



Snee-Nee-Chum

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In
Memory
of
Many,

In
Honor
of
All,

Thank you
Veterans!

You are cordially invited to our 15th Annual Veterans Day Ceremony



Honoring All Veterans Who Have Served
Sunday, November 11, 2018
11:00 AM

Mí sq' eq' ó Community Building

2515 Sulwhanon Road, Everson, WA 98247

A complimentary Lunch will be served after the ceremony
for Attendees.

Please contact *Candace Kelly* via e-mail at ckelly@nooksack-nsn.gov or call (360) 592-0135 to RSVP or for more information

We look forward to seeing you there!!!



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Two Brand New Vans

Our Nooksack Tribal Council approved 2 brand new vans. Our Handicap van was delivered on August 13th. It is a beautiful black van that seats 7, plus two wheelchairs - totally awesome! Our 12-passenger van will be delivered on the first of November. We are so very grateful for our new vans – our elders are able to stand up in the vans to take their seats. We have some happy elders! A big Thank You to our Nooksack Tribal Council and to our Elders Committee!



Tribal Treaty Hunting Rights Under Attack

Several years ago, a Wyoming state court convicted Clayvin Herrera (Crow Tribal member) of unlawfully hunting elk in the Bighorn National Forest, an area off-Reservation but within former Crow lands. Similar to the Pt. Elliot Treaty, the Crow Tribe's 1868 treaty reserved off-reservation hunting rights in the Tribe's ceded lands, so long as those lands remain "unoccupied lands of the United States." The state court held that Wyoming's admission to the Union abrogated the Tribe's treaty hunting rights, thus precluding Herrera's Treaty defense. The State court also found that the creation of the Bighorn National Forest constituted an "occupation" of those same lands, which also foiled Herrera's Treaty defense.

Herrera v. Wyoming now sits before the U.S. Supreme Court, and awaits oral argument. 138 S.Ct. 2707 (2018). The questions before the Supreme Court are whether the Crow Tribe's treaty rights were abrogated by either: (1) Wyoming's admission to the Union or (2) the establishment of the Bighorn National Forest. Both

the Washington Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court previously addressed the issue of whether a state's admission to the Union abrogated treaty hunting rights and held in favor of tribal treaty hunting rights. An adverse decision on this issue in Herrera could alter long standing practices of Washington and Nooksack.

An equally offensive position pushed by Wyoming is that the establishment of the Bighorn National Forest constituted "occupation", thereby abrogating the Crow's treaty hunting rights. Although the Herrera case specifically addresses the Crow's Treaty within National Forests of Wyoming, an adverse ruling on this issue could be utilized by other states to curtail other treaty tribes' exercise of their reserved off-reservation hunting rights in National Forests, including Nooksack. The Nooksack Tribe joined other Pacific and Inland Northwest Treaty Tribes efforts to persuade the Court in a recently filed Amicus brief. More information can be found at <https://www.supremecourt.gov/search.aspx?filename=/docket/docketfiles/html/public/17-532.html>.

Tribal Treaty Fishing Rights Affirmed

Nearly fifty (50) years following the original filing in the U.S. v. Washington lawsuit and nearly twenty years following the filing of the Culverts sub-proceeding, the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed the Treaty Tribes' victory before the Western Washington District Court. Although the Supreme Court order was less than dramatic, and it did not resolve the State's ongoing violations, the one-sentence ruling was a victory.

In 2001, various Treaty Tribes including the Nooksack Tribe, filed a request for determination in the U.S. v. Washington case seeking a finding that the State has a duty to preserve the fish runs, which includes repairing and/or replacing fish-blocking culverts. Six years later, the District Court found in favor of the

Tribes, holding that the State has a duty to refrain from building or operating fish-blocking culverts under state maintained roads. Following a trial to determine the remedy for the State's half century (or more) of Treaty violations, the Court issued its permanent injunction in 2013, which ordered the State to correct the offending culverts.

