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LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM

Elwha Klallam Group Performs at Potlatch Gala-Weaving a Tradition of Giving



Potlatch Fund | 15 years - Weaving a Tradition of Giving
Clearwater Casino & Resort | November 4, 2017

The Elwha Klallam Song and Dance group had the honor of performing at the regional Potlatch Fund Gala at the Suquamish Clearwater Resort on November 4, 2017. The Elwha Youth are to be commended for their amazing participation and representation of the Tribe. The cultural teachings by members of the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe was a highlight of the evening. The Gala was hosted by the Potlatch Fund, a native-led nonprofit that provides grants and leadership development in Tribal Communities throughout Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana. A dinner, silent auction, awards and Elwha's performance completed the evening activities. Photo by Cristina Roark. More on Page 3.

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New Market Place Fairness Law for Washington State

The Department of Revenue is writing to inform you of a new state law that may affect the tribe and its tribal citizens when they make purchases that are delivered to them into the Indian country where they are enrolled.

Marketplace Fairness

Beginning January 1, 2018, marketplace facilitators (businesses that link buyers and sellers through a physical or electronic marketplace) and remote sellers (businesses that are not physically present in Washington and may sell items through the internet or catalogs) who make sales into Washington State may elect to either comply with certain notice and reporting requirements or collect Washington sales tax. Marketplace facilitators and remote sellers that do not choose to collect the tax must notify the customer of their use tax obligation and provide the state a list of those customers located within the state and their respective purchases.

How this may affect tribes and tribal citizens

As a result of this new law, tribes and tribal citizens may be charged sales/use taxes for their purchase that are delivered to them in their Indian country by the remote seller. As you know, tribes and tribal citizens that purchase goods or service and have them delivered to the Indian country in which they are enrolled are exempt from state sales/use tax. These purchases are still exempt.

How you can ensure your purchases are exempt from sales taxes?

Tribal citizens should provide the remote seller with their tribal identification and an exemption form. You may use an exemption form created by the Department or one that captures all of the appropriate elements to document the exemption.

The Department is working with marketplace facilitators and remote sellers to make sure they are aware of the tribal exemption and have a way to exempt tribal purchases.

Can I get a refund for taxes that are paid in error?

Yes.

We recommend that the tribe or tribal citizen first ask the marketplace facilitator or remote seller for a refund

of any sales tax paid because the marketplace facilitator or remote seller has the direct relationship with the buyer. If the marketplace facilitator or remote seller does not refund the sales tax paid, the tribe or tribal citizen may apply for a refund directly from the Department.

To obtain a refund directly from the Department, you must use an Application for Refund or Credit form **and one** of the following forms:

Sellers Declaration for Buyer's Refund of Retail Sales Tax, or

Buyer's Declaration for Refund of Retail Sales Tax

The completed refund request forms should be mailed to the Department with proof of the amount of retail sales tax paid, a copy of your tribal identification, and a completed exemption form. Refund requests should be mailed to:

Attn: Refunds

*Washington State Department of Revenue
PO Box 47476*

Olympia, WA 98504-7476

For more information on how a consumer claims a sales tax refund from the Department, see the online article "Apply for a Tax Refund."

More information

For more information on this new law go to the Department's Marketplace Fairness webpage.

For more information for tribes and tribal citizens go to the Department's Tribal webpage.

For Questions, feel free to contact

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Elwha Group Performs at Potlatch Fund Gala Continued from Page 1

The 2017 Fundraising Gala has been building community and sharing wealth since 2002. Their Mission reads: “to inspire and build upon the Native tradition of giving and to expand philanthropy with Tribal Nations and Native Communities in the Northwest. This includes, not just projects, but empowering our people as emerging leaders and developing strategies in nonprofit management, fundraising, grant writing and more”.

The Elwha Tribe has received a number of grants from the Potlatch Foundation: supporting youth through the Canoe Journeys; Language Program curriculum development, 4th grade; cultural loom weaving classes, Klallam language for parents classes. We have had tribal members receive Leadership Honoring Awards from the Potlatch, including Robert Elofson (Natural Resource Protection) and Suzie Bennett (Cultural Preservation).

This year's theme *Weaving a tradition of Giving*, was enhanced by the Tribe's Song and Dance performance. The group entered with the Paddle Song, shared a story, then performed the Black Fish song and dance, and ended with the Help song. Appreciation was expressed and cultural values were shared.

We would like to thank the Elwha Klallam Tribal Council, Elwha Klallam Song and Dance Group, tribal families and everyone that supports the group. Special thanks to Jonathan Arakawa for speaking on behalf of the Elwha Klallam group.



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CEO Update-William White



On my way to work this morning, coming down the hill onto Stratton, just past the Casino, and I look up to see this brilliantly lit up rainbow directly in front of me. I was reminded of the teachings I received in Sunday School, that the rainbow was a sign from God,

a promise to us about the future. And it gave me hope.

This has been a very tough beginning to the Holiday Season. Too many of our loved ones passing over, too many funerals and memorials, too many tears shed and hearts broken. How, I wondered, am I to embrace the spirit of the holidays, the spirit of love, of giving, of sharing, of kindness with our brothers and sister who walk this good earth with us? That sign, this morning, gave me part of the answer.

We, as Native people, are resilient. We have survived disease, attempts at eradication, efforts towards assimilation, programs of registration. We have survived

because we have ties to the ancients who preceded us, memories that are genetically coded in us, and an uncompromising will to exist, to thrive, to progress.

