



November 2022

Elwha News

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LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE



YOU ARE INVITED TO LEKT'S

Holiday Bazaar

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

If you would like to be a vendor please
contact: Nancy Hamilton -360-912-1302
nancy.hamilton@elwha.org

Vendor and Buyer Door Prizes!

DECEMBER 16TH AND 17TH

FRIDAY-10AM-4PM

SATURDAY- 10AM -3PM

LOWER ELWHA GYMNASIUM

2851 LOWER ELWHA RD.

PORT ANGELS, WA

98363

\$25 Table Cost

(Entry Fee waived for LEKT Tribal Members)



Tribal Operations/Public Health Officer Update

\$200 adult check/\$100 youth gift card for COVID booster shots

The COVID vaccine support program is still up and running and offering \$200 for ALL COVID BOOSTER SHOTS (18+), and \$100 gift card for youth booster shots. To apply visit the links on <https://www.elwha.org/covid/covid-vaccine-support-programs/> **New Bivalent COVID-19 booster!!**

The new COVID-19 booster includes a booster for the Omicron variant and the original COVID strain. Call LEHD to schedule your booster 360-452-6252

Free COVID Tests

Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe is also offering free COVID tests for local community members that have a recent exposure or COVID symptoms.

To request the test to be dropped off for local homes visit: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/7e651f2fbef54e8eac868f98687d50d0>

To pick up tests, you can stop by the front desk of Social Services or the Tribal Center, House of Learning, or the Food Bank.

State of Washington is offering Free COVID tests as well, they can be ordered here: <https://www.sayyescovidhometest.org/>

Do We Still Have COVID Cases?

We have seen a very small number of COVID cases in our community.

We are still in Phase 5 of our Re-Opening Plan and Yellow for mask wearing.

We're still in Phase 5 of the COVID reopening plan. Gatherings outdoors and indoors with unlimited number of participants, masks are strongly encouraged for indoor gatherings.

- Tia Skerbeck, Tribal Operations/Public Health Officer



Vaccine Information

Why should I get a COVID-19 booster?

- 1 Boosting helps protect against newer variants like Omicron
- 2 Everyone benefits from updated COVID-19 boosters...
 - ✓ Even for people who have had COVID already
 - ✓ And even for people who already got boosted
- 3 Boosters help protect people around us



What are the new boosters?

Monovalent shot: original booster

Bivalent shot: new, updated booster protecting against more COVID strains

The bottom line: Boosters energize your immune system to improve protection against COVID-19. You should get boosted to protect yourself and those around you.

When can I get a COVID-19 booster?

It depends on your age and whether you have finished a full ("primary") vaccine series. Find your age group in the graphic below. This graphic only applies to people that completed their primary series.



6 months-4 years



Booster not yet available for this group



5 years and older



Eligible for 1 updated (bivalent) booster, at least 2 months after most recent COVID-19 vaccine

Call the Lower Elwha Health Department
to schedule your COVID-19 vaccines
360-452-6252





Vaccine Information

Don't tempt fate, stay up to date.



Why get an updated COVID-19 vaccine?

- Your immunity to COVID-19 goes down over time. If you had COVID-19 before, you could still get it again!
- Vaccination helps to prevent severe illness and even death—let alone high hospital bills.
- COVID-19 isn't leaving any time soon. Why get sick and miss out?

Are the updated vaccines really safe?

- Yes! All of the COVID-19 vaccines are safe.
- Billions of people from around the globe have been given the vaccine. Bad reactions are extremely rare.

But, what about side effects?

- Muscle aches, headaches, and difficulty concentrating are common side effects from the vaccine.
- But, side effects of COVID-19 are far worse, and include shortness of breath, feeling weak or fatigued, and let's not forget—loss of life.

OK, but what's with variants?

- Variants, or different strains, come from viruses being allowed to spread among a lot of people, not from vaccinations.
- Remember: if it can't spread, it can't get stronger and become a new strain.
- Protect your community and don't let it be the source of the next variant.

What if I'm pregnant or trying to get pregnant?

- COVID-19 vaccines do not lower your chances of getting pregnant.
- COVID-19 vaccines are safe for pregnant people and their unborn babies.
- Pregnant people who test positive for COVID can have more serious reactions. Get vaccinated now and don't risk your health or the health of your baby.

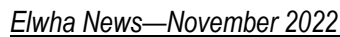
I feel fine without the vaccine.

- Good! But remember, we have to keep our elders and other relatives safe, too.
- You may be well and healthy now, but there's no telling how severe COVID-19 will be if or when you get it. Don't tempt fate, stay up to date.

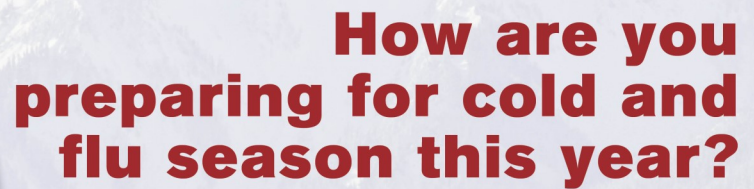


Now what?

Call the Lower Elwha
Health Department to
schedule your COVID
booster and other
immunizations at
(360) 452-6252

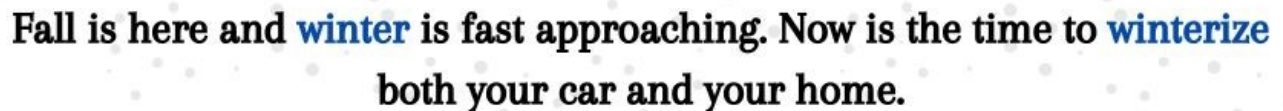


Emergency Management



**Help keep our community
safe and healthy all year long.**

Call the Lower Elwha Health Department to schedule your vaccines at (360) 452-6252.



- The National Weather Service is saying that we will start with a La Nina winter which means **colder and wetter**. That usually translates to more **snow** in the Northwest.
- Are your car tires up to the challenges of driving on **snow and ice**? If not then now is the time to change them.
- If you heat with wood is your chimney clean of dangerous soot? Now is the time to check and have it cleaned if necessary.

Please see the insert in this month's newsletter for more tips on safe **winter** driving and **winterizing** your home!

- Lower Elwha Klallam Department of Emergency Management



Strategic Planning



AGENDA

One Day Economic Community Visioning Session
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
December 1st, 2022
5:30pm-7pm

<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>
5:30pm-5:40pm	Opening Prayer / Welcome/Serve Dinner (working dinner)
5:40pm-5:45pm	Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Blue Stone Strategy Partners
5:45pm-6:00pm	Project Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Process and Next Steps
6:00pm-6:25pm	Survey Feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Review key priorities and themes from Tribal Community Survey
6:25-6:50pm	Prioritization of Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Prioritize Goals and Objectives
6:50pm-7:00pm	Closing Thoughts



Strategic Planning

Strategic Planning

We are updating our Comprehensive Strategic Plan through a community-led approach. The Comprehensive Strategic Plan will serve as a roadmap of initiatives based on the vision, priorities, and goals identified for both the Tribal Government and Economic Development.

As a follow up to the recent survey open to our Tribal Members, we will be holding a Community Visioning Session open to Tribal Members to review the information collected and further refine our priorities and goals.

The Community Visioning Session will be facilitated by Blue Stone Strategy Partners in a townhall format. It provides an opportunity to share information with the Community and is a format for comments, questions, and feedback.

Our goal is to provide everyone in attendance an opportunity to participate so we have incorporated facilitation methods for community members to participate verbally, in writing, and via zoom.

When: December 1st, 2022 5:30-7pm

Where: Dining Hall –in person

Zoom –virtual

Meeting ID: 869 7505 0172

Passcode: 558136

- \$50 check for attendance (must attend entire meeting). Check will be issued the week following the event
- Dinner provided
- 1 raffle ticket entry for flat screen TV
- Recreation activities in the gym for youth
- Door prizes for in-person participants



Ecology

A Himalayan Blackberry and Scotch Broom removal effort will be taking place throughout the LEKT community during the month of December, 2022 and in April 2023.

The Department of Ecology's Washington Conservation Corps has donated crews to remove the Class B&C WA state noxious weeds in areas where its thickets are encroaching undesirably in common spaces and in private yards throughout the community. LEKT staff Allyce Miller of Natural Resources and Lester Moses of the Public Works Department are leading this effort, so if there are any concerns about preserving a beloved harvest patch or identifying a place where you would like to see these weeds gone, please reach out to them. These weeds are being controlled because they are considered noxious due to their growing habit and can take over native plant habitat. These weeds are weeds that have been designated by an agricultural or other governing authority as a plant that is injurious to agricultural or horticultural crops, natural habitats or ecosystems, or humans or livestock. Most noxious weeds have been introduced into an ecosystem by ignorance, mismanagement, or accident and can grow rapidly out of control. By removing these undesirable species, it will clear the space for native plants to grow and for the land to be utilized recreationally. When you see a crew of young adults in yellow hard hats going after thickets with brush cutters in December and April, that's what they're up to.

You can contact Allyce Miller at allyce.miller@elwha.org; (360) 457-4012x7489 or Lester.moses@elwha.org with any comments or questions. The Himalayan Blackberry will not be eliminated, it will just be reduced so there will still be patches to harvest from. However, let them know if there are any places you don't want to see a patch removed.





New Employees

Welcome, and Congratulations to these employees in their new and changing roles!



My name is Danielle Johnson and I couldn't be more delighted to be the fresh, new
TANF Youth Advocate.
I grew up in Port Townsend, made my way all over the country and I am blessed to say,
the Pacific Northwest will always be home.
I am a North Carolina Choctaw descendant and my husband is Makah, from the Johnson family. My
blended family has been built on traditions of our ancestors.
Being a mother and nurturer comes first for me and I believe our youth need to feel heard, loved
and important.
I am an open book and if you have any questions, never hesitate to reach out.
Danielle Johnson
(360)797-8715

Hello everyone. My name is Gregory Montesz Kelley Shears, Montesz for short.
I am the new academic support specialist at Stevens. I have lived and worked in your commu-
nity for over five years in the schools. I'm proud and honored to be able to serve you all and
learn from you. I'm open for questions, comments, concerns or just to get to know me. I love
working with young people. I believe that our world can learn a lot from the minds and hearts
of those we have entrusted our future to.
Thank you and thank you!

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360-809-9274
Montesz Kelley-Shears



Kristina Cain is joining the Mental Health Department after working in
Education with Dry Creek students since 2018. Kristina grew up in Anchorage,
Alaska and moved to the Pacific Northwest to attend college in 2009. She has
lived in Port Angeles since 2016. She is Iñupiaq. Her father grew up in
Utqiagvik and her great-grandparents are Bruce and Jennie Nukapigak. She is
pursuing her master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Art
Therapy. She is delighted to be able to complete her internship while remaining
in the community. She currently provides administrative support and will begin
to see clients as a Mental Health Intern in January 2023.



Nutrition & Diabetes

OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

KLALLAM STRONG: NUTRITION & DIABETES NEWSLETTER

Dawn Travelstead, RD, MS, CDE, Lower Elwha Health Clinic

In this issue:

- Vegies
- Kids & vegies
- Recipe
- Did you know?



Cheesy Beef Pasta

1/2# lean ground beef

1 diced onion

1 small chopped zucchini

24 ounces red spaghetti pasta sauce

1/2 tsp dried basil, oregano and garlic powder

12 ounces rotini pasta

1/2 c shredded cheddar cheese

1 1/2 c shredded mozzarella cheese

Cook beef, onion and zucchini till brown and drain off fat. Add sauce and spices, simmer 15 minutes. Cook pasta in another kettle, drain and then add to skillet. Stir in cheese and serve once melted. Enjoy!

Recipe: www.foodhero.org



Did you know?

By soaking your vegies in 1 tsp of salt water for 20 minutes you can reduce pesticides and make your vegies crispier, also creates a sweeter taste.

Your asking ME to eat more vegies?

Why is this important? Vegies are rich in nutrients and antioxidants. The fiber can help lower blood sugar and heart disease as well as making you feel full longer.

Creative Ways to Eat More Vegetables:

1. Use more vegie-based soups
2. Try vegetable lasagna
3. Add vegies to omelets
4. Experiment with vegetable noodles
5. Grill or roast vegies with olive oil
6. Try stuffed bell peppers

Getting kids to eat vegies:

- Have them help you prepare the vegies
- Add shredded vegies to pasta sauce
- Add parmesan cheese
- Use ranch dressing dip for raw vegies
- Give them a choice in vegies
- Eat together and smile!

Don't forget to schedule your diabetes quarterly.

If you would like a nutrition session, please call me @ 360-912-1500.





Dental Clinic



Meet your Dental Team!