Although the State began replacing culverts in 1990, hundreds of fish blocking culverts remain with an anticipated cost that could reach \$2.4 billion. The Nooksack Tribe and others continue to work to correct these past issues, hold the state (and others accountable) for their Treaty violations, and improve fish runs for the generations to come.

Estate Planning / Wills Clinic

The next Estate Planning / Wills Clinic will be held
October 10th-12th, by appointment only.

This is provided at no cost to Nooksack Tribal Members and spouses.

Please call 360 592-4158 ext 3354 and provide your name(s) and phone number to let us know you're interested.



Nooksack Indian Housing Authority Updates and Reminders:

Please remember that if your household composition or income changes you should report it to the Housing Office once those changes occur. Updating your application on file with Housing ensures that you remain on the waiting list and that our office has the correct information. It is always important to update your address as we issue mail to our applicants/tenants all the time. If you have questions about updating, please feel free to contact our office M-F 8:30am-5:00pm.

For our current tenants, please remember that housing is ALWAYS here to assist you in anyway we can regarding housing issues (work orders, maintenance, inspections, accounting, household compositions, non-compliance, evictions, etc).

Non-Compliance Terminations are issued when the tenant receives two onsite inspection findings or if the policy is violated with a more severe circumstance. The termination gives the tenant 30 days to come into compliance. NIHA will issue a Request for Informal Hearing form (blank) along with the termination so that the household may appeal the termination. NIHA is very committed in serving our community and understands that sometimes life's trials and tribulations get in the way. It has become our goal and commitment in helping to serve you better. If you have questions/concerns regarding terminations, please feel free to contact our office and speak with one of our Case Managers M-F 8:30am—5:00pm.

Thank you,

Housing Staff—Bert, Chasity, Lisa, Carlene, Andy, Jeremy, Leo, Jesse, Marie, Devon

October 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Water Aerobics Roasted chicken Rice Chicken Noodle Soup Steamed fresh veggies S/F Cookies	2 B'ham Shopping French Dip w/au jus Baked French fries Coleslaw Vegetable Beef Soup S/F pudding	3 Crafting Day Tacos Fresh Avocados Baked potato soup Cinnamon Apples S/F Ice cream	4 Elders Committee Grilled Ham & cheese Tomato Soup Pasta Salad Fresh Fruit w/whipped cream	5 Food Bank Day Baked Salmon Potato Salad Baked beans Roll Clam Chowder S/F Cake w/ strawberries
8 Closed Coast Salish Day	9 Commodity Day Everson shopping Ham/Turkey Sandwiches Split Pea Soup S/F Ice cream w/ fruit	10 Crafting Day Swedish Meatballs Fresh Steamed veggies Multigrain roll Beef Barley Soup S/F pudding	11 Baked Chicken Baked potato wedges Brussel sprouts Coleslaw Cream of Broccoli Soup S/F Peach cobbler	12 Baked Salmon Brown rice Corn Clam Chowder Wheat Roll S/F Pie
15 Water Aerobics Chicken Burgers Baked Potato wedges Chicken & Rice soup S/F Jell-O w/ fruit	16 Everson shopping Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Steamed veggies Garlic Bread Beef Barley Soup S/F fruit crisp	17 Crafting Day Baked Ham Scalloped potatoes Split Pea soup Whole wheat roll Pineapple upside down cake	18 Nooksack Elder's Annual Luncheon Community Building	19 Fish Sandwiches Chips Clam chowder S/F Cookies
22 Water Aerobics Hamburger Gravy Mashed potatoes Green Beans Vegetable Soup S/F Cookies	23 Everson Shopping Chicken Alfredo Steamed broccoli Garlic Bread Chicken & Rice Soup S/F Jello w/ whipped cream	24 Crafting Day Beef Hot Dogs Chili Fruit Salad w/ whipped cream	25 BBQ Chicken Roasted Potatoes Steamed Veggies Corn Chowder S/F Pudding	26 Beef Stir Fry Rice Clam Chowder Wheat Roll S/F Apple Cobbler
29 Water Aerobics Baked Potato Bar Chili Wheat Roll Fruit Salad	30 Everson Shopping Sloppy Joes Potato Wedges Coleslaw S/F Pie	31 Crafting Day Teriyaki Chicken Rice Egg Rolls S/F Cake w/ berries	Served Daily: Fresh Green Salad Fresh Fruit Soup Sugar Free Deserts	

Tribal Library Update

The Tribal library received a \$150,000 Enhancement Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences. This grant provides funds for a new up-to-date library with all the furnishings, bells and whistles.