I want to wish each and every one of you the very best this holiday season. I hope each of you are surrounded by family, by friends, by love and compassion. I hope each of you can find a little bit of rainbow in your lives, and find a way to share that hope with others.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas, a wonderful New Year, and a prosperous life.



William (Bill) White



Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Access

The Tribe has installed AED in some of their facilities now. An AED is a portable device that checks the heart rhythm and can send an electric shock to the heart to try to restore a normal rhythm. AEDs are used to treat sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). SCA is a condition in which the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating.

Anyone who has minimal CPR and AED training can use an AED to help save a life.

Using an AED on a person who is having sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) may save the person's life. The most common cause of SCA is arrhythmia called ventricular fibrillation (v0fib). In v-fib, the ventricles (the heart's lower chambers) don't beat normally.

Photo by Glen Roggenbuck

Emergency Management



Family Advocacy Program-Social Services

Greetings to All,

On November 14th-15th, attorney Diane Cabrera, Judge Susan Alexander, Director Kelly Bradley, and I (Beatriz) attended the ITWG - Inter-Tribal Working Group with the NCAI - National Congress of American Indians training in Tulalip, WA. This training covered the Special Domestic Violence Crime Victimization implementation, laws, procedures, and requirements. As to date, according to the NCAI data, there are 18 Tribes/Nations including the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe that adopted the 2013 *Violence Against Women Act* - VAWA Reauthorization Act. What this means is that "VAWA 2013 recognizes tribes' inherent power to exercise "special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction" (SDVCJ) over certain defendants, regardless of their Indian or non-Indian status, who commit acts of domestic violence or dating violence or violate certain protection orders in Indian country". For more information, go to: <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/violence-against-women-act-vaawa-reauthorization>.

On November 16th, a family night and a celebration of thanksgiving was conducted. I presented information about the Violence Against Women Act and an update of the LEFA - Lower Elwha Family Advocacy Program as the Tribe received a renewal of three grants for the LEFA. Grants are from the Washington State Office of Victim of Crime Advocacy, Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women – Collaboration Tribal Assistance Solicitation, and Indian Health Services Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative.

If you have not completed a survey for me, stop by at the Social Service building, pick up a survey and complete it. Once you completed the survey, give it to me so that you will receive a \$25.00 gift card.

Events and SAVE the Dates:

LEFA is offering a *Talking Circle - Walk-In and an On-Going Support Gathering* for women and girls. Starting December 12th and every Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 for women and 3:30 to 4:30 pm for girls. It will be held at Social Services Building.

Family nights- December 22th from 5:30-7:30 pm at Tribal Dining Hall. Confirmed Presenter: Birdie Wendy - Indian Health Services Portland. She

will be talking about the result of the surveys that were collected by me several months ago. Other presenter will be announced later. Family night is scheduled on every fourth Thursday of the month. Dinner will be provided.

Parents in the Known - Prevention Class on Thursdays of March 1st - 29th, 2018 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Class materials and snacks will be provided. More details will be announced later.

Homeless Connect on Friday, March 2nd at Vern Burton in Port Angeles. Sponsored by Serenity House, other local agencies and volunteers.

***Note that all LEFA events are subject to cancellation when staff is in training, other circumstances arise or Holiday. ***

May you and your family have a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year!!

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year !**

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Assistance to Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Stalking, and Provide Prevention/Awareness.

Mission: Victim's Safety and Autonomy through Advocacy and Community Awareness



Elwha Tribe's Annual Christmas Bazaar

Elwha Klallam Tribe

Extends a Welcome

To the Tribe's Annual Christmas Bazaar



Date: **December 15 (Friday) & December 16 (Saturday), 17**

Times: ***Friday - 10:00 am. To 4:30 pm.***

Saturday - 9:30 am. to 3:30 pm.

Location: **Tribal Gymnasium**

Please come and join in the fun festive activities of this annual event hosted by the Tribe. There will be many unique handmade gifts to choose from for that special gift.

For information on vending during the event, please call 360-417-8545, X-2909.

Thank you.



Tribal Business Council Resolution List

Resolution Number	Date	Resolution Title
95-17	10/2/2017	Correction blood quantum of Courtland A Coutlee-Approved
96-17	9/25/2017	Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Delegate and Alternates-Approved
97-17	10/2/2017	Increase blood quantum of Teresa Johnson-Sanders-Approved
98-17	10/2/2017	Enrollment of Ashley A. Johnson-Approved
99-17	10/2/2017	National Congress of American Indians Delegate and Alternates-Approved
100-17	10/5/2017	Appointment of Susan M. Alexander as Chief Judge of the LEKT Court-Contract Approved
101-17		Open
102-17	10/30/2017	LEKT Employee Handbook-Adopted and Approved
103-17	10/30/2017	First modification to uniform terminal allocation to transfer agreement between LEKT and Tulalip Tribe-Approved
104-17	10/30/2017	Letter of understanding between LEKT Police Department and CCSO to participate in FY2016 Stone Garden Grant program-Approved
105-17	11/6/2017	Biodegradable one use food containers banned from Tribal property-Approved
106-17	11/6/2017	Confirmation of interest to purchase of Trust tract No. 157HC4876-C Johanna Blacksmith property-Approved
107-17	11/6/2017	Approved to Submit FY2016 mass marketing funding proposal-Approved
108-17	11/16/2017	3rd Amendment to BIA multi-year funding agreement for FY2016-2020-Approved
109-17	11/21/2017	LEKT Budget FY2018-Approved

Elwha Tribal Community Christmas Party



Thursday, December 19, 2017

Starting at 5pm

Tribal Center Gym

Dinner, Gifts

Santa will be there!



Volunteers are needed for preparation and set up. Please sign up at the front office of the Tribal Center or call the office at 360-452-8471.

