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## UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 31 & APRIL 1

Weaver's Teaching Weavers  
Lummi/Northwest Indian College

APRIL 4

Frank Pommersheim Event  
*Tribal Justice: Twenty-Five Years as a Tribal Appellate Justice*  
Casino Ballroom (see page 4)

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APRIL 9

Surplus Garage Sale  
Carnation Facilities Shop (see page 5)

APRIL 15-16

Spring Elders Retreat at Quinault

APRIL 23

Spring Craft Fair  
Snoqualmie Tribal Center (see page 5)

MAY 14

ANNUAL MEETING  
Casino Ballroom

## Chairwoman to Congress: 'Partner with us' to Protect Snoqualmie Falls

### *Carolyn Lubenau updates Congress on desecration of sacred land*

MARCH 18, 2016; WASHINGTON, DC – The Chairwoman of the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe is asking members of Congress for assistance in efforts to protect sacred Snoqualmie Falls.

Chairwoman Carolyn Lubenau testified before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior this week, updating lawmakers on the City of Snoqualmie's plans to further develop sacred land adjacent to Snoqualmie Falls, a sacred site for the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe.

"I am here today to urge you to find a way to protect our hallowed grounds, to save it from inappropriate development," Lubenau said. "Last year when I testified, it was to try to save our sacred Snoqualmie Falls from a road development that we were unable to stop. This year our sacred burial grounds are being threatened by a large housing development to be developed over the bones of our ancestors."

The City of Snoqualmie last summer began installing a traffic roundabout on land that for generations has been sacred burial grounds for area Tribes.

Lubenau this week shared with lawmakers an aerial photo of Snoqualmie Falls before development, then an artist's interpretation of how the area might look after planned development. The artist's rendition depicts a new housing development, a hotel and convention center built over sacred land.

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## Lushootseed Word-of-the-Month

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(pronounced so-luh-ch)  
Worm

### Learn Lushootseed!

Receive personalized assistance no matter what level of knowledge you have. Contact Angela Wymer at [angela@snoqualmietribe.us](mailto:angela@snoqualmietribe.us) or 206-854-9837.



*Elders Program Director Kate Miller with salmon carved by Alan Sanders commemorating an August 2014 Elders fishing trip event.*

## Farewell to Kate Miller

Kate Miller has found a new job and her last day working for the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe was March 17, 2016.

Kate Miller worked for the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe as the "fearless leader" of the Elder's Program. She headed many successful Elder Retreats, an event that elders set their calendars around. The elders enjoyed the activities that Kate planned and attended with them.

Her duties were expanded to include Tribal Activities and she headed the successful Tribal Picnic of 2015.

The Tribal Council wishes to express thanks for the enthusiasm that Kate brought to every project. She will be missed. We wish her well in her future endeavors!

“My request to you today is that you partner with us in preserving Snoqualmie Falls, and the area around the Falls, by helping us to protect the land from further development,” Lubenau told lawmakers. “Please remember this is my Nation’s most sacred ground—our hallowed grounds—and we must protect it.”

Last summer, construction crews unearthed an ancient projectile point at the site, believed to be up to 9,000 years old.

“We invite you to experience this marvelous gift and for you to come to the Falls and feel the healing mists,” Lubenau said. “You will experience a place of immense power—a place as sacred and moving as any site on earth.”



## Elders and Tribal Activities

*We have moved!*

The Elders and Tribal Activities Department has moved to the new Tribal Center (formerly the Snoqualmie Valley Hospital).

The physical address is: 9575 Ethan Wade Way, Snoqualmie  
The mailing address is: PO Box 969, Snoqualmie, WA 98065

**Elders and Tribal Activities:** 425-888-6551, extension 3006

## IN MEMORIAM



It is with prayers and sadness we share that our beloved Snoqualmie Elder, **Ellen “Bena” Barr Williams** passed on January 4, 2016. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family, friends, and the entire community.

Ellen Elvena “Bena” Williams, was born November 19, 1923 in Preston, WA to George and Matilda Barr. She grew up in Preston. Upon information and belief, Bena was the last fluent native Snoqualmie speaker. She worked in her lifetime on preservation of our culture through Language and cedar weaving and shared her knowledge of our culture. She was one of many native elder speaker sources for the *Lushootseed Dictionary* published by Dawn Bates, Thom Hess and Vi Hilbert through University of Washington Press, 1976. She also supported preservation efforts of Snoqualmie Falls along with her brother, the late Head Chief of the Snoqualmie Tribe, Earnest Barr who preceded her in death.



Bena enjoyed knitting. She was an avid reader and very involved in the 1910 Indian Shaker Church. Bena was a huge Seahawk and Mariners fan. She enjoyed art & crafts, especially cedar weaving and playing Bingo on a regular basis.

NOVEMBER 19, 1923 – JANUARY 4, 2016

## Fall City Community Park Snoqualmie Tribe Earth Day Event

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016

10AM-2PM

Register Today!