We have ordered new bookshelves, 18 new individual computer stations for comfort and privacy, and a large circulation desk. We already have new seating and tables for different age groups along with all new supplies from white boards to headphones.

The bookshelves and computer stations we ordered haven't arrived yet and we are looking at a tentative opening date hopefully before next summer.

The children who attend the after school youth program are enjoying the library on a daily basis as we have most of the furniture and new supplies in place.

We have three rooms. The main library will hold all of the youth and adult fiction books with a circulation desk for the tribal librarian. The children's library with focus on Kindergarten through third grade. It has a listening center, age appropriate books with a tribal focus, new seating, tables, supplies, reading rugs, etc. It's very colorful and inviting.

The elder's library will have nice area rugs with comfortable leather chairs equipped with a swinging tablet arm. There will be a fully stocked coffee/tea station and tables for games and visiting. The elder's library will be home to all of the tribe's research and non-fiction collection of books. Most of these books are Native American focused and are written by Native American authors.

When the library opens to the tribe here at the Timber Ridge campus we will have the ability to print our own library cards and cater to different age groups in their own rooms. With 18 new computer stations we can help with everything from submitting job resumes to scholarship applications and even taking online classes. The possibilities are very exciting.

We are very inspired about all of these new changes thanks to the Institute of Museum and Library Services. We will be announcing updates about our progress here in the newsletter or on the Facebook Communication Page.

In the meantime, we are still helping children complete their homework, celebrating Star of the Week winners, reading with the children and enjoying the iPads and computers we provide for them.

If you have any questions related to the library grant or tribal library operations, please call Academic Manager and Tribal Librarian, Charise Wenzl, at the Education Department 966-9696.



This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



K-2 room.



Main library room.



K-2 reading circle.



Star of the Week



KAMERON

Where is your favorite place to eat?

McDonalds

What is your favorite sport?

Soccer

Where do you want to live when you grow up?

At home

What is your favorite candy?

Bubble gum

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A cop

My best friends are:

Troy, Damien, and JR

What is your favorite toy to play with?

Hot Wheels

What makes you happy?

My birthday parties

Teen Program Participants Attend Native American Night at Safeco Field

Despite the looming smoke of regional forest fires, a van load of teens, enrolled in the Nooksack Teen Enrichment Program, headed south to represent our tribe at the Mariners' Native American Night. Though the Mariners barely missed pulling off a win against Houston, everyone enjoyed the evening, especially when Mr. Lindsey caught a foul play ball.



The Si:wesa:ylhem tset Class Gets Rolling for the New Academic Year

Eight Nooksack teens have thus far enrolled in the Si:wesa:ylhem tset Class for 2018-2019. Along with putting in the seat time to finish up the needed subject credits for high school graduation, class members have had a few learning and recreational activities. The first involved a three-mile hike around Lake Padden; later we, starting at Maritime Heritage Park in downtown Bellingham, did an exploratory hike along Whatcom Creek. Did you know the signage identifying native plant species includes the Nooksack and Lummi names for the plants? Cool. The class also visited Mindport on Holly Street. This institution was started by a group of artist 20 years ago and displays fascinating works of art; the fascinating part is that all the art is hands-on and demonstrates scientific and physics principles in a fun and visually arresting way. Check it out next time you're in downtown Bellingham.



Nooksack Tribal Court

“Warrant Amnesty Week”

The Nooksack Tribal Court, in conjunction with the Nooksack Tribal Prosecutor, and the Nooksack Tribal Police Department, have agreed to schedule a week in November, where warrants may be quashed at no cost. Starting on Tuesday, November 6th and continuing through Friday, November 9th, anyone listed below, can come to the Nooksack Tribal Court and quash their active warrant, at no cost, and receive a future court date to address the charge the warrant was originally related to address. Simply contact either Betty or Deanna at the court house, and request to quash your active warrant. They will have you sign a promise to appear at a future court date, to address the charge, and your warrant will be sent to the Nooksack Tribal Court judge to be quashed (Recalled).

During this time period, Tuesday, November 6th thru Friday, November 9th you can get your warrant removed and start the new year warrant free! The Nooksack Tribal Police Department has agreed to not actively seek to serve any Nooksack Tribal Court warrants during this week, to allow our community members holding an active Tribal warrant, the ability to have it quashed, and have their issue addressed in court. If your name is listed below, or you know one of the people listed, please take this opportunity to get your active warrant quashed and start your new year off without fear of being arrested and booked on the outstanding warrant. This service is being offered to assist those people who have missed a court date and had a warrant for their arrest issued by the Nooksack Tribal Court. The following persons currently hold active Nooksack Tribal Court warrants for Arrest:

Quentin Charlie Failure to Appear	James Kelly Failure to Appear
Lester Olson Failure to Appear	Shaleen Young Failure to Appear
Aaron B. Cooper Failure to Appear	Erica LaClair Failure to Appear
Allen Richmire Failure to Appear	Amanda Ward Failure to Appear
Reginald Edwards Failure to Appear	Mathew Mamac Failure to Appear
Joseph Roberts Failure to Appear	Darren Williams Failure to Appear
Wassena George Failure to Appear	Desmond Muskrat Failure to Appear
Raelynn Solomon Failure to Appear	Johnathon Williams Failure to Appear
Ernest John Failure to Appear	Michael Zollner Failure to Appear
Janet Sulkanum Failure to Appear	



ABE / G.E.D.

Have you always wanted to earn your GED? There are lots of great reasons to do just that. Maybe you want to increase your chances of getting a better job or have ambitions to go to college? Or maybe you want the personal satisfaction that comes with such an accomplishment. Whatever your reasons, there's no reason not to take the plunge.

Classes are available in the Social Services building in Deming and there is another classroom in Mount Vernon, if that's more convenient.

Classes are small and instruction is individually tailored to meet your needs. You can learn at a pace that you are comfortable with.

Please shoot me an email at dnaughton@nooksack-nsn.gov or call (360) 592-0135. I look forward to meeting you and getting you started on the road to GED success.

Desmond Naughton BA
ABE/GED Instructor



Welcome New Hires!

George Peterson
TGA Agent
07/21/2018

Alma Edwards
On-Call Youth Aide
07/26/2018

Kurtis Kelly
NR Restoration Technician (Temp)
07/26/2018

Maly Roberts
Youth Aide
08/13/2018

Sylvia John
On-Call Receptionist
09/17/2018



Social Services is pleased to welcome our two new employees, Leon Cline, Travel & Events Coordinator and Kayleasha Davis, Elders Assistant Cook.

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How to Submit News to the Snee-Nee-Chum Newsletter

You may submit news items or department updates for consideration to Charity Bernard at cbernard@nooksack-nsn.gov.

Items for the November newsletter must be submitted by **October 19th.**

Questions?

Call Charity at
(360) 592-5176
extension 3114.



Apply for Nooksack Indian Tribe Jobs ON-LINE

Visit www.nooksacktribe.org and click on "Careers" to view current job openings, then view job of interest and click on Apply. Complete the First Time Registration and the application. This on-line application can be submitted 24 hours a day. Once you have registered and completed the application you will be able to use it for any future position you wish to apply for.

You will need an email address to set-up your on-line application. If you need assistance, please contact Human Resources at 360-592-5176.