Merry Christmas!



Elders Lunch Menu

DECEMBER 2017 ELDER'S LUNCH PROGRAM

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		NOV. 29 th Subway sandwiches Quinoa Salad Green salad Oranges	NOV. 30 th Chili Corn bread Salad bar Apples	1 st Navy Bean Soup H.M. Rolls Salad bar Fruit
4 th Chicken Enchilada Casserole Spanish Rice Salad bar Fruit	5 th Lasagna Broccoli Green salad Fruit	6 th Mexican Lasagna with beef Pinto Beans Green Salad Fruit	7 th Baked Potato with toppings Mixed Veggies Salad bar Fruit	8 th Pulled pork Sandwiches On WW rolls Salad bar Cole slaw Fruit
11 th Assort. Sandwich bar w/WW bread Potato Soup Salad bar Fruit	12 th Shepard's Pie Salad bar Fruit	13 th Chicken Alfredo W/ WW pasta Broccoli Salad bar Fruit	14 th Pork Loin Mashed potatoes Mixed Veggies Salad bar Fruit	15 th Beef Barley Soup H.M. Rolls Salad bar Fruit
18 th Baked ham Brown rice Broccoli Salad bar Fruit	19 th Spaghetti with meat sauce H.M. rolls Salad bar Fruit	20 th Oven fried chicken Boiled potatoes Mixed veggies Salad bar Fruit	21 st Hobo Dish w/ brown rice Salad bar Fruit	22 nd Pork Carnitas w/corn tortillas Spanish rice Salad bar Fruit
25th - 29th TRIBAL CENTER CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY				
Jan. 1st CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS				



20th Annual School District Potlatch-sxʷiʔám ʔaʔ cə ʔayxʷíynəxwí

The Elwha Klallam Tribe hosted the 20th Annual School District Potlatch-*The Story of Our People*-on Thursday, November 30 at the Tribal Center gymnasium. Approximately 250 people attended the evening. Tribal members, families, Port Angeles School teachers and representatives, along with tribal staff joined for an evening of sharing Elwha culture, history and delicious food. An educational Resources Fair was offered in the gym.

The focus this year was on the historic accomplishments of the Tribe. As recognized by the United States in 1855's Treaty of Point No Point, the Tribe has lived in this area since time immemorial. The Tribe's current land base was initially acquired by the United States in trust for the Tribe in 1935-36 and these lands were proclaimed as the Lower Elwha Reservation in 1968.

"We cannot forget to continue to honor the three members [Gilbert Charles, Chairman; Viola ("Ollie") Cagey, Secretary; LaVerne Hepfer] who served on Tribal Council in 1968 when we got federally recognized. And hands are raised to the past and present Tribal Council's who served our Tribal Government and Community through these past 50 years." *Jonathan Arakawa*

Jamie Valadez, tribal member and Port Angeles Klallam language teacher, invited tribal students to participate in the evening activities. Elementary school students sang the Klallam Welcome Song. Middle school students presented a video of school activities at Stevens Middle School. Payton Cagey told the story of his Grandmother Viola when she served as Secretary on Tribal Council, and of camping at Deep Creek. High school students, including Jonathan Arakawa, Peyton Cable, and Bonnie Peters spoke of tribal history after receiving federal recognition.

Thank you to the Education staff, students, other department's participation, volunteers and families that helped to make this evening a huge success!





Elwha Early Head Start & Head Start

Head Start Make-Up Dental Visit

Head Start students who missed the dental visits in October will have a make-up visit on December 14th. The LEDC will require all documentation be completed before children can be seen; Deanna will be contacting you if your child is missing anything. You can contact Deanna at 360-452-2587 x3 or 360-452-8471 x7470.

Parents are always welcome to attend with their child, we love our volunteers!

The weather outside is frightful!

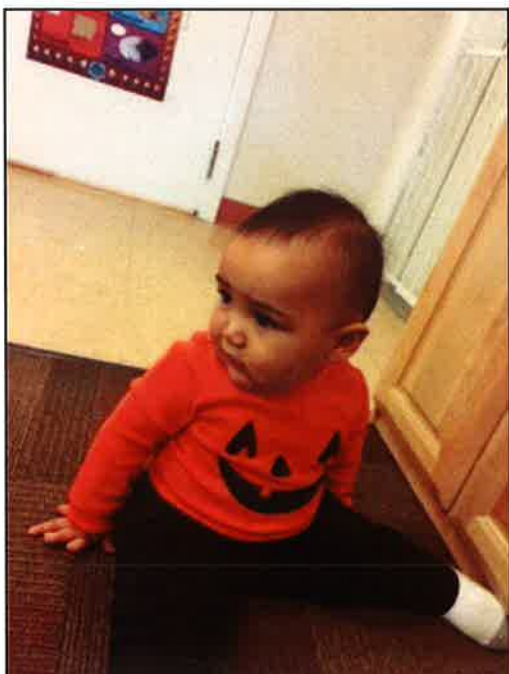
Just a reminder that we try to get the kids outside whenever the weather permits. Please help your child pick out clothes for the weather conditions. Feel free to pack extra clothes in a backpack in case they get muddy or wet.

DAILY REMINDER: Be courteous

Reminder: Pick your child up on time as most teachers are on a set, limited, daily schedule. Please let teachers know if you will be late, even if it is 5-10 minutes of being tardy pickup.