The Dental Clinic is proud to serve the Elwha Klallam community and we would love to help you with any oral health needs you may have! Some of us have been around for a while and some of us are quite new. Here's an overview of our current staff:

Tracey Sanchez — Tracey is an enrolled Elwha Klallam tribal member and the office manager / receptionist at the dental clinic. She has been with the dental clinic since November of 2009 (about 13 years!).

Betsy Simpson — Betsy is the dental hygienist here at the dental clinic. Hygienists focus on working with people to help them maintain optimal health of their gums. Because buildup on our teeth leads to inflammation and irritation of our gums, Betsy spends a lot of time working with patients to remove plaque and tartar and helping find good strategies for care of gums and teeth at

home. Betsy has been with the dental clinic since March of 2011 (over 11 years!).

Diane O'Hara — Diane is a dental assistant and our infection control officer. Diane does a lot of logistics for the dental clinic to help make sure patients are seated on time and every visit is the safest visit. You might find Diane chairside sometimes, but usually she is everywhere all at once helping everybody out. Diane has been on the dental clinic team since November of 2015 (about 7 years!).

Joseph Churchill — Dr. Churchill is a dentist and director of the dental clinic. Dr. Churchill sees patients full time and works to lead the team in the right direction so the dental clinic is a place where our community can receive excellent quality dental services. Dr. Churchill joined the dental clinic team in February 2018 (almost 5 years ago).

Paisley Charles — Paisley is an enrolled Elwha Klallam tribal member and a dental assistant. As a dental assistant Paisley sits chairside with the dentist and does routine dental procedures like x-rays, sealants, impressions, and tooth polishing. Paisley joined the dental team a little over 1 year ago in August of 2021.

Sara Moore — Sara is also an enrolled Elwha Klallam tribal member and a dental assistant. Sara joined the team shortly after Paisley, in November of 2021 so she has been with us for about 1 year now!

William Catelli — Dr. Catelli is a dentist here at the dental clinic. Dr. Catelli has been practicing for over 30 years and brings a wealth of wisdom and experience to the team. Dr. Catelli joined on in March of 2022.

Adaija Zuniga — Adaija is a dental assistant trainee. As a trainee she is taking a course on dental assisting and getting lots of hands on training; in a few months she will be fully trained (it takes some time to learn the ropes around here!). Adaija joined the team in September of 2022.

Jessica Laungayan — Jessica hasn't quite joined the dental team (yet!) but she was here for her working interview for the dental assistant trainee position the day we took this photo and we are hoping to have her on board with us by November! Jessica is an enrolled Elwha Klallam tribal member.

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Beautiful smiles. Strong people.



Recreation

November 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1130am Basketball Camp 230pm Switch Smash Bros	2 12pm Bowling K-12 th Grade	3 1130am Soccer Camp 230pm Pin Soccer	4 1130am Basketball Camp 230pm Switch Mario Kart	5
6	7	8 230pm Dream Park K-6 th Grade	9 330pm Defy MS/HIS	10 230pm Deer Park Movie K-6 th Grade	11 Closed Veterans Day	12
		Gym Closed for Floor Refinish				
13	14 230pm Bowling K-12 th Grade	15 230pm Matball @Field	16 230pm Pool K-6 th Grade	17 230pm Soccer @Field	18	19
		Gym Closed for Floor Refinish				
20	21 230pm Basketball 630pm Adult Basketball	22 230pm Dodgeball 630pm Adult Basketball	23 230pm Basketball 630pm Adult Volleyball	24 Closed Thanksgiving	25 Closed Thanksgiving	26
27	28 230pm Basketball 630pm Adult Basketball	29 230pm Soccer 630pm Youth Basketball	30 230pm Basketball 630pm Adult Volleyball	Gym Hours Mon-Fri 630am-830pm Gym Closed Nov 7-18		



Drum Group

Lower Elwha Drum Group

SAVE THE DATES: Tuesday, [November 8th](#) and [November 22nd](#), from [5pm-7pm](#) is drum group practice at the Culture Center, 322 Stratton Rd.

On [December 16th](#), [6pm-9pm](#), we will be hosting a **Christmas** themed Intertribal/Jam Session at the Tribal Center's dining hall. Jamestown and Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe will be in attendance and would love for you and your family to join us as well. There will be a small regalia repair station of beads, thread, needles, and buttons. If you need anything repaired (*activate Bob Barker voice) Come on down!



Contact Information: Harmony Arakawa

360.452.8471 x7422 or Harmony.Arakawa@elwha.org



Head Start & Early Head Start

November Events!

1st—4th: Parent/Teacher Conferences — Classes end at noon

11th: Veterans' Day Holiday — No School

16th: Family Night 5:30—7:00 pm. Rattle Making

17th: Wear your Moccasins Day

24th & 25th: Thanksgiving Holiday — No School

30th: Teacher Inservice Day — No School



Family Night Fun!

Several families joined us on October 19th for an evening of pizza and making moccasins. Each family was able to create a pair of moccasins for their child. This year we are providing opportunities for families to create lasting memories with a cultural theme.

Don't miss the next Family Night on November 16th for Rattle Making!



Head Start has several openings for students 3 to 4 years old. Children who were three or four on August 31st can apply. Drop by 291 Spokwes Drive, or call 360-504-3141, or email lola.moses@elwha.org for an application.



Child Care

Lower Elwha Child Care

November Newsletter

The Children's House of Learning

291 Spokwes Drive Port Angeles WA 98363

Phone (360) 504 3141 Fax (360) 504 3651

Program Director Bobi Clark

Administrative Assistant Deann Lester

Receptionist Tiana Fieldsend

Happy Birthday
to our
Maintenance
Supervisor Ryan!

Closed

Veteran's Day November 11th & Thanksgiving Break November 24th & 25th

As the weather is getting colder, we will be moving our **Clothing Closet** back indoors. Come on in between the hours of **8:30 – 2:00 on Tuesdays**. Clean, gently used clothing donations can be dropped off anytime at the front desk during business hours. Thank you to the community for all the donations!



Lead Teacher & Teacher
Assistant positions
available!

Infant/ Ducks 1-11 Months T.A's Amy, Jaylynn & Kelsie

Toddler / Hummingbirds 12-29 Months T.A's Julie, Cara & Ella

Preschool / Wolves 30-60 Months Teacher Cat & T.A Tatianna

Afterschool/ Whales 5-12 Years Teacher Juanita & T.A Elliana

All classrooms are currently full. Registration packets are available if you would like your child added to the waiting list.



Library

November is Native American Heritage Month!

November is Native American Heritage Month, so the Library will be featuring books by Native American authors all month-long. We have books from Native authors in every genre and for every age, so no matter what type of book you're looking for, you can find one from a Native author! Here are just a few of our award-winning and nominated books by Native American authors:

- *Apple Skin to the Core* by Eric Gansworth: "The term "Apple" is a slur in Native communities across the country. It's for someone supposedly "red on the outside, white on the inside." The story of Gansworth's family, of Onondaga among Tuscaroras, of Native folks everywhere. Eric shatters that slur and reclaims it in verse and prose and imagery that truly lives up to the word heartbreaking." Winner, American Indian Library Association Youth Literature Award, Young Adult, 2022; Honor book, Michael L. Printz Award for Excellence in YA Literature, 2021; Longlisted for National Book Award, 2020.
- *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich: "Based on the extraordinary life of Erdrich's grandfather who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native dispossession from rural North Dakota all the way to Washington, D.C., this powerful novel explores themes of love and death with lightness and gravity and unfolds with the elegant prose, sly humor, and depth of feeling of a master craftsman." Winner, Pulitzer Prize for Literature, 2021.
- *The Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley: An 18-year-old Anishinaabe kwe (Ojibwe woman) must go undercover and use her knowledge of chemistry and Ojibwe traditional medicine to track down the source of a lethal new drug. Honor book, AILA Youth Literature Award, 2022; Winner, Michael L. Printz Award for Excellence in YA Literature, 2021; Winner, William C. Morris YA Debut Award, 2022
- *We Are Water Protectors* by Carole Lindstrom: "An indigenous girl explains why water is sacred and that the "Black Snake" (pipelines) will destroy the earth. She takes up a rallying cry with her people to defend water and the planet." Winner, Randolph Caldecott Medal, 2021.



Digital Literacy Classes

Jason will be offering two Digital Literacy classes in November. The first will be Staying Safe Online: How Protect Yourself, Your Kids, and Your Information on the Internet and will focus on keeping your data secure online, as well as how to teach your kids to stay safe on the internet. It will be held Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 5pm in the Library. The second class will be geared towards kids, and is called Be Internet Awesome: Helping Kids be Safe, Confident Explorers of the Online World. It will cover much the same information as the first class, but in a way that is easier for kids to understand and engage with, and will utilize a program designed by Google. It will be the following week, Tuesday Nov. 22 at 5pm.

