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## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Elders Events

**Beading Workshops with Sandra Phillips**

**March 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Hibulb Cultural Center  
6410 23rd Ave NE, Tulalip

**March 25, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Tukwila Community Center  
12424 42nd Ave S, Seattle

Attendance is limited to an Elder and one adult guest. Lunch is provided and transportation can be arranged. RSVP to Kate: 425-505-3050, or Ginger: 425-777-0534.

### Spring Elder Retreat

**April 17-19**

Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel, Rochester  
More information will be mailed soon.

### Earth Day Celebration

**April 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Tolt Rver near Tolt MacDonald Park

### Special General Council Meeting

**April 25, 10 a.m.**

Snoqualmie Casino Ballroom  
Tribal Members Q&A.

Official notice will be mailed to members. Check in begins at 9 am, Tribal members only; Photo ID required for admission.

## Lushootseed Word-of-the-Month

**wa'qwa'q** (Frog)



Pronunciation:  
"wahK-wahK"

**Are you interested in learning Lushootseed?** See page 3 for upcoming opportunities, or contact Language Director Angela Wymer at [angela@snoqualmietribe.us](mailto:angela@snoqualmietribe.us)



*ENR celebrated Earth Day 2014 by holding an educational planting event at the Tolt River Habitat Restoration Project. More than 70 students from four nearby schools joined in the learning and fun!*

## Community Earth Day Celebration

The Environmental and Natural Resources Department (ENR) is holding a community Earth Day celebration at the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe ongoing habitat restoration project located along the Tolt River near Tolt MacDonald Park in Carnation. This year's celebration is **Friday, April 10th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Tribal members and the local community are invited to join the celebration of the great work the Tribe and local partners are doing to improve habitat for Salmon and other wildlife in the Snoqualmie Valley. Students from the University of Washington's Indigenous Sustainability Science lab course and local elementary school students are attending. The Tribe's Cultural Activities staff are providing drumming and a cultural activities booth. Plant native plants and help celebrate Earth Day!

For more information contact ENR Director Cindy Spiry at [cindy@snoqualmietribe.us](mailto:cindy@snoqualmietribe.us) or 425-292 3734.

## Biderbost Archaeological Site; A Bridge to Our Past



On February 27, Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation staff visited the Biderbost site between Monroe and Duvall. This is an archaeological site that was discovered in 1959. The site was most likely a fishing and gathering site along the Snoqualmie River. The most interesting items found during archaeological investigations in the 1960's and 1970's were multiple fragments of cedar baskets. The baskets were well preserved due to being kept under water and mud for approximately 2,000 years. The baskets fragments are currently preserved and cared for by the Burke Museum.

The importance of the site to the Snoqualmie People cannot be understated. The Biderbost site is just one of the many ancient village and camping sites found around the Snoqualmie Valley. Discoveries like these basket fragments give us physical proof that we have lived in these area for countless generations.



ABOVE, (left to right) Adam Osbekoff, Snoqualmie Indian Tribe Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP), Dale R. Croes, Ph.D., President, Pacific Northwest Archaeological Services (PNWAS), Ed Carriere, Suquamish Master weaver, and Aaron Webster (DAHP) demonstrate the cedar root baskets Carriere recreated after researching the fragments found and preserved from the site. The laborious process took several attempts to get seven stitches per inch to replicate the weave found at the site (see basket detail in cover photo).

## State Legislature Considering Bill to Require Teaching Native American History in Washington Public Schools

The Washington state legislature is currently reviewing SB 5433, a bill that would mandate the teaching of Native American history in the state's public schools.

In 2005, a state law was passed that "encouraged" public school to teach Native American history and culture, but did not require it. However, only 77 of the state's 295 school districts have sent teachers to a free one-day training course that helps educators prepare lesson plans to teach the material to students in fourth grade through high school.

Although Washington is home to 29 federally recognized Native American tribes, many state residents know little about tribal history, culture and government.

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—State Senator Steve Litzow

Because the 2005 state law has largely failed to integrate Native American studies into the public school curriculum, many Tribal leaders have since urged state lawmakers to reconsider the issue.

State Senator John McCoy, D-Tulalip, and a member of the Tulalip Tribes, supported the 2005 bill, but has expressed disappointment that so few districts have made curriculum changes as a result of the bill.

State Senator Steve Litzow, R-Mercer Island, chair of the State Education Committee, says that providing tribal history could help Native American students feel more engaged, resulting in increased graduation rates.

The state's Office of Native Education's statistics show that in the 2013-2014 school year, 6.2 percent of Washington's students were Native Americans. That group had the lowest on-time high school graduation rate in the state—52.5 percent in 2013 compared with 76 percent for all students.

Many educators have argued that Washington schools are failing not just Native American students, but all students, by omitting from classrooms a large component of the state's history.



## New Snoqualmie Valley Hospital To Open in Early May

Construction of the new Snoqualmie Valley Hospital is progressing rapidly, and the hospital is slated to open for patients on Wednesday, May 6. The new 25-bed facility, located in the Snoqualmie Ridge area at 9801 Frontier Avenue SE, replaces the former 14-bed hospital building that is roughly two miles away and was sold to the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe for \$14 million.

Tribal Chairwoman Carolyn Lubenau says the Tribe plans to use the property to provide services to Tribal members.

The new \$38.5-million hospital facility will offer 25 individual, private in-patient rooms; larger emergency, rehabilitation and lab departments; larger primary care and specialty care clinics; and an education facility. The property also has larger storage facilities, more restrooms and expanded parking.