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(Thank you friend)



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The Butterfly Prenatal Program is always accepting applications. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn and earn "baby bucks" as you go. Baby bucks can be used to 'buy' new items for your baby. We also go over fetal development, milestones, as well as learn some practical skills like budgeting. If you are interested please contact Summer Cooper Early Head Start Prenatal Educator 360-565-6364



Education & Library

As the year comes to an end it is time to reflect on all the positive things that happened in the library this year. One of the most exciting things that happened in the library was that we got two new tables and 12 new chairs in some very lively colors. They really brightened up the library and the kids loved them.

Throughout the year we received on loan from the Washington State Library various STEM kits for the kids and adults to use in the library. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and math. One kit had the kids building electrical circuits that turned on lights and sent propellers flying into the air. Snap Cir-



cuits was one of the favorites and you could always find 4 or 5 kids huddle around working with each other to create electrical circuits. Ozobots is another one that the kids loved playing with. This kit allowed them to draw paths and program commands using markers and paper that the robots followed as they travelled around the path they created. The kids could also use laptops to program the Ozobots if they wanted to. Cubelets Robot Blocks was another big hit with the kids. This kit allowed you to connect blocks that were already programed to perform various tasks. Overall the STEM kits were a huge success and we are already working on getting some for the next year.



On August 21 we held a solar eclipse viewing outside the library. We had 50 pair of glasses donated to us by the Washington State Library for tribal members to view the eclipse with. Young and old gathered around to watch the eclipse and a computer was set up in the library to allow view of the total eclipse. We served snacks and also information pamphlets set up in the library if you wanted to learn more about the eclipse.

During the summer break from school we had a summer reading program for the kids. This summer reading program was extra special for the kids because the library purchased over 75 new books for the kids to read. We also purchased over 75 books for adults to read. Each kid who signed up for the summer reading program got to take home a brand new book for participating. Kids were stopping by every day to read or to read to other kids. Another highlight were the days when the Chief of Police, Jeff Gilbert stopped by to read to the kids. The kids loved being able to choose the books that he read.

Rick Eubanks, Librarian



Elwha Dental Clinic



Meet Your Dental Staff

Dental Hygienist, Betsy Simpson, RDA, EFDA:

Betsy is a Registered Dental Hygienist. In Betsy's everyday life, she gives every patient 110% of what she's got. It is very clear she has a passion for

oral hygiene. Betsy said her favorite part of her job is being able to begin and foster relationships with people, and getting to see people a few times throughout the year. Betsy also volunteers for our tribe at many community events and has been very active in our community. There is a common belief that an assistant and a hygienist are the same role in the dental team, but they both have different contributions.

Why did you choose to become a hygienist?

"After being in dentistry for 25 years as an assistant, my partner at the time had a diving accident and a school opened up in Port Angeles and I went for it."



What would you say to someone who is looking at hygiene as a career?

"It's an amazing career to raise a family with. I highly suggest job shadowing someone for a week or two. Find a hygienist to become your mentor. I actually say that for any career."

What was your favorite part of going through hygiene school?

Just being able to continue my career. Helping to educate the patient as to what is going to be best for them."

What did you do before hygiene?

"I started off when I was in high school as a car hop at A&W. My dad asked me if I was going to be the A&W queen. An ad came on late at night to become a dental assistant, and I thought 'I can do that'. I lived with my aunt in 1982 and she made me realize that if she could do it, I could do it."

What is your favorite activity outside of work?

"I like to read. Work in my garden. I have vegetables, fruit, and flowers."

What is your favorite junk food?

"Chips! Hello!"

Give me two things from your bucket list

"I want to go to Switzerland and meet a big branch of my family. I'd also like to go to Iceland and watch the Northern lights from a glass igloo."

Dental hygiene is an important part of your oral health and Betsy is full of knowledge on how to best take care of your teeth and gums. —Emma Bankson





Special Feature: Meet Your Elwha Police Department



Chief Gilbert-Jeff Gilbert is a 24 year veteran of law enforcement who began his policing career after joining the OH Air National Guard in 1993, and serving as a Law Enforcement Specialist until 2000. He attended the Phoenix AZ Regional Police Academy in 1996 beginning his 10 years of service with the Colorado River Indian Tribes Police Department. During this time he served as a Patrol Officer, Criminal Investigator, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Interim Chief of Police. Additionally he was assigned as the Operations Commander to the joint narcotics task force from 2000 through 2002. In 2005 he was hired as the Chief of Police for the Town of Quartzsite, AZ serving through 2013. During his tenure with the Town he was selected to attend the FBI National Academy, graduating in the 233rd Session, in June of 2008. In 2009 he was appointed by the Governor to a two year term serving on a Regional Committee for the State Department of Homeland Security. He was hired in April 2016 as the Chief of Police for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe.



Lieutenant Ted Potter- Ted is a Native Hawaiian. Ted has been working for the department for 1 year and 9 months. Ted has been in Law Enforcement since 1980 and the duties that Ted held during this period were Grays Harbor County Corrections Officer, Juvenile detention officer, multiple positions with the Department of Correction, Probation officer, Deputy Chief and Grays Harbor County Court Security.



Officer Joshua Woods- Josh has been with the department for 1 year and 10 months. Prior to coming to Elwha Josh was the maintenance person for a church. Josh has completed police academy and equivalency. Josh is also our Certified Car Seat Technician.



Sergeant George Black Crow- George is a Muckleshoot and Gros-Ventre (Grow-Von) native and has worked for the Elwha tribe for 20 years. George has been a Police Officer for 9 years. George has lived in the Elwha Community for 24 years. George has participated in Elwha Healing Court, Youth Coalition. George is a certified Domestic Violence Instructor. George assisted with development of our Sex Offender Program. George also created and participated in the Elwha Youth Warrior Programs.



Officer Ricardo Gonzales- Ricardo has been with the department for 1 year and 4 months. Prior to coming to Elwha Ricardo worked for the Grays Harbor Sheriff's Department in Corrections and the Quinault Indian Nation Police Department. Ricardo also retired from the Bremerton Naval Base as he was the FIS Regional MHE Inspector.



Officer Jimmy Thompson- Jimmy is a Makah Native. Jimmy started his law enforcement career with the Neah Bay Police Department in 2003. During his time with the Neah Bay Police Department Jimmy was able to attend numerous additional training.



Officer Dylan Heck Dylan has been with the department for 9 months. Prior to coming to Elwha Dylan worked as a EMT for Olympic Ambulance and he was also a Firefighter and EMT with Clallam County. Dylan just recently completed police academy and equivalency and become cross commissioned with the City of Port Angeles.



Special Feature: Elwha Police Department



Officer Sheenieka Flores-

Sheenieka has been with the department 9 months. Prior to coming to Elwha Sheenieka worked for as a Pharmacy Tech for a Walgreens, Hancock Pharmacy and CVS Pharmacy. Sheenieka is fluent in Spanish with speaking, reading and writing. Sheenieka is also an EMT. Sheenieka has completed police academy and equivalency.



Fish and Wildlife Officer

Daniel Point- Daniel is Elwha Tribal Member and has worked with the Police Department for 9 years. Daniel has currently moved to the Fish and Wildlife.



Officer Mauricio Benitez-

Mauricio will start his position in October . Prior to coming to Elwha Mauricio worked for the Department of Corrections and Border Patrol. Mauricio is currently an EMT. Mauricio was in the US Marine Corp for 7 years. Welcome!



Fish and Wildlife Officer Josh

Grasse- Josh Grasse began his law enforcement career in June of 2000 working as a deputy sheriff. During his law enforcement career he has served as a school resource officer, narcotics canine handler, narcotics task force detective and marine patrol officer. In 2013 he began working for the Lower Elwha Police Department and has served as a patrol officer, detective and is currently working as a fish and wildlife officer.





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NOVEMBER UPDATE:

Veterans Dinner:

On November 9th, 2017 Social Services (SOC), TANF, VR, and youth honored the Veterans in our Elwha community including our Elwha employees whom served for our country. The names of all the veterans were gathered and each received individualized plaques. The youth made cards for the Veterans which were gathered and bound into a book for each Veterans.

Thanksgiving Baskets:

The holiday season is upon us and we wanted to extend our love and honor the community. Baskets were gathered for Thanksgiving dinners with the trimmings and fixings for community families. This was a collaboration with various Tribal Departments who came forward with record numbers. We are grateful for this time of the year as we work for our Elwha Community. The baskets were delivered November 21, 2017 evening. Thank you to all Departments for their participation.

Outreach

Through-out the past year SOC has been bridging gaps between the SOC program and the schools with-in our service area; which ranges from McDonald Creek to Pysht. We have made connections with the Port Angeles School District as well as crescent school. This partnership is vital to the success of our families and youth.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Christmas Giving Tree:

As in previous years, the giving tree will be set out after the Thanksgiving holiday. Please contact Social Services for additional information.

After School Youth Activities:

Donna Goldsbury, SOC youth advocate, has been in the dining hall at the Tribal Center every day from 2:30pm-4:30pm helping our youth stay entertained and providing prevention activities.

SOC Governance Structure:

Currently SOC has eight committees that require community involvement. SOC is a family driven, youth guided program.

Please join one of our teams-your voice and opinions are important. Come be the change in your community for youth mental health:

Care Coordination Team: 12/21/17 @ Social Services/3pm with Wihinna Robideau

Executive Committee: 12/18/17 @ Social Services/3pm with Lola Moses

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Elsie Miller at 360-565-7257, Ext. 7661

Systems of Care Staff

Program Director:	Kelly Bradley
Project Manager:	Lola Moses
Grant Manager:	Melaine Wheeler
Care Coordinator:	Wihinna Robideau
Family Advocate:	Nancy Hamilton
Youth Advocate:	Donna Goldsbury
Admin. Assistant:	Elsie Miler

Lower Elwha Systems of Care (SOC) is a new way of caring for our youth and families. nəsá?cəŋ cx^w means "you are my very breath" in Klallam, we've chosen these words to express the importance of our youth. We use the Wraparound approach in our systems of care program. Our program is for community members that are birth thru 21 years of age with a mental health diagnosis. Wraparound is an approach to wellness within a systems of care. It draws upon the strengths and resources of a group of people that a client identifies as their formal and informal supports: family, friends, professionals, community members, etc. We streamline services and promote communication amongst providers. The SOC Team will work closely with tribal and outside agencies to develop an individualized service plan that is youth guided and family driven.



Winter Wellness Camp

WINTER WELLNESS CAMP FOOD, FIT, AND BE MERRY!

Dates: December 19-21st

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Times: 2-4pm

Where: Tribal Dining Room

COME JOIN US FOR A 3 DAY
CAMP FOR ALL AGES! THERE
WILL BE DAILY RAFFLE PRIZE
DRAWINGS! FUN! FOOD! AND
GAMES!

BRING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS,
HOLIDAY SPIRIT, AND WEAR
SOME ATTIRE YOU COULD
BREAK A SWEAT IN!

BONUS RAFFLE TICKETS!

- WHEN YOU SHOW UP EARLY
- WHEN YOU BRING A FRIEND
- WHEN YOU STAY THE ENTIRE
EVENT

IF YOU SHOW UP ALL 3 DAYS YOU
WILL BE ENTERED IN A RAFFLE
DRAWING FOR THE **GRAND PRIZE!**

* MEDICAL * MENTAL HEALTH * DENTAL * NUTRITION
* RECREATION * COMMUNITY HEALTH
* ELWHA STRONG YOUTH DRUG-FREE INITIATIVE

Come meet the new Community
Wellness Team!

CHILDREN 6 YEARS AND UNDER MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY A GUARDIAN/SIBLING

Klallam Culture



2017-2018

Klallam Language & Culture After School Program

December 2017 Update by Justine Clifford

We started the After School Program again and have a good group of students! We have been learning Klallam language and playing various language games! Also, we've been writing daily language and the kids are interested in learning more of the language. We will be planning a fieldtrip soon and it will be attendance based, so please don't forget to send your children to our Program! Thank you!



LEKT SONG & DANCE GROUP

Elwha Winter Jam Friday, December 15 @ 5:30pm Dining Hall.

Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest

NO regular song and dance practices during December.

Call Wendy Sampson at 775-9434 for more info





Tribal Sports News



Nizhoni Wheeler (top row left) is currently playing college basketball (and will be playing fast pitch as well) with Lower Columbia College.

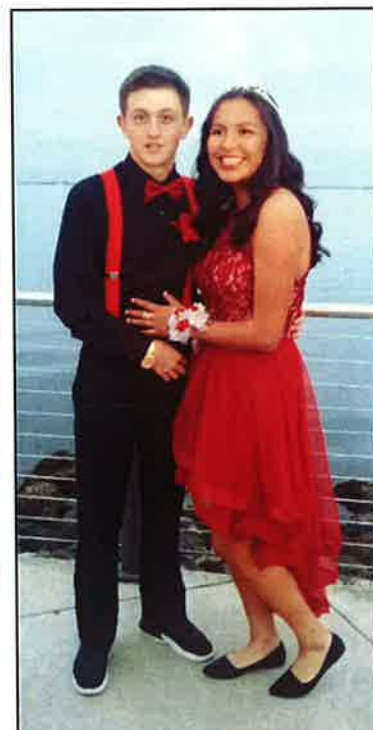
In her freshman college basketball debut, she scored 21 points and had 8 rebounds. She will be playing in Port Angeles on Friday, January 5th versus Peninsula College. Admission is required to attend.

Daughter of Jason and Rachelle Wheeler (granddaughter of Frank and Alyce Charles).



Cheyenne Wheeler, a senior, had a milestone in PAHS history with her soccer team as they made it to the Elite Eight in 2A girls soccer state playoffs. This was the best showing at state in PAHS girls soccer history. Last year, they made it to state playoffs as well, it was the first time in 30 years for PAHS girls soccer history. (Her auntie, Michelle played on that PAHS soccer team).

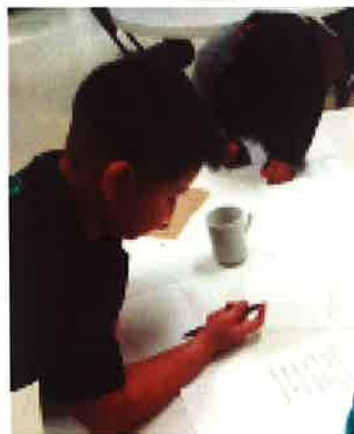
Cheyenne was also crowned 2017-18 PAHS Homecoming Queen. It's basketball season now, Cheyenne will be playing varsity girls basketball. Daughter of Jason and Rachelle Wheeler (granddaughter of Frank and Alyce Charles).





Klallam Language Class

November 2017 Klallam Language Immersion Calendar Making Class



Sunday: namá sk'áči
Monday: sáɬak'tnát
Tuesday: cananát
Wednesday: tx'ítnát
Thursday: nəs'tnát
Friday: tqčštnát
Saturday: sqámáyu; qámötəŋ; txəŋ'tnát





Klallam Language Class

Klallam Language Immersion Culture Class

December 2017-Traditional Winter Wellness

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Class 4-6	2
3	4 Class 4-6	5	6 Class 4-6	7	8 Class 4-6	9
10	11 Class 4-6	12 Dance Practice	13 Class 4-6	14	15 (Elwha) Intertribal	16
17	18 Class 4-6	19	20 Class 4-6	21	22 Class 4-6	23
24	25 --- HOLIDAY ---	26	27	28	29	30

January 2018-Beading

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 -HOLIDAY-	2	3	4 Class 4-6	5 Class 4-6	6
7	8	9 Dance Practice	10	11 Class 4-6	12 Class 4-6	13
14	15 -HOLIDAY-	16	17 Intertribal @ Jameslown	18 Class 4-6	19 Class 4-6	20
21	22	23 Dance Practice	24	25 Class 4-6	26 Class 4-6	27
28	29	30	31			

Rides home provided (on reservation) by Elwha Transit.

EARN HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS & TAFE/GA HOURS!!

Sign up in the language building or contact Harmony Arakawa.

Everyone is encouraged to come



Tribal Members Birthday List for December 2017

31st-Arnulfo Antunez Jr.	22nd-Robert Ian Charles	31st-Kylie Rae Mitts
15th-Frank Gene Bennett IV	19th-Russell Brandon Charles	31st-Jarison Ray Moses
29th-Christopher Eugene Bennett	25th-Alison Rose Contreras	4th-James Byers Muck
17th-Elizabeth Anne Bennett	27th-James Leon Coutlee	21st-Joshua Christian Needham
12th-Joseph Logan Bennett	11th-Jessica Jean De Vore	29th-Marie Elena O'Neel
3rd-Geneva Phyllis Black	27th-Darrell Jerome Duckett	29th-Leslie James Paranteau
4th-Meridi Rose Bolstrom	12th-Alexis Amber Dunn	25th-Roy Gabriel Peters
21st-Arlene Ava Boyd	19th-Keri Leanne Ellis	6th-Victoria Antoinette Peters
22nd-Joseph Lee Boyd	20th-Wade Murray Francis	24th-Daniel Christopher Point
31st-Mitchell Anthony-Batise Boyd	7th-Nicholas Joseph Gilman Jr.	27th-Kaiden Lee Point
29th-Mitchell Gerald Boyd	5th-Georgina Marie Gilman	5th-Maria Elena Rapoza
2nd-Shane John Castillo	10th-Vanessa Roberta Gloria	8th-Chad Charles Rennie
25th-Virginia Ann Castillo	7th-Jennifer Deanne Gober	1st-Savannah Justine Roberts
23rd-Gerald William Charles Jr.	3rd-Caroline Bessie Granlund	18th-Gordon Charles Nathan Sampson
2nd-William Lance Charles Mjelde	11th-Tahnee Nicole Hopie	28th-Rebecca E. Sampson-Weed
22nd-Darrell Wayne Charles Sr.	15th-Janet Lyn Hren	22nd-Richard Lee Sanchez Sr.
3rd-Alexandria Joyce Charles	13th-Brooke Victoria Johnson	26th-Tracey Leigh Sanchez
15th-Brayden Jaymes Charles	13th-Roberta Denise Kimberly	24th-Teresa Marie Sanders
28th-Brenda Joyce Charles	10th-Rosanna Langland	15th-Kristopher Jay Shable
16th-Garnet Marie Charles	4th-Donna Lynne McGoff	26th-Lydia Yanitza Stephyhan
23rd-Isaac Logan Charles	23rd-Andrea Susan McLaughlin	12th-Jaryd Lee Joseph Stevens
19th-Keith Lane Charles	12th-Jeremy Aaron Messenger	7th-Jacob Aaron Sullivan
31st-Lilly Kristy Charles	12th-Joseph Anthony Messenger	6th-Taylor Nichole Tejano
1st-Phoenix Irish Charles	3rd-Elsie Marie Miller	10th-Michael James Wiechman

Staff Birthday List for December 2017

1st-Savannah Roberts	15th-Janet Hren	26th-Tracey Sanchez
3rd-Moe Dannel	16th-Garnet Charles	27th-Tessa Youngman
3rd-Jenessa Balch	16th-Roberta Kimberly	28th-Becca Sampson Weed
3rd-Aleilah Lawson	16th-Carol Shaw	29th-Mitch Boyd Sr.
3rd-Elsie Miller	16th-Trisha Slater	31st-Mitch Boyd Jr.
4th-Jim Muck	19th-Mark Raycraft	
6th-Randall McCoy	19th-Keri Ellis	
7th-Froilan Sarmiento	19th-Laurel Moulton	
7th-January Austin	24th-Daniel Point	





Social Services Employment Program

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies

As you may know already, the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe has their own tribal vocational rehabilitation (TVR) program. There are eleven such programs in Washington State. Our purpose is to help any Native American or Alaskan Native find viable employment.

Some of you may have heard of DVR. DVR stands for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. They do something similar to what we do, but on a bigger scale. However, they are not the only state vocational rehabilitation agencies. Here is a list of the others and what they do;

Developmental Disabilities Administration: This agency is a part of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and works mostly with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Also a part of DSHS and works with individuals with hearing problems.

Department of Services for the Blind: This agency is not a part of DSHS. They work with individuals that are blind or have low vision.

If you need more info on this, contact Jim or Lana with the TVR program at the Social Services Bldg.

5 Healthy Tips to Survive the Holidays

#1: Eat fruit to satisfy a sweet tooth:

The sugars in fruit don't count as "added" sugars, plus, these pack a nutritional punch since they are packed with vitamins, minerals, fiber, and antioxidants, stick to the whole fruit, no juices here! This is a much better option when your sweet tooth kicks in. Not to mention, when you do indulge in a sweet treat you'll enjoy it that much more!



#4: Get out and MOVED! Bump up the exercise. You can run, lift weights, go for a bike ride, or take a class but also thin outside of the box. Depending on the season, go rake leaves, go swimming. I'll even venture to say it, shopping counts (though I wouldn't suggest making

this your only source of exercise...only your wallet will get thinner).

#2: Stick to zero calorie unsweetened beverages: Water, water, water. Tea and coffee are okay too, but limit or avoid the add-ins! Splash in a bit of cream or milk to coffee. Add some fruit and herbs to water and tea. Squeeze some lemon or lime into club soda for a refreshing sparkling treat.

#3: Let yourself indulge (within reason): If skipping a treat means you'll eat 10 of it later, don't skip it in the first place. Let yourself have 1 small treat-a bite size candy bar, 2 small cookies, or a cake pop. If you want something bigger like a piece of pie or cake, make it a small slice and skip the sweet treat tomorrow.

#4: If you want to follow tip #3, you must follow tip

#5: Keep the treats out of sight: We all know the phrase-out of sight, out of mind. It's true for food too. Your first option is to simply keep threats out of the house altogether. You'll come into contact with enough of these things at work and social gatherings. In which case, I'll refer you back to tip #3. But for many people, this isn't an option. Particularly if you have children or are the person making all the treats for everyone.