Elder Book Delivery

We are considering starting a new program at the Library which would deliver books to Tribal Elders weekly or as often as necessary. Participants in the program would select books (either through the Library's web catalog or by contacting us directly) to be delivered to their home and books will be picked up as well when finished. We are currently assessing the feasibility of such a program and would like to hear your feedback to understand how much demand exists for the program. If this sounds like a program you would be interested in participating in, please contact Jason with any feedback you might have. You can visit us during our business hours, Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm, call at 360-452-8471 extension 7431, or email jason.morris@elwha.org or jessica.egnew@elwha.org. We look forward to hearing from you!



Food Bank

Lower Elwha

FOOD BANK

November 2022

Hours

Mon, Wed & Fri 8:30a.m. – 3 p.m.

At 22 Spokwes Drive

Thurs 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Vet Center Upper Elwha

Closed Tuesdays

November holiday closure

November 11, 2022 Veterans Day

November 24 & 25 Thanksgiving

Lower Elwha Food Bank Coordinator

Dorene Charles

(360) 452-8471 ext. 7690



Crescent Indigenous Students Committee



Crescent Indigenous Students Committee

On October 6, 2022 Crescent Indigenous Students Committee held an assembly for the elementary and middle school to share a part of their culture and acknowledge the land as Klallam Territory. The student-led group was brought together by Audrey Gales and all Indigenous students in Crescent High School are able to participate.

The group had stations of different parts of their culture they wanted to share, which included Canoes, Regalia, Cedar weaving, Drums, Beading, Kickball and even frybread.

They ended the event with a land acknowledgment and speech by Audrey Gales recognizing Indigenous Peoples Day as well as mentioning the closest documented village is Crescent Bay.

The Klallam Culture Department came and supported the group, helping with the speech and singing and dancing.

A special Thanks to all the students who participated:

Audrey Gales, Jeremy Charles, Eli Tipler, Carter Clifford, Payton Watson, Shawnee Tom, Ciara Cargo-Acosta, Hailey Charles, Conner Ferro-May, Sahnai Charles, Chloe Ferro-May, Jared Gadberry, Loki Ellis, Donovan Allen, Zeek Bird, Kaiden Charles, and James Spears.

My hands go up to you all, you represented yourselves and your community beautifully!

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Melissa Gilman





Crescent Indigenous Students Committee





Family Advocacy



Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe - Lower Elwha Family Advocacy Program (Social Services Department)

3080 Lower Elwha Road; Office (360) 565-7275 ext. 7453; (360) 460-1745;

(360) 775-9346 crisis or non-crisis matters. E-mail: Beatriz.arakawa@elwha.org

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

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

Greetings!

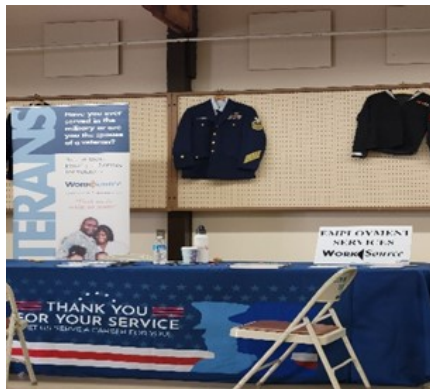
The following are few **Outreach and Awareness** I have done since I last sent the newsletter article for October.

