. Scents include Sage, Sweetgrass, Skywoman, and Jingle Dress to name a few.

Native American Herbal Tea Company

Just a taste of Good Medicine, Green Tea and the ever so popular Tee Pee Dreams will keep you coming back for more!

Thunder Island Coffee Roasters

Gourmet Coffee from the Shinnecock Nation. Worth every penny!!

Minnetonka Moccasins

Handcrafted footwear influenced by traditional Native American Moccasins

Our specialty gift shop also carries greeting cards, flutes, and so much more!









Turtle Trading Post:
Linda Jackson

July 2026

Artist of the Month:

We love to highlight artists of our own! From beaded earrings, bone chokers, ribbon skirts, pine needle work, galore.
Stop by on
Tuesdays or Fridays
from 10 am to 5 pm
to see what's in store!
p.s. Red Blanket CDs are available if you are in need of some Pow Wow songs .

The 45th annual Pow-Wow Books are available for purchase at Turtle Trading Post

Photos Courtesy of Linda Jackson

Ways & Means

Ways and Means Committee:
Linda Jackson, Committee Chairwoman

July 2026

Shopping Passes are now available and may be used at any Boscov's or Online October 21, 2026.

Purchase your $5.00 pass at the Turtle Trading Post and be ready to save

Ways and Means would like to thank the tribal citizens ad all those who continue to support out fundraising efforts.





Ways and Means Committee:
Linda Jackson, Committee Chairwoman

July 2026

Photos Courtesy of Linda Jackson

Ways and Means

Back in Stock
Tribal Flags

New Items
Enamel Lapel Pins
Vinyl Logo Stickers
2027 Tribal Calendar

Ways and Means still has available...

Short-Sleeved Family T-Shirts
Family Sweatshirts
Tribal Pullover Hoodies
Tribal Zip-Up Hoodies
Tribal Magnets
Tribal Beanies
Tribal Baseball Hats
Tribal Garden Flags
Tribal Aprons
Available at Turtle Trading Post

Before we know it winter will be here. If you would like a tribal jacket please place your order soon

Here's how you can place your order:
Mail request to 18 E. Commerce Street, Bridgeton NJ 08302 c/o Ways and Means Committee,
Call (856) 455-6910, or Email your request to nlli.tradingpost@gmail.com
Please include the following when you order: Name, Phone Number, Address,
Jacket Color (Red or Black), Jacket Size, and Name to be placed on jacket.
Make checks payable to: NLLI Ways and Means
Black Nylon Jacket with Hood x-small to x-large $80.00 2xl $82.00 3xl $84.00 4xl $86.00 5xl $89.00
Red Nylon Jacket without Hood x-small to x-large $60.00 2xl $62.00 3xl $64.00 4xl $66.00 5xl $68.00
Add $7.00 to add a name to the front of the jacket
Jackets cannot be returned if a name has been added so be sure to order the correct size.
Jacket orders will be placed once we have a dozen orders.
We will contact you when the orders come in and make arrangements for pickup.

Shipping is available for an additional fee. Please call to inquire.

Our First Tribal Calendar for 2027
Cost is $25.00. Purchase at Turtle Trading Post





Keep The Date - November 7th
Tribal Holiday Bazaar

If you would like to be a vendor please contact
Linda at the Turtle Trading Post
(856)-455-6910

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Presented by the

Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation

Saturday – November 7, 2026

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

75 Westcott Station Road

Bridgeton, New Jersey 08302

Enjoy a day of fun and festive cheer. Start your holiday shopping early as you browse through our assortment of vendors and handcrafted items. Bake goods, crafts, food and much more!

Contact 856-455-6910 for crafter and vendor registration.



Nanticoke Lenni Lenape Tribal Nation



Vendors Application

Name:_____

Address:_____

Phone:_____

Product:_____

Tables: _____

Electric:_____

$20.00 Fee Per Table_____

(Non Refundable) November 7th, 2026 (9am-3:00pm)

Set up starting at 7:30 A.M.

Getting to know our Tribal Seniors



Linda Goff

What is your date of birth?
February 8, 1953

Place of birth?
Bridgeton, New Jersey

Name of your parents?
Nathan Cuff III & Louise (Pierce) Cuff

How many siblings do you have?
9 (2 Sisters and 7 Brothers)

Husband
William "Billy" Goff

Children: Tyese R. Goff-Still - Married to Troy Still
William "Bill" Goff

What was your childhood like?
We grew up on Colfax Street in Bridgeton. Moved to Stretch Road in Cohansey

Education
Bridgeton Schools
Alloway Elementary School, grades 7 and 8
Woodstown High School, Woodstown, NJ

What was your professional career and types of work you did?

Most of my jobs were in the school system - Fairfield Twp School, Cumberland County Vo-Tech Center, Deerfield Twp School and Cumberland Regional High School. After retirement in 2010 from Cumberland Regional HS, I worked part-time jobs: Seabrook House and Hallmark Cards.

Did your parents talk to you about your Native American cultural background?

My family never discussed race. I filled out the census one year and when I presented it to my Dad for his signature he said "I'm not Black." When I asked him what we were he said "Other." Around 1978 our tribe came out of hiding and started practicing the Native American Culture. It was hard for me to accept. My Mom's brother Lewis rey Squirrel" Pierce was the Chief! How could I deny it? I finally accepted my identity because I'm an "Other." I am somebody! When my grandchild was young, I took her to the NLLTN Youth Summer Camp. I was able to learn the Native Culture with her during this positive experience.

What words of wisdom would you like to share with the next generations?

Put God first in your life. He gives us so many promises for the future in His Word. He has kept all His promises. Study to show yourself approved (2 Timothy 2:15) He has a plan and a purpose for your life. (Jeremiah 29:11) Stay connected to God and watch the doors He opens for you. Get as much education as you can. It will open doors that will increase your ability to survive in this economy. Don't give up! Share your skills with your tribe, so our youth will not only know their culture, but share it with the next generation. Sooner or later the baton will be passed to you.

BE PREPARED TO LEAD YOUR TRIBE FORWARD!!

Thanks Linda for taking the time to answer these questions. I really appreciate your willingness to share a little bit of your life with us.



Birthday Wishes:

July 2026

Wëli katënami!

Please submit birthday names for the months of July, August, September by June 15, 2026 to nlli.tradingpost@gmail.com



July
Alice Stewart
Bernice Dewberry Street
Larry Brooks
Liz Munson
Sarah Waters

August
Florence Chailowa
Harry S. Jackson, Jr.
Mickey Ortiz
Romaine Street, Sr.
Sandi Panichelli
Tori Gould

September
Harry Gould, Sr.
Jesse Pierce
Kevin Street, Jr.
Linda Jackson
Marylou Brown
Robert C. Green
Terri Jackson Fuller
Tim Pierce

Forever In Our Heart

Obituary Notices:

July 2026

Please submit obituary notices from July through September 2026 to nlli.tradingpost@gmail.com

January 2026
Marquerite Shirley Yoshikawa
April 22, 1937 - January 26, 2026

March 2026
Kristie Lynn Pierce
May 29, 1977 - March 7, 2026

May 2026
Charles "Red Fawn" B.J. Green Jr.
August 19, 1985 - April 30, 2026



photo courtesy Sharon Goldsboro
Kelley"s Bathtub
Switzer Provincial Park

July 2026

Events:
Linda Jackson

2026 July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Tribal Council Meeting 7pm Tribal Grounds	7	8 Elder's Luncheon 10 am - 1 pm Tribal Grounds	9	10	11
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19	20	21	22 Elder's Luncheon 10 am - 1 pm Tribal Grounds	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Elder's Luncheon 10 am - 1 pm Tribal Grounds	30	31	



photo courtesy Sharon Goldsboro
Muncho Lake Provincial Park
British Columbia, Canada