From Healthy Guidelines.com



Elwha Police Department Report for September 2017

Service Logs for Law & Order	Total
911 Hang-Up	5
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Alarm/Alarm Check	8
Animal Calls	2
Arrest Warrant & Attempts	9
Burglary	1
Business Check	53
CA&N/Elder Abuse	1
Citizen Assist	4
Citizen Contact	14
Civil	5
Community Oriented Policing	31
Court Paperwork/Service	17
Courtesy Transport	3
Disturbance	6
Drug Violation	1
DV	2
Fire	1
Follow-Up	22
Found/Recovered/Lost property	3
Frequent Patrol Request	3
Junk Vehicle	1

Misc. Info/False Reporting	3
Other Agency Assist	31
Parking complaint	1
Prisoner Transport	2
Prowler/Vehicle Prowler	1
Report of open door/window	2
Sex Offense/Monitor	1
Suicide/Suicidal	1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	3
Theft	1
Traffic Control/Emphasis/ Hazard	4
Traffic Stops	53
Trespass	4
Use of Force	1
Violation of Court Order	1
Vehicle Accidents	2
Vehicle Lockouts	1
Welfare Check	3
Total	308

Arrests for October

Josie Fields- CCSO Warrant
 Ian Sonnabend- CCSO Warrant
 Dylan Bennett- Child Molestation 1





Announcements



Happy 1st Birthday Jarison Ray!
Love Momma and Daddy!
(December 31st Birthday)



*Congratulations to this
year's PAHS
Homecoming Royalty:
King and Queen -
Hudson Soelter and
Cheyenne Wheeler*



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Albuquerque, NM 87109
Call Toll-Free 1-888-678-6836
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- *Kelly Johnson
- *Doneta O'Neel
- *Timothy R. Romero
- *Melvin Sampson





December Gym Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Check out the Elwha Youth Stand Klallam Strong News Letter for our youth activities calendar			1 <u>615-730am</u> AM Boot Camp <u>1030-1130am</u> Elders Fitness <u>1215-115pm</u> Lunch Time Fitness <u>630-8pm</u> Coed Dodgeball	2
3	4 <u>615-730am</u> AM Boot Camp <u>1030-1130am</u> Elders Fitness <u>1215-115pm</u> Lunch Time Fitness <u>7-9pm</u> Adult Basketball	5 <u>1215-215pm</u> Lunch Time Fitness <u>7-9pm</u> Coed Open Gym Basketball	6 <u>615-730am</u> AM Boot Camp <u>1030-1130am</u> Elders Fitness <u>1215-115pm</u> Lunch Time Fitness <u>7-9pm</u> Adult Basketball	7 <u>1215-215pm</u> Lunch Time Fitness <u>630-8pm</u> Futsal Soccer	8 <u>615-730am</u> AM Boot Camp <u>1030-1130am</u> Elders Fitness <u>1215-115pm</u> Lunch Time Fitness <u>630-8pm</u> Coed Dodgeball	9 Volleyball Tournament
10	11 <u>615-730am</u> AM Boot Camp <u>1030-1130am</u> Elders Fitness <u>1215-115pm</u> Lunch Time Fitness <u>7-9pm</u> Adult Basketball	12 <u>1215-215pm</u> Lunch Time Fitness <u>7-9pm</u> Coed Open Gym Basketball	13 <u>615-730am</u> AM Boot Camp <u>1030-1130am</u> Elders Fitness <u>1215-115pm</u> Lunch Time Fitness <u>7-9pm</u> Adult Basketball	14 Christmas Bazaar and Party set up	15 <u>615-730am</u> AM Boot Camp <u>1030-1130am</u> Elders Fitness <u>1215-115pm</u> Lunch Time Fitness <i>Class in the weight room</i> Christmas Bazaar	16 Christmas Bazaar
17	18 <u>615-730am</u> AM Boot Camp <u>1030-1130am</u> Elders Fitness <u>1215-115pm</u> Lunch Time Fitness <i>Class in the weight room</i>	19  Community Christmas Party	20 <u>615-730am</u> AM Boot Camp <u>1030-1130am</u> Elders Fitness <u>1215-115pm</u> Lunch Time Fitness <u>7-9pm</u> Adult Basketball	21 <u>1215-215pm</u> Lunch Time Fitness <u>630-8pm</u> Futsal Soccer	22 <u>615-730am</u> AM Boot Camp <u>1030-1130am</u> Elders Fitness <u>1215-115pm</u> Lunch Time Fitness <u>630-8pm</u> Coed Dodgeball	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 2nd Annual Holly Jolly Jam 3on3 Basketball Tournament	27 Movie in the Gym Movie TBD Gym open during movie time only	28 Gym Closed	29 Gym Closed	30
31	December 14-19 Gym closed for Christmas Bazaar and Party. Weight room and sauna will still be available for use. <i>*Gym hours may vary on these days*</i> Gym Hours 12/26 Gym hours during tournament only 12/27 Gym hours during movie only 12/28 & 12/29 Gym closed Tues & Thurs 9am-9pm Mon Wed Fri 615am (Boot Camp) – 9pm					



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“THE STRONG PEOPLE”

The *Elwha News* is a monthly publication of the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe to inform, educate and stimulate interest in the Tribe and community affairs. It also raises awareness and respect for the Reservation and its resources. For news articles, please send to the address below by the 18th of the month.

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Coming Events:

December 14: Family Night @ Head Start

December 15 & 16: Annual Christmas Bazaar at the Tribal Center

December 19: Elwha Community Christmas Party

December 19-21: Winter Wellness Camp

December 25-29: Tribal Offices will be Closed

January 1: Tribal Offices will be Closed

Happy New Year!