- On Tuesday, October 25th 2022, under the LEFA program and the Elwha Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force Team, we will celebrate the annual October National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and October Domestic Violence Awareness Month on the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Reservation. The theme of this year awareness is **"Walk the Path of Healing through Awareness/Advocacy - šétəŋ' st cə sūt ʔa? cə ʔátuʔ"**. I will send result and photos of this event for December newsletter. For now, I would like to extend my heart-felt gratitude for all of my partners and collaborators especially the Elwha Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force Team members (staff of LEKT different programs) who have been helping, organize, and ensuring this awareness/advocacy will be done safe and successful.
- October 19th, LEFA staff participated on the Clallam Job Fair.
- October 18th, during the Lower Elwha Business Committee meeting, the Business Committee approved and signed the Proclamation as official recognition of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month on the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Reservation. This is in similar October is National Domestic Violence Awareness/Action Month. Thank you so much Council for your support. I am also grateful to Prosecutor Attorney Diane Cabrera for writing the letter and the proclamation.
- The Elwha DV/SA Task Force Team met 3 times for the planning and preparation of October awareness event.
- Beatriz participated in an annual Veteran Stand Down on October 6th at Clallam Fair Ground.
- September 21 to 23, Honorable Frances Charles, Attorney Diane Cabrera and I attended the 17th Annual Government-to-Government Tribal Consultation in Anchorage, Alaska. Many Tribal leaders, Tribal representatives throughout the 49 States including Alaskan Tribes have provided in-person testimony in matters affecting victims/survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, staking, dating violence, and missing and murder indigenous people. This consultation was sponsored and facilitated by the DOJ-OVW- Department of Justice –Office of Violence Against Women. In September 21st while we were at the consultation, Chairwoman Frances Charles received an award notification from Justgants. Honorable Charles forwarded the email to me and other staff. The email states, **"Congratulations! Application GRANT13621074 submitted under the 2022 OVW Fiscal Year 2022 Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program Solicitation has been selected for an award."** This is the grant application we submitted in May 24, 2022, a total grant award of \$720,000.00 for Lower Elwha Family Advocacy Program. A HUGE THANK YOU to OVW, LEKT Council, Grant Writing Department (Arlene Wheeler, Craig Smith and Delsen Lauderback), Social Services Director Becca Sampson-Weed, Dee Koester at WomenSpirit Coalition, and anyone who helped us of this grant application a success.

Thank you to all Veterans! Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Sincere gratitude to all of you who have been supporting this program!

Best Regards,

Beatriz B. Arakawa, LEFA Program Manager and Victim Advocate





Recovery Awareness



Recovery Awareness Walk & BBQ

Approximately 65 people attended the Recovery Awareness Walk & BBQ coordinated by KCS & Healthy Transitions on September 22nd. The purpose of the walk was to bring awareness to the fact, people recover from Substance Use Disorders. The walk started at the LE Housing Authority and ended at the Billy Whiteshoes Memorial Park, immediately following the walk was the BBQ /community celebration. Community members were honored for their leadership in Recovery, and some shared their stories of experience, strength & hope. It was a fun time of fellowship!

We look forward to doing this annually during the month of September, and hope to see more people from our community attend next year!

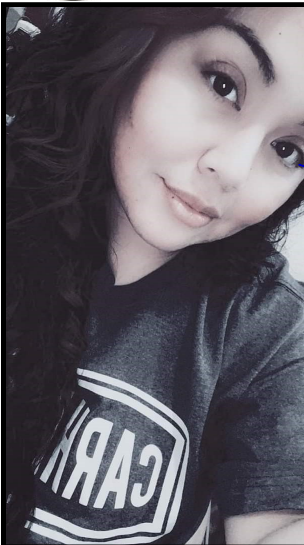
Thank you, Elwha River Casino for sponsoring & LEKT Law Enforcement for escorting us safely during the walk!

-- Jessica Peterson/Klallam Counseling Services





Community News



Happy
Birthday
Jalen/Lil
Auntie!
We love
you!!
Melaine &
Kids

Happy Birthday Rae and
Quanah, may you
have a blessed year!
Melaine & Kids

Happy Birthday Julie,
keep being
the rockstar that you are!
Melaine & Kids

Happy Birthday Kam &
Ash!
We love you, Melaine &
Kids

Happy
16th
Birthday
Roger!
We love
you, Mom
& Sis



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Happy
Birthday
Isabelle
2 years!
-Bub



*Happy Birthday Melaine
Love, Your Momma*

Happy Birthday Grandsons
Roger and Quanah
Love, Gramma Pebs



Flagging Classes Start
November 18th!

This class is ATSSA Certified—valid in
all 50 states!

Registration ends Nov 16th.

Contact Nicole Volkmann to enroll.

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Shaker Church



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Minister's Report from the 2022 Washington Convention

On October 8, 2022, Minister Jonathan Arakawa delivered the oral report of the Lower Elwha 1910 Indian Shaker Church, and Local Traveling Missionary Report, during the 2022 Washington Convention was held at Mud Bay as it was Election Year. Lower Elwha is in good standing for another year.

Following church reports, members present at Convention elected our **new** 1910 Indian Shaker Church Bishop and Board of Elders for the State of Washington.