*This is a family friendly event. Groups and individuals welcome!*

Join Stewardship Partners, the Snoqualmie Tribe, the Boeing Company and King County Parks for a planting event along the Snoqualmie River in Fall City, WA. Work includes planting native trees and shrubs in an effort to establish a habitat buffer along the creek. We will provide light refreshments such as coffee, water and snacks. Tools, gloves and an overview of the restoration work we are doing, why it’s important and how to do it. We’ll also educate volunteers about Stewardship Partners and the Snoqualmie Tribe.

For more information and to sign up please visit [www.stewardshippartners.org/events](http://www.stewardshippartners.org/events)

Or, contact David Steiner in our Environment and Natural Resources Department to volunteer. Office: 425-292-3786; Cell: 425-495-4262



## The Water Quality Program

The Water Quality Program is part of the Snoqualmie Tribe's Environmental and Natural Resources (ENR) Department. Water quality is a measure of many different conditions and tells us how clean our rivers, streams, lakes, and oceans are.

Matt Baerwalde, the Water Quality Manager, has been working for the Snoqualmie Tribe since 2008 and holds a B.S. in Conservation Biology, a B.A. in Philosophy, and a certificate in Wetland Science and Management. Matt engages in local and regional environmental policy issues and is working to implement ecology-based restoration, protection, and research projects. Matt has completed many water quality improvement projects. One of his accomplishments was to outfit the employee parking lot at the Snoqualmie casino with landscaping strips of special soil and native plants that absorb, filter, and clean water that runs off the pavement when it rains. This reduces pollution that would have otherwise entered the streams that run through the Reservation, and helps control flooding.

Angela Dillon, the Water Quality Program Assistant, has been working for the Snoqualmie Tribe since 2015 and has a B.S. in Aquatic and Fisheries Science. Angela collects water from streams on the Reservation, and tests the water for temperature, pH, and heavy metals, among other things. These tests will help the program identify changes in water quality. Angela is also working on informing the community about water quality and what you can do to keep our water clean.

The biggest challenge for water quality in urban areas is non-point source pollution. This is pollution from many sources like cars, gardens and pets that get washed into storm drains when it rains or snows. This pollution ends up in rivers, lakes, and the ocean and can harm people, animals, and plants. One simple thing you can do to protect water quality is to pick up after your pet. Pet waste left on the lawn can wash into storm drains and introduce harmful bacteria to our waterways. Please pick up after your pooch!

The Water Quality Program is dedicated to protecting, preserving, and enhancing water resources on the Snoqualmie Reservation and traditional Tribal lands. If you have any water quality questions or concerns, please contact Matt or Angela.

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**Angela Dillon**, Water Quality Program Assistant  
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## Please Welcome:

The Snoqualmie Gaming Commission (SGC) is happy to announce the hiring of **Daniel Hanson** as Executive Director of the SGC.

The SGC performs regulatory oversight and monitors compliance with applicable law within the boundaries of the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe's reservation.

### NEW MEMBERS OF THE TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION TEAM:

**Ariefin Limono**, Systems Administrator  
**Julia Osbekoff**, Education Assistant  
**Catherine Fackrell**, Executive Assistant  
**Alison Garcia**, Security Specialist  
**Carrey Ficham-Galloway**, Accounting Supervisor  
**Jerry Warren**, Procurement Clerk  
**Mary Diane Willoughby**, Meta Data Manager



*I just wanted to say thank you for the TCR program to make it possible for my boys and I to have a great time on the slopes.*

*This is the boys first year up and they can't stop talking about and can't wait till next season.*

*Thanks. –The de Los Angeles family*

SNOQUALMIE INDIAN TRIBE PRESENTS

# FRANK POMMERSHEIM

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AS A TRIBAL APPELLATE JUSTICE

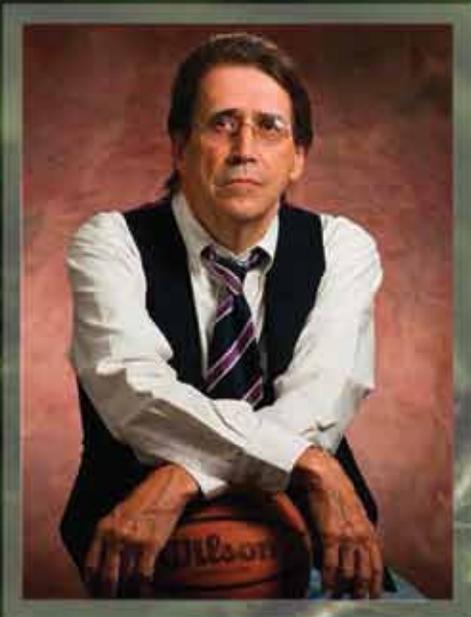
MONDAY

April 4<sup>th</sup> 2016

7PM

**SNOQUALMIE CASINO BALLROOM**

Event is free and open to the public  
Light refreshments provided



The Snoqualmie Indian Tribe invites you to join us for a talk entitled Tribal Justice: Twenty-Five Years as a Tribal Appellate Justice.