NOOKSACK AUTOMOTIVE DEPT



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

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- 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

Getting A Grip On Arthritis

October 12th is “World Arthritis Day”, and what better way to “get a grip” on arthritis, than to understand it a little more. The term “arthritis” is not a single disease; it is an informal way of referring to the group of over 100 diseases of inflammation of joints or other areas of the body. Inflammation is the medical term which describes pain, redness, swelling, and stiffness. Though more common in women, and seen more frequently as people age, arthritis can affect people of any age – including infants. More than 50,000 adults, and 300,000 children are diagnosed with some form of arthritis. Certain types of arthritis can cause permanent joint changes or damage. Other types can affect the heart, eyes, kidneys, lungs, and skin.



A normal joint



An arthritic joint

Arthritis is the leading cause of disability in the USA. Like any chronic disease, living with arthritis can be frustrating. Talking to your doctor is a good start to come up with ways to manage your symptoms. Depending on what type of arthritis you have, the treatments can include medication and other complimentary treatments such as massage therapy, meditation, and water therapy.

There is no cure for arthritis at this time, but there is hope. Leading a healthy lifestyle by eating a well-balanced diet, keeping your weight in a healthy range, and staying active is optimal for joint health. When you are diagnosed early and started on the right treatment plan, you can take control of your disease and help reduce the risk of permanent damage. Since arthritis affects people differently, be sure to talk to you doctor and be open about your expectations, concerns, and fears so that your treatment plan can reflect your unique situation. “Getting a Grip” on your arthritis is up to you- and an important part of your overall health and wellbeing.



<https://www.arthritis.org>



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2018 Holiday Calendar

Tribal Offices will be closed on the following days in 2018:

October 9 – Coast Salish Day • November 12 – Veterans Day

November 22-23 – Thanksgiving

December 24-28 – Christmas Closure / Administrative Leave

Administrative Contacts

Tribal Council Office (360) 592-5164

Enrollment Office (360) 592-0135

Tribal Council Fax (360) 592-4506

Administration

Administrative Office Main..... (360) 592-5176

Administrative Fax (360) 592-2125

Human Resources (Director: Suzanne Brownrigg) (360) 592-5176

Emergency & Risk Management (360) 592-HELP (4357)

Law Enforcement (Police Chief: Mike Ashby)

Police Department (360) 592-9065

Health Services (Director Lona Johnson)

Medical Clinic (360) 966-2106

Dental Clinic (360) 306-5151

Medical Business Office (360) 966-7704

Genesis II Office (Manager: Rick George) (360) 966-7704

Behavioral Health (360) 966-2376

Social Services (Director: Heidi Davis)

Social Services Main (360) 592-0135

Elders Office (360) 592-0100

TANF-Deming (360) 592-3219

TANF-Skagit (360) 848-1758

GED Office Nooksack (360) 592-0135 ext 5124

GED Office Skagit (360) 848-1758

Domestic Violence Office (360) 592-5176

DV Emergency Hotline (360) 592-4164

Youth & Family Services (Director: Katrice Rodriguez) ... (360) 306-5090

Child Support (Director: Marilyn McLean) (360) 306-5090

Education (Director: Donia Edwards)

Education Main Office (360) 966-2043

Headstart-Deming (360) 592-0141

Headstart-Everson (360) 966-0523

Youth Program

Office (360) 966-2043

Other Services

Tribal Court..... (360) 306-5125

Tribal Court Fax (360) 306-5181

Housing Office (Director: Serrano Cueva) (360) 592-5163

Natural Resources (Director: Gary MacWilliams) (360) 592-5176

Fishing and Shellfish Fisheries Hotline (360) 592-5140

Cultural Resources (Director: George Swanaset, Jr.) ... (360) 306-5759

Tribal Veterans Program (360) 592-5176

Tribal Gaming (360) 592-5472

Facilities & Maintenance

(Director: Richard Edwards) (360) 592-0162

Auto Shop (360) 306-5756

Community Building (360) 966-9153

North Intertribal Vocational

Rehabilitation Program (360) 592-5176 x1048

Casino & Market Centre

Nooksack Northwood Casino (360) 734-5101

Toll free (877) 777-9847

Nooksack Market Centre..... (360) 592-5864