



March 2023

# Elwha News

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LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

WASHINGTON STATE PATROL

**MISSING INDIGENOUS PERSON**

**AT-RISK/MISSING PERSON**



**Name: Leelah Smith**

**Age: 23**

**Height: 5'0"**

**Weight: 95**

**Hair: Brown**

**Eyes: Brown**

**Has a tribal crab tattoo**



THIