



Snee-Nee-Chum

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Welcome Spring!

The days are getting longer, and the weather is warmer—sort of. Along with the seasonal change, the Nooksack Government's departments have several updates.

- The Behavioral Health phone number has changed
- Social Services is hosting new Fatherhood Wednesday Dinners
- Christmas Assistance checks are still available to those who haven't received them (see list on page 3).

Please join the Education Department in celebrating our youth stars. The kids have been working hard. And check out our new hires list. We have a new police chief to fill Jim Lynch's shoes as he heads into retirement. Welcome, everyone.

Upcoming Events:

April Tribal Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 3, 5:30pm
Community Building

Easter Service and
Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 8, 10:30am
Nooksack United Methodist
Church

May Tribal Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 1, 5:30pm
Community Building

New Chief of Police

We are sorry to say good-bye to our Chief of Police, Jim Lynch, but we wish him well in his retirement as he soaks up the sun in Arizona. We will miss you, Chief Lynch!

But we are also happy to welcome our new Chief of Police, Rory Gilliland, who will be a great addition to our police department. Chief Gilliland is an enrolled member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, from Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He has been in law enforcement for more than 37 years, with the last 19 years being in Indian country. Chief Gilliland started his career with the Thurston County Sheriff's Department, where he spent 17 years. He spent his next 8 years as Chief of the Squaxin Island Police Department, then 7 years as Chief with the Colville Tribal Police. Chief Gilliland then took on one of the greatest challenges of his career and in 2008, accepted the position as Chief with the Spokane Tribal Police, where he formed a new police department from the ground up.



Chief Gilliland is the father of three, all grown and college educated. He is a pilot, enjoys golf, and spends what little free time he has away from work as an umpire for high school baseball.

Chief Gilliland maintains an "open door" policy and welcomes community members to stop by the police department to discuss whatever is on their minds. Welcome, Chief Gilliland, to our police department and our community! ■

Nooksack Tribe Website

We want to invite you all to visit the Nooksack Indian Tribe's new and much improved website — www.nooksacktribe.org. Please consult this website for updated outreach regarding our Tribe, including information for:

- Tribal Council
- Departments
- Job listings
- Latest Nooksack news
- Our History
- Photos
- The Tribal Strategic Plan
- Links to monthly Snee-Nee-Chum newsletter

For more information, contact Roxanne Murphy, Special Assistant to the Government Services Executive, rmurphy@nooksack-nsn.gov, or call (360) 592-5176, ext. 3287. ■

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Nooksack Family Services

Child Support main number (360) 306-5090

Indian Child Welfare main number (360) 306-5090

News from Nooksack Family Services

Nooksack ICW Grant Awards

The past couple of months have been a time of great change for the Nooksack ICW Program. First, we were awarded two new grants:

1. **Children Exposed to Violence:** A Department of Justice Grant for which there were 288 applicants from across the nation and 17 grants were awarded. Nooksack is one of only two Tribal grant recipients.
2. **ICW-TANF:** A grant from the Administration for Children and Families.

These new grants allow us to refocus our efforts on taking a proactive approach to working with families at risk for child abuse and neglect so that we can work to prevent disrupting families while stabilizing placements for children who have been removed.

In our efforts to offer new resources, we have been able to add some new staff members to our already dynamic ICW Team of Bernie Roberts, ICW Caseworker II/Safe Havens Coordinator; and Denise Jefferson, ICW Caseworker II. Please help us in welcoming:

- Bobbie Hillaire – ICW Program Manager
- Kate Newton – ICW Caseworker II
- Esther Grummel – ICW Caseworker II.

If you have any questions about a CPS referral for child abuse and neglect, a dependency, foster care, or at-risk youth case, please come see us. Please also give us a call or come into the office if you have any interest in being a foster parent! We look forward to working with you and your families.

Nooksack Child Support Program

Tax season is upon us. One of the most effective ways to enforce child support is through the interception of tax refunds. If you have received notice that your tax refund is going to be intercepted, we may be able to help you get some of your refund back in the following circumstances:

1. If you owe back child support to Washington State, you may be able to get some of your tax refund back by filing a hardship claim; OR
2. If you are married and file jointly, your spouse may be entitled to 50% of the tax refund even though you owe back support by filing an Injured Spouse Claim.

In either case, come see us and we will work with you to determine if we can be of assistance. (Please note, however, that we are not tax professionals and cannot give tax advice.)

We are located in the Tribal Services Building at 5061 Deming Road in Deming. ■

Nooksack Behavioral Health Address

2505 Sulwhanon Dr., Everson, WA 98247 / P.O. Box 157, Deming, WA 98244

Phone: (360) 966-2376 Fax: (360) 966-3413



Fatherhood/Motherhood Invites YOU to Wednesday Night Dinners

Where: Community Building

2515 Sulwhanon Dr., Everson, WA 98247

When: Every Wednesday Night, 6-7:30 pm

Join us on April 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th!

A weekly chance for you to share a meal, connect with other parents in the community, brush up on and exchange your knowledge of topics such as; child discipline, Positive Indian Parenting, child support, financial literacy and job skills, healthy relationship skills and many others.

For more information, to RSVP or to arrange for transportation please contact Karolina Lobrow or Eugene Aldredge, social services at (360) 592-0135



Nooksack Tribal Members MISSING ADDRESSES

The Nooksack Tribe issued Christmas Assistance checks in December 2011. The following names of tribal members listed below have checks that have been returned to the Tribe.

Update Your Information – To ensure you receive your check, please update your address information with Leah Zapata at the Tribe's Accounting office, and she will forward your information to Enrollment. If you know any of the tribal members listed below, please let them know and/or if you know their information, please contact Leah by mail at Nooksack Tribe, PO Box 157, Deming WA 98244 OR by phone (360) 592-5176 Ext. 3278. *Thank you.*

Dominic L. August 2073	Amy Elkins 1079	Cynthia James 1460	Samson Phillips 1591
Dianna J. Baker-Louch 2118	Gerald Elkins 1012	Benjamin Jules 995	Cary Rae 1556
Thrisha Belka 925	Teresa Elkins 1013	Brian Julian 1264	Karen Reid 783
Guy Rollie Brown 1278	Kathleen Foster 750	Fred Julian 785	Thomas Sandlin 1545
Angela Campo 1039	Audrey M. George 230	Jack Keewatinavin 1468	Kim Savino 554
Amelia Celestine 65	Brandon George 1848	James Kelly Sr 350	Williams Savino 558
Michael Cerna 1406	Frances George 1847	Janice Lopeman 383	Francisco Soria 1312
Kevin Cheer 1099	Fred Gomez 2250	Kenneth Louis 1758	James Tommy 1256
Alexander J. Cooper 1520	Michael Gomez 2325	Diana Lucas 706	Toshua Tommy 981
John Henry Cooper 1413	Aaron Gong 907	Simon Media V 418	Ruth Tough 594
Theresa Corona 169	Matthew Gong 908	Cheryl Miranda 430	Lincoln Villanueva 969
Margot Corpuz 743	Peter Gong 2233	Gary Neeley 440	Marcos Wallace 612
Michael Corpuz 1306	Charles Hernandez 271	Dorothy Lorraine Neiley	Ashley Warbus 1108
Xhavior Dennis 2342	Robert Jago 1615	Melissa Opstad 1001	Robert J. Williams 1571

Tribal Strategic Plan

Nooksack Tribal members can now pick up their very own print copy of the Nooksack Indian Tribe's Strategic Plan at the Tribal Administration Building, 5016 Deming Road, or at the Council Chambers Office, 4979 Mount Baker Highway, Suite F.

This plan provides a roadmap for where and how our Tribe and government will grow over the next 10 years. Those Tribal members who don't live in the area can access the Strategic Plan through our new Tribal website: www.nooksacktribe.org. A link to the Strategic Plan can be found on the home page and under the "About Us" section. For more information, contact Roxanne Murphy, Special Assistant to the Government Services Executive, at rmurphy@nooksack-nsn.gov or (360) 592-5172, extension 3287. ■

Nooksack Tribal Veterans Program

Program Manager: Evaristo "Jovie" Joven, Jr. (360) 592-5839
Assistant Veterans Representative: Elder "Smokey" Roberts (360) 966-2907

Enrollment to VA Medical Health Care System

Attention to all Nooksack Tribal Veterans who are not yet enrolled to the VA Medical Care System, please contact Jovie Joven at (360) 592-5839 or Smokey Roberts at (360) 966-2907 for assistance in enrollment process.

Announcements

Benefits

All Nooksack Tribal Veterans: Take the first step by calling Jovie or Smokey to assist you and your immediate family. You may be eligible for several benefits you have earned just for being a Veteran. The following are VA benefits that we may be able to help you obtain:

1. Disability Compensation
2. VA Home Loans
3. GI Bill (Education Assistance)
4. Burial and Memorials

Memorial Day Ceremony

The Nooksack Tribe Veterans Program Team is in the planning stage of the 2012 Memorial Day Ceremony and Celebration, to be held on May 27 (Sunday), starting at 11:00am in front of the NIT Veterans Memorial Building, in front of the Nooksack River Casino. Please mark your calendars for this event.

Monthly Meetings

The American Legion, Wendell H. Fidele, Post #83, meet every third Wednesday of the Month, at 6:00pm, in the downstairs Conference Room at the Tribal Administrative Building, located at 5016 Deming Road, Deming. We encourage all veterans, Tribal and non-Tribal, to join us. **Next meeting: Wednesday, April 18.** ■

2012 Council Election Results

Vice-Chairman
Rick George

Treasurer
Abbie Smith

Position "C"
Michelle Roberts

Position "D"
Katherine Canete

Tribal Court Update from Judge Montoya-Lewis

Tribal Court Office (360) 306-5125

Please note the court dates for April:

- April 11—Civil hearings
- April 18—Criminal hearings
- April 24—Child Support hearings

To check if you have a court appointment on those days, please call either Deanna Francis, Criminal Court Clerk, or Betty Leathers, Civil Court Clerk. We are now located at 4971 Deming Road. Our new phone numbers are (360) 306-5125 and fax (360) 306-5108.

On occasion, we may not be able to answer the phone. Please be sure to leave a message with a number at which we can reach you, and Deanna or Betty will return your call. Also, please be sure we always have a correct address and phone number for you if you have any matters pending before the Court. We need correct information at all times so if we need to send notices to you or reach you for any other reason, we can do so easily.

—Raquel Montoya-Lewis
Chief Judge ■



Want to Get Healthy? Meet Jeremiah and Levi Johnny

Nooksack Tribal members Jeremiah Johnny and Levi Johnny are certified personal trainers who want to help the community with exercise and motivation at any level, whether you're young and already fit, or you need to get started on the path to better health because your doctor ordered it.

They are certified to perform health assessments such as flexibility, heart rate, weight, and body mass index. If you're under a doctor's care, they will work in conjunction with the doctor's guidelines to determine areas of concern and the best plan for you. Read on for health tips from both CPTs.

Contact Jeremiah at 360-319-9075 or Levi at levi.johnny55@gmail.com.

The Importance of Exercise

From Jeremiah: The pressures of home and family life can also mean it feels as if there's little time left to fit in exercise. It's certainly tough to get started. So, it's worth thinking about what you gain from regular exercise and making even a partial improvement to your fitness.

- Physical inactivity is an independent risk factor for coronary heart disease—in other words, if you don't exercise you dramatically increase your risk of having a mild to major heart attack and possibly more than that.

- Conversely, exercise means a healthier heart because it reduces several cardiovascular risks, including high blood pressure.

- Being physically active can bolster good mental health and help you to manage stress, anxiety, and even depression. Exercise reproduces brain cells.

- Regular exercise as you age keeps you strong, mobile, and less dependent on others, as exercise slows down the age processes.

- Regular exercise can help you achieve and maintain an ideal weight, which can be important in managing many health conditions, builds confidence, or may just make you feel happier about your appearance.

- All exercise helps strengthen bones and muscles to some degree, but weight-bearing exercise, such as running, is especially good in promoting bone density and protecting against osteoporosis, which affects men as well as women (strong muscles around the body's joints make those joints stronger, helping to reduce further pain).

- Different exercises help with all sorts of health niggles, such as digestion, poor posture and sleeplessness, and physical activity can be beneficial for a range of medical conditions, from diabetes to lower back pain.

From Levi: DO NOT associate the word "diet" with starvation! This is one of the worst things people can do to themselves, both physically and mentally. When the body senses starvation, it goes into survival mode and conserves fat, as well as uses amino acids, blood proteins, and muscle and organ tissue as primary sources of energy.

Think of food simply as energy. The purpose of this energy is for oxidative functions of the body. So, generally speaking, if you are eating lower-quality energy, your body functions are of lower quality.

Let's talk about the importance of water. A few facts:

- Water is responsible for the movement of nutrients, digestion, and absorption processes.

- At 2% dehydration, the body's work capacity decreases by 12 to 15%.

- Water can be absorbed from the small intestine at a maximum rate of 8 to 10 ounces every 20 minutes.

- Water helps maintain body temperature.

Interested in learning more about optimum health? Contact us to get started. ■

NOOKSACK AUTOMOTIVE DEPT



Shop Hours:
7:30am - 5:00pm
Monday thru Friday

- ❖ A.S.E. Master Technicians
- ❖ Appointment Required
- ❖ H.D. trucks, cycles, boats & equipment

Oil & Lube Special \$39.99

Services Include:

- Oil (up to 5 qts)
- Lube
- New Oil Filter
- Refill of Window Washer Refill

Plus:

- ✓ Air Filter ✓ Power Steering Fluid
- ✓ Tire Pressure ✓ Transmission Fluid
- ✓ Visual check of Brake Pads, Lights, Turn Signals, Brake Lights, etc.



Nooksack Automotive
4975 G Deming Road
Deming, WA 98244
(360) 306-5756

Social Services Department

Director: Katherine Canete (360) 592-5176 • Main Office: (360) 592-5176

SOCIAL SERVICES SCHEDULE: Food Vouchers: Thurs., April 2, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Food Bank: Fri., April 6, open at noon until supplies run out. / Commodities: Available for pick-up on Tues., April 10.

Cooking Class

The Social Services Department Cooking Class is scheduled for April 27, 10:00am to 2:00pm, at the Suchanon Community Building. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Social Services at (360) 592-0135.

Revitalizing Fatherhood Program

Hello and welcome to past, present, and future Revitalizing Fatherhood Program members! The Fatherhood and Motherhood program is happy to continue providing a variety of activities for parents and their families in the community, as well as introducing NEW evening dinners/meetings. These Wednesday night dinners are open to all mothers and fathers (or mother and father figures) from the community who are interested in increasing their knowledge of parental topics, career advancement, life skills and others (check out our flyer in this month's newsletter for more information).

We are always adding new items and family activities to our calendar, so check in with us whenever you can. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the program or for more information regarding the services we offer, please contact either Karolina Lobrow or Eugene Aldredge at Social Services (360) 592-0135. We'll be happy to schedule a time for you to come in and see us, or have us come out and visit you. Take care and see you soon!



Elders News

New Elders Van Driver

The Social Service Department welcomes Josephine Grant as our Elders Van Driver! Josephine has creative ideas, and she has already implemented improvements in just the few weeks she has been driving the Elders. The Elders' van now comes equipped with comfy lap blankets, bottled water, and mints. Josephine will be scheduling monthly Bellingham trips to Wal-Mart, Cost Cutter, and Rite Aid. For more information, call the Social Services at (360) 592-0135.



Josephine Grant

Elders' Committee

Please join us at the Nooksack Social Service Department in welcoming our Elders' Committee: LaVerne Cooper, Sandra Joseph, Bernita Antoine, Art George, Gary MacWilliams, Elvin Cline, and Gordon Cline. The Elders' Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 3:00 at the Social Services building.



Nooksack ABE/G.E.D.

Happy Spring, everyone! I'll let you in on a little secret: spring is a great time to start working on your G.E.D. or to brush up on skills to pass your accuplacer test if you're thinking about going to a technical school or college. Currently I am offering the ABE/G.E.D. Program at the Nooksack Tribe on Monday and Thursday from 1:30-4:00pm and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00am-4:00pm. On Monday and Thursday, I am also providing instruction at our Skagit office from 9:30am-12:30pm.

We always have room, so please don't let this be your excuse not to begin. I'm pleased to announce that I have four students currently testing, and two of them are working on completing their final test. One of them has successfully passed two tests, and the fourth has passed one. Hint, hint, hint! That's to let you know that anything is possible if you want it bad enough.

My door is always open, so if you have questions feel free to stop by, give me a call at (360) 592-3219 ext 5124—Nooksack Office, (360) 848-1756—Skagit Office, or "shoot" me an email at dalexander@nooksack-nsn.gov. I look forward to meeting you and working as a team to reach your educational goals.

Sincerely,
Deborah E. Alexander, MA. Ed

Elders' Committee from left to right:

LaVerne Cooper, Sandra Joseph, Bernita Antoine, Art George, Gary MacWilliams, Elvin Cline, and Gordon Cline.

CPR/First Aid Classes



Glenn Yorks,
Emergency and Risk
Manager

The Social Services Department would like to thank Glenn Yorks for teaching two CPR/First Aid classes. The CPR/First Aid courses consisted of Adult/Child/Infant CPR & AED and First Aid. Emergency and Risk Manager Glenn Yorks and Volunteer Co-Instructor Stephanie Empson are certified instructors for the American heart Association. We'd like to congratulate the following students for completing the training.

March 15th Class

Wesley ChristJohn
John Davis (*First Aid only*)
Heidi Davis
Angela Hesych
Janet Sulkanum
Kalvin Sulkanum
Katie S. Newton
Esther Grummel
Bernadine Roberts

March 20th Class

Donald Arnett
Josephine Grant
Roswell Cline, Sr.
Alita Charles
Sandra Bura
Michael Jimmy
Peter A. Joseph (*First Aid only*)



Back row, left to right: Bernie Roberts, Angela Heysck, Heidi Davis, Esther Grummel, Calvin Roberts, Wesley ChristJohn
Front, left to right: Kate Newton and Janet Cooper



Left to right: Donald Arnett, Michael Jimmy, Sandra Bura, Josephine Grant, Alita Charles, and Ross Cline, Sr.

NOOKSACK VICTIMS OF CRIME

TEEN GIRLS' SUPPORT GROUPS

WHO: TEEN GIRLS AGES 13 TO 18

WHAT: SUPPORT GROUPS

WHERE: DEMING LIBRARY 5044 MT. BAKER HWY, DEMING

WHEN: Beginning March 26th 4:30PM TO 5:30PM

Meeting 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month

Open to youth who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence or any form of abuse.

Services are free and confidential.

Transportation is available for youth to and from group.

If transportation is needed please call 592-3219 24 hours in advance to make arrangements to be picked up.



Contact Lisa Cooper
Program
Coordinator

Office phone Mon. - Fri.
8:30am to 5:00pm
360-592-3219

Crisis line available 24/7
360-592-4164

5061 Deming Road
PO Box 157
Deming, WA 98244



ABUSE IS NOT
OUR
TRADITION

SUPPORT GROUP FOR WOMEN



Nooksack Victims of Crime

WHO: Women 19 years or older

WHAT: Support group for women survivors of domestic violence,
sexual assault, stalking or any form of abuse

WHERE: Deming Library 5044 MT. Baker Hwy, Deming, WA

WHEN: March 29th 4:30pm to 5:30pm

Meetings every second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Transportation is available if needed to and from group. Please call
24hrs in advance to make arrangements



**Contact Lisa Cooper
Program Coordinator**

Office phone M-Fri
8:30am to 5:00pm
360-592-3219

Crisis line available 24/7

5061 Deming Road
PO Box 157
Deming, WA 98244

All services are free and confidential

Nooksack Skagit TANF Satellite Office

Our Office would like to introduce and welcome Debbie Alexander as our new GED Teacher.

New Hours
Monday and Thursday
9:30am – 12:30pm

Our Office is proud to announce:

- 1 successful completion of treatment
- 2 students who have almost completed GED testing
- 5 full-time college students

We are now working with:

- 5 Child only cases
- 12 One- & Two-Parent Families
- 11 who have been attending Life Skill classes

1934 E. College Way
Mt. Vernon, WA
Phone: 360-848-1758

Satvia Salazar, Caseworker
Elizabeth Oshiro, Caseworker



Education Department

Director: Donia Edwards • Assistant Director: Anthony Aure
Main Office: (360) 966-9696

Youth Program Calendar for Spring Break

Our Spring Break schedule is April 2-6, 9:00am-3:30pm, Monday-Friday. Activities include:

Basketball Skills Camp, Monday-Wednesday (April 2-4)

Each youth will receive a Cinch Bag and Water Bottle for participating in this event. Contact Dean Ollinger for details.

RFP Easter Egg Hunt, Wednesday, April 4

Includes Easter Egg Dying, Easter Egg Race, and Easter Egg Hunt.

Field Trips:

• Tulalip Hibulb Cultural Center, Thursday, April 5

Includes a guided tour of the museum and an arts and crafts lesson where the youth will be able to make a Cedar Paddle Necklace or a Woven Mat Necklace.

• Lynden Skateway, Friday, April 6

Meals & Transportation:

We provide two full meals and a snack daily, as well as transportation to and from the Youth Program each day.

If you have any questions regarding schedules or activities for Spring Break, please feel free to contact Dean Ollinger or Jill Soderbom at 966-9696.

Higher Education

Noelani Bumatay is in her third year at the University of Washington.



Noelani Bumatay campus a home away

from home. She has been a part of the planning process for the spring pow-wow at Hec Ed Pavilion with the First Nations at UW Organization. As an officer of PSA, she has provided outreach to Pacific Islanders in the greater Seattle area, trying to bring more PI representation to the University. This spring quarter, she will be traveling to Rome, Italy with the University Classics Department. There she will gain a new understanding of the ancient Roman architecture, games, and language through hands on experiences. She is expected to graduate in June of next year.

Star Student of the Week: Mary Lorenz Jefferson



Mary was selected as Student Star of the Week. The Star Student of the Week is chosen for “excellence” by demonstrating leadership, cooperation and having an interest in learning. Mary has excellent attendance at After School Youth Program.

Math Spotlight Student: Angel Roberts



Angel is a 6th grade student at Acme Elementary. Angel was selected by Rikkole Edwards, After School Program Math Tutor, for the Academic Spotlight because of her academic achievement in math. Rikkole has been working hard with Angel and as a result, Angel received

an A on her most recent math test! “Angel likes her math tutoring. She just recently received a 4 on her math test!”

—Rikkole Edwards, AS Math Tutor.

Academic Spotlights



Brandon Harry Roberts

— Brandon is a 1st grader at Everson Elementary. Brandon was selected by Cherise Wenzel, After School Program Tutor Coordinator, because Brandon is all caught up with his homework and is becoming a good speller and reader. “Brandon does his homework every day and has really improved as a reader.”

—Cherise Wenzel, Afterschool Tutor Coordinator.



Katie Bailey — Katie is a kindergartner at Harmony Elementary. She was selected for the Academic Spotlight by Yolanda James, After School Program Literacy Tutor. “Katie is mastering all of her first grade sight words.” —Yolanda James, Afterschool Program Literacy Tutor.



Justin Jackson — Justin Jackson was chosen by an After School Program Literacy Tutor for the Academic Spotlight. Dustin chose Justin because “Justin is sounding out words and doing an enthusiastic job of becoming a beginning reader.”



Ethan Leyva — Ethan is a 5th grader at Nooksack Valley Elementary. Ethan was selected by Peter Kelly, After School Program Math Tutor, for the Academic Spotlight because not only does Ethan take care of business when he first arrives at program and getting right on his homework, but also because Ethan has mastered all of his math concepts! Ethan is a peer-tutor to his fellow youth program participants and a good role model. “Ethan always comes prepared, does his homework and helps his peers. Ethan excels in mathematics.”

—Peter Kelly, AS Math Tutor.



Ryan Hilton — Ryan is a 6th grader at Nooksack Middle School. Ryan was selected by Dante Aure, After School Program Recreation, because of Ryan’s great attitude, good sportsmanship, sense of responsibility, and being a great leader and role model to follow. Ryan has had excellent attendance at After School Program. ■

Feeling alone, angry, hopeless?