The Snoqualmie Valley Hospital district spans 420 square miles throughout east King County. It has five clinics throughout the Valley, including the recently opened rehabilitation clinic in downtown Snoqualmie.

The hospital is designated a "critical access" facility, allowing it to provide extended stays for non-acute patient care, also known as "swing bed" care.

Snoqualmie Valley Hospital CEO Rodger McCollum told the *Snoqualmie Valley Record* that the hospital's swing bed program lets the hospital "take the time to get patients stronger ... and back into home situations" instead of having to release them after a specified number of days according to Medicare requirements.

# Northwest Indian Language Institute Summer Institute 2015 Teacher Training and Youth Program

June 22-July 2, 2015

- Gain skills in language learning
- Take on leadership roles in language preservation and teaching while demonstrating a commitment to their Tribe's values and traditions
- Become more technologically literate
- Learn to manage projects
- Contribute to language revitalization within local communities

Youth earn four college credits for attending. Chaperones are available for youth.

## Tuition scholarships available for adults and youth – Scholarship applications due April 1, 2015

For scholarship applications visit: <http://pages.uoregon.edu/nwili/summer-institute>. Contact NILI directly with questions at 541-346-0730 [ornwili@uoregon.edu](mailto:ornwili@uoregon.edu).

For more information contact Language Director Angela Wymer at [angela@snoqualmietribe.us](mailto:angela@snoqualmietribe.us).

## State Gambling Committee Vote 8-1 For Gaming Compact Amendment

Over the course of the past year the Tribal Council and Governmental Affairs staff have been actively engaged in government-to-government negotiations with the State of Washington for a gaming compact amendment. The amendment increases the allocated number of gaming machines for each tribe by 100, and formalizes different regulations already practiced by Washington State tribes including restrictions on Electronic Benefit Cards (EBCs). There is also the opportunity to add more machines in the future as certain triggers are met.

The negotiation process involved Governor Inslee and his staff, and personnel from the Washington State Gambling Commission. The process involved two hearings in the 2015 Washington State Legislative session – the House Commerce and Gaming Committee and Senate Commerce and Labor Committee. The Washington State Gambling Committee is the entity that actually voted on the amendment, and that took place on February 13, 2015. The vote was 8-1, overwhelmingly in favor of the gaming compact amendment. In all, 27 of 29 tribes in the State took part in the process.

The Tribal Council directed Chairwoman Lubenau to sign the compact amendment through Tribal Council Resolution. The compact amendment was sent to Governor Inslee for signature. It will then go on to the Secretary of the United States Department of Interior for consideration, signature, and publication in the Federal Register, which will then make the amendment effective.

The additional machines will enable the Snoqualmie Casino to generate more revenue for the Tribe and better meet the high customer demand. The Tribal Council is pleased the amendment has been passed as an example of successful government-to-government relations.



## Promotions & Announcements

**Melvin Moses** – Congratulations on your promotion from Environmental Services Cleaner to Deep Clean Attendant.

**Jessica Guy** – Congratulations on your transfer from Environmental Services Cleaner to Uniforms Attendant!



Joshua Young, Gil De Los Angeles and Brianna Barber were part of a group of participants visiting from the UW Tribal Business and Hospitality Management program. Snoqualmie Casino was able to host the 20 learners and instructors earlier this month.

## Work at the Snoqualmie Casino!

The annual **Snoqualmie Casino Job Fair** will be on **Monday, April 13th** in the Ballroom from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. There will be a variety of positions available: Food and Beverage, Security, Gaming and many more. Applicants must be 18 and older to apply (some positions do require 21 and older).

Visit the Casino's job board (<http://www.snocasino.com/above-it-all/snoqualmie-casino-careers/working-here/>) daily for career opportunities.



*HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
to all celebrating  
in the month of  
MARCH!*



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## File your taxes for FREE!

United Way is once again offering free tax preparation and filing assistance for qualified individuals and families. If you made less than \$58,000 in 2014 you are eligible for this service. Call the Elders Program to find a site in your neighborhood.

NEW THIS YEAR: Free online tax preparation and filing. Go to [www.myfreetaxes.org](http://www.myfreetaxes.org) for more information.



## Tribe Elders take in "Carousel" at The 5th Avenue

Thanks to the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe's support of The 5th Avenue Theatre a group of Tribe Elders were treated to the Broadway revival of Roger and Hammerstein's "Carousel." Attendees also enjoyed lunch before the matinee performance on Saturday, February 21.

YOU ARE INVITED

## University of Washington wəłəbʔaltx̣w Intellectual House

Grand Opening & Housewarming Reception  
Thursday, March 12, 2015, 3-4 p.m.

4249 Whitman Court, UW Seattle Campus  
(E. Stevens Way and Whitman Court NE)

The Tribal Leadership Summit will follow at 4 p.m.

RSVP to [cpromad@uw.edu](mailto:cpromad@uw.edu)



The University of Washington and the region's tribes built the wəłəbʔaltx̣w – Intellectual House, a longhouse-style facility at the University's Seattle campus. Its mission is "to provide a multi-service learning and gathering space for Native American students, faculty

and staff, and others of various cultures and communities to come together in a supporting and welcoming educational environment to share their knowledge and their cultures with one another."

**The Snoqualmie Tribal People are proud of our determination, tenacity and our strength.** We honor our ancestors, our cultural traditions and our sacred places. Serving our own as we should all with respect and honor, we acknowledge the great progress we have made toward our goals while recognizing that work remains to be done by healing our land, restoring our spirits, and uniting our nation to provide our families with education, health care and homes.