Author and professor Frank Pommersheim is the second annual Walter R. Echo-Hawk Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon, which the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe is proud to support. Professor Pommersheim writes extensively in the field of Indian law and serves on a number of appellate courts throughout Indian Country.

Pommersheim's most recent publications include Tribal Justice: Twenty-Five Years as a Tribal Appellate Justice and a poetry chapbook entitled Local Memory & Karma (The Buddha Correspondence, Vol.2).





**WELCOME**

Welcome to **Savannah Deane**, new Barista at the Drip coffee shop!

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

Snoqualmie Tribal Members have many opportunities to choose from at Snoqualmie Casino. Check the Casino

Job Board and apply for the opportunities that fit your skills. If you have questions, please contact HR Staffing Specialist, Lisa DeVries at ldevries@snocasino.com or 425.888.8259.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to **Angela Young** for her promotion from Guest Services Lead to Guest Services Supervisor.



**Graduating this year?**

Please send us your name, school, and degree or program by emailing the Education Department at [education@snoqualmietribe.us](mailto:education@snoqualmietribe.us)

This information helps the Education Department plan for a celebration event and for potential mentioning in upcoming newsletters.

**Surplus Garage Sale**

A Surplus Items Garage Sale will be held for Snoqualmie Tribal Members and Staff to purchase items that the Tribe no longer requires. The sale will be held at the **Carnation Facilities Shop**



(31755 East Myrtle Street, Carnation) on **SATURDAY, APRIL 9 from 10 am to 2 pm**. The sale will be held rain or shine and will include cabinets, desks, office chairs, filing cabinets, etc. Each item will have a firm-price tag.

Payment by cash only (no IOU's, checks or credit/ debit cards). Once sold, items must be removed from tribal property no later than 5:00 pm (day of sale). This sale is not open to the public.

**Caveat emptor: "Let the buyer beware."**

Items are "sold as is" and the buyer assumes the risk that an item may fail to meet expectations or have defects. Buyers have no recourse with the seller if the product does not meet their expectations. The buyer must take on the responsibility of thoroughly researching and inspecting the item—perhaps having their expert take a closer look—before buying. Items will be available for inspection only during the sale.

**Recruiting and Interviewing Event**

**King County Department of Natural Resources & Parks**

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2016

SESSION 1: 9:30am

SESSION 2: 10:45am

WorkSource Renton (500 SW 7th Street, #100, Renton)

If you're interested in attending this employer event, **you must register for your preferred session**. Space is limited - register today!

[www.worksource-renton.eventbrite](http://www.worksource-renton.eventbrite)

- Please bring your resume
- Application Assistance will be provided at the event

**POSITIONS**

- Seasonal Park Maintenance: \$20.40/hr
  - Seasonal Wastewater Treatment Helper: \$18.12/hr
  - Wastewater Operator in Training: Wage dependent on experience
- And many more!*

**SOME REQUIREMENTS FOR POSITIONS**

- At least 18 years of age
- Driver's License



**Spring Craft Fair**

Get ready for Mother's Day! Snoqualmie Tribal Members will sell handmade wares at the new Tribal Center. Come see the new center while supporting your fellow Tribal Members.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23**

10 am to 4 pm.

Snoqualmie Tribal Center (9571 Ethan Wade Way SE, Snoqualmie)



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PO Box 969  
Snoqualmie, WA 98065

### Important Notice:

Let us know if your **home** or **email** address changes. You can send changes to [pr@snoqualmietribe.us](mailto:pr@snoqualmietribe.us).



The Snoqualmie Indian Tribe Newsletter is published monthly. Send comments and suggestions to [pr@snoqualmietribe.us](mailto:pr@snoqualmietribe.us).

Please remember you can get more information from our website at [www.snoqualmietribe.us](http://www.snoqualmietribe.us)



### Join Us on Facebook

Follow the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe on the official Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/snoqualmieindiantribe](http://www.facebook.com/snoqualmieindiantribe). There are other pages with the name, including locations to "check-in" but this is the only page the Tribe's administration coordinates.

## Paddle to Nisqually 2016



Paddle to Nisqually 2016 will be hosted by the Nisqually Tribe. Landing will take place at the Port of Olympia on July 30 and Protocol will be held August 1-6.

The Snoqualmie Tribal Council is currently outlining what our Tribe's participation will be in this year's canoe journey.



## ATTENTION:

### Tribal business owners & operators

The Snoqualmie Indian Tribe would like to create a **Tribal Business Resource Guide** to promote businesses tribal members own and operate. We are asking all those business owners and operators interested in participating to please send the following information on your business to [pr@snoqualmietribe.us](mailto:pr@snoqualmietribe.us).



- Name of business
- Name of Tribal owner/operator
- Business address
- Email
- Website
- Brief business description

### Tribal crafters

The Snoqualmie Indian Tribe would like to create a **Tribal Member Crafters Resource Guide**.

If you would like to be included, please provide your contact information (email, name, phone contact information) to [tribalactivities@snoqualmietribe.us](mailto:tribalactivities@snoqualmietribe.us) or give the Tribal Activities Department a call at 425-888-6551 ext.3005.