When it seems like there's
no hope, there is help.

It's important to talk to someone. You can call right now. We are available all hours of the day and night, and the call is completely free and confidential.

If you or someone you know is thinking about suicide,
call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Honor Your Life



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Nooksack Indian United Methodist Church

6605 Mission Road • Pastor Barbara SilverSmith

“This is an Exciting Time to Be a Nooksack!”*

*So reads the text on p.4 of the NEW book, *Nooksack Place Names: Geography, Culture, Language*, by local retired WCC Professor Allan Richardson and Dr. Brent Galloway, Canadian First Nations language expert. With the help of Nooksack Elders, they spent 30 years locating and documenting Nooksack places.

To an overflow crowd at Village Books on Saturday, March 10, where the book was introduced, Native Nooksack speaker George Adams captivated the audience as he spoke at length in the Nooksack tongue, teaching the audience how to properly pronounce “Nooksack,” as well as the original Native names selected from just about every creek and mountain, village site, and prairie between Mt. Baker and Bellingham Bay, all of which are listed and explained in this new book.

It was thrilling for us United Methodists to learn from this book that we had a significant role in bringing back the Nooksack language. In 1874, Methodist missionary Pastor Tate, with the help of some Nooksack Elders, translated into Nooksack many Methodist hymns. The songs of this historic old hymnal in the Nooksack language were compared to the same songs still in a modern English-language Methodist hymnal to recover the meaning of many words. We are grateful that our hymnal was the “Rosetta Stone,” a huge clue to translation (p.16).

We still want to be a part of the Nooksack program of cultural revival, not just to help the tribe to survive, but to help it THRIVE. The way we see we can be of help is to offer, as our church purpose states, a holy place of refuge. The mission of Nooksack Indian United Methodist Church is “to provide a sacred place where broken and weary hearts can experience renewal in Jesus Christ. In remembrance of our founders, we preserve Native traditions that honor the one Creator revealed to our Elders. We seek to continually grow in the Saving

Spirit as revealed fully in Christ. Historically, we were a peaceful people, and today we strive to live at peace with one another. Our purpose is to bring the Good News of Peace in God’s reign to everyone in the Nooksack area.”

One way we can do this is by offering you a Native written Bible, The Book of Hope, an account of the life of Christ, combined in such a way to give a complete picture of Jesus’ life. “No one else has influenced the world as much as the man called Jesus. The reason for that, of course, is that Jesus Christ was not just a man. He was also God, given an earthly body so that He could save the world. The Bible explains in the New Testament the way to be saved, which is a gift from God through believing in Christ, and not by any good things that anyone can do” (p.208). The book also has many true stories of Native people who found the trail of peace, purpose, and power for their lives through Christ Jesus. All this is a gift for you to accept! Call Pastor SilverSmith for your copy.

Easter Sunday

Glad Easter Day is Sunday, April 8: Easter Egg Hunt for the children after the 10:30am service –all are welcome!

Feast with Us on National Native American Sunday, April 22

Elders will be honored, and all Tribal members and neighbors are invited to a special service featuring Native Christian traditions, 10:30am at the Nooksack Indian United Methodist Church. After the service of special live music, prayer and praise, and Bible-based message, we will enjoy a Spring Feast in the fellowship hall. All are welcome! Call Pastor SilverSmith for more information.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School for Grades 1-6 is being scheduled. If you would like to enroll your child, please call Pastor Silversmith to register (360-756-6003). ■

Human Resources News

Human Resources Director: Suzanne Brownrigg, (360) 592-5176 ext. 3231 • Main Office: (360) 592-5176

Welcome New Hires!

Esther Grummel, ICW Caseworker; Michael Flyger, IT Technician; Patricia White, Nurse; and Rory Gilliland, Chief of Police.

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2012 Holiday Calendar

Nooksack Tribe's government offices will be closed on the following dates and holidays:

April 23 – Mother Earth Day • May 28 – Memorial Day • July 4 – Independence Day
August 10 – Council Elected • September 3 – Labor Day • September 24 – Nooksack Governance Day
November 12 – Veterans' Day • November 22-23 – Thanksgiving • December 25 – Christmas