The following were chosen by God:

Bishop: Dennis Anderson (Muckleshoot, WA)

1st Elder: Hoss Tulee (White Swan, WA)

2nd Elder: Wayne Barr (Oakville, WA)

3rd Elder: Rose Davis (Mud Bay, WA)

4th Elder: Jimmie Tyler, Jr. (Satus, WA)

5th Elder: Marianne Charley (Malott, WA)

Secretary Organizer: Sela Kalama (Queets, WA)

2023 Washington Convention: The Muckleshoot 1910 Indian Shaker Church will host the 2023 Washington Convention on October 13-15, 2023.

Thanking our Lord for his healing and blessings. Masi.



LEPD

Service Record for L & O	Sept.
911 Hang-Up	6
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Alarm/Alarm Check	3
Animal Calls	2
Auto Theft	2
Burglary	1
Business Check	212
Citizen Assist	10
Citizen Contact	8
Civil	6
Community Oriented Policing	46
Court Paperwork/Service	10
CPS/APS	3
Courtesy Transport	3
Disturbance	5
DUI	2
DV	1
Eluding	1
Explosion	1
Follow Up	25
Found/Recovered/Lost Property	3

Fraud	2
Frequent Patrol Request	45
Harassment	1
Misc. Info/False Reporting	3
Noise Complaint	1
Other Agency Assist	3
Overdue Person	1
Report of Open Door/Window	2
Sex Offense/Monitor	1
Suicide/Suicidal	1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	12
Theft	2
Traffic Control/Emphasis/Hazard	6
Traffic Stops	43
Trespass	2
Violation of Court Order	1
Vehicle Accidents	6
Weapons Discharge/Violation	2
Welfare Check	5
Warrant Attempts	1
Warrants-Tribal	1
Warrants-Non-Tribal	4
Total	496



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Apply Here: <https://studentaid.gov/debt-relief/application>

The application is simple and takes 5 minutes!



Resolution List

Date	Resolution Number	Title	Vote		
			For/Against/Abstain		
9-6-22	83-22	Approval of special diabetes program for Indians grant application 2023-2028	4	0	0
10-3-22	85-22	Approval to submit FY 2022 Mass Marking research funding proposal	3	0	0



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Election Day is Nov 8th. - Get prepared today!

☐ Register to vote.

Online at VoteWA.gov until 10/31. In person until 11/8.

☐ Learn about candidates and issues.

Check your Voters Pamphlet. Get more info about candidates at Vote411.org

☐ Mark your ballot choices.

☐ Sign the envelope.

Make sure your signature matches your driver's license, state ID or voter registration.

☐ Return your ballot

Use a ballot drop box until 8pm on 11/8. or use US mail (recommend mailing by 10/31).

☐ Track your ballot

Check the status of your ballot on VoteWA.gov and make sure it was received.

2022 elections are for county, state, and national offices. Get ready!



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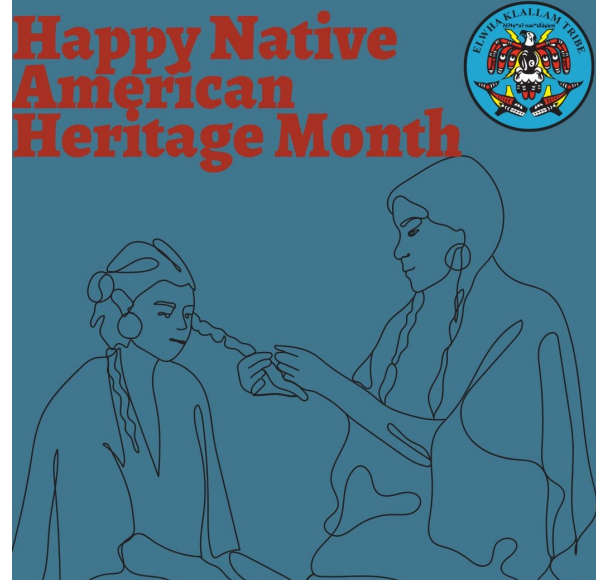
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Dates to Remember:

11/7 Election Worker Heroes Day
11/8 Drum Group Practice
11/8 Election Day
11/11 Veteran's Day
11/16 Family Night at Head Start
11/22 Drum Group Practice
11/24 Thanksgiving



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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 third Friday of the month.

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