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Events:
Linda Jackson

2026 August

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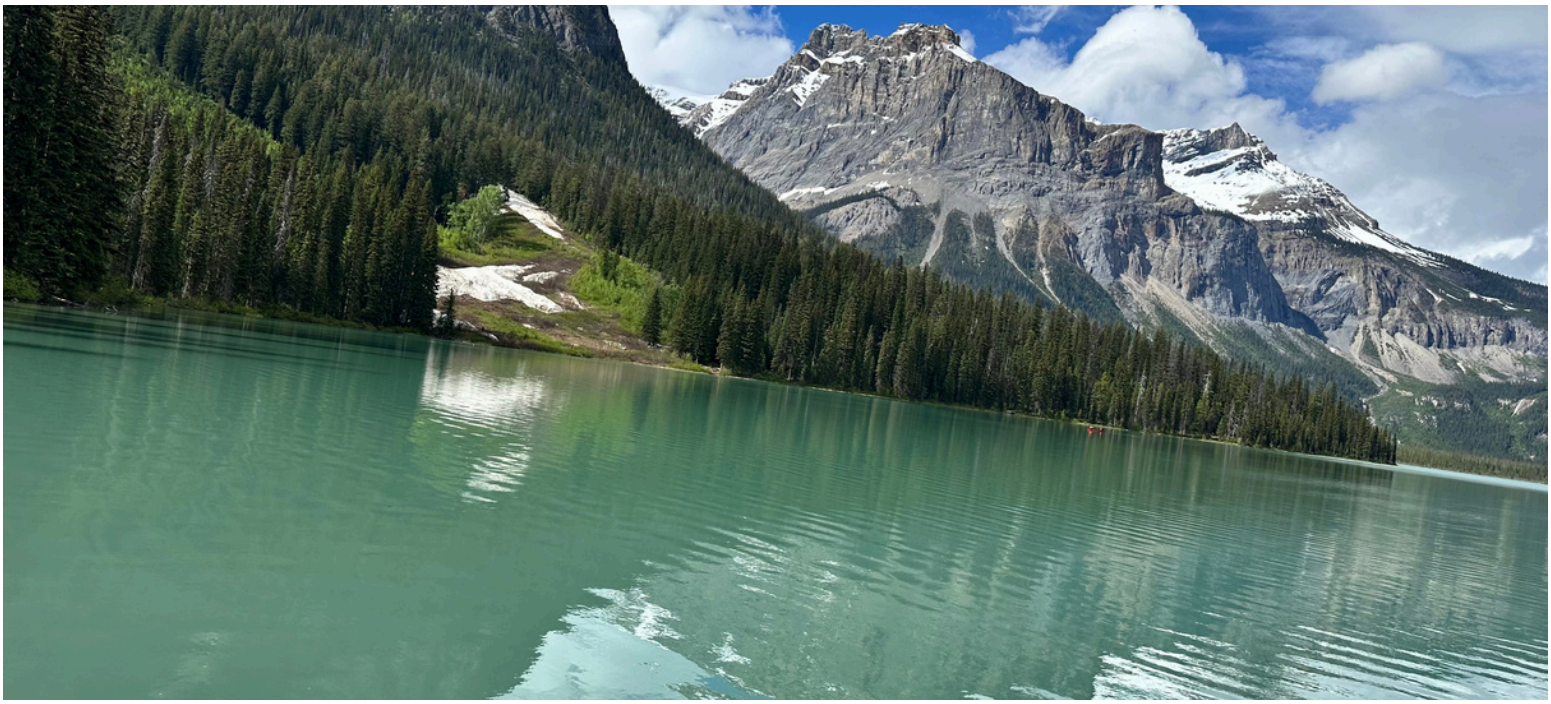


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Emerald Lake
Yoho National Park of Canada

Events:
Linda Jackson

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2026

September

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21	22	23 Elders trip Candle Light Theater 9am-5pm	24	25	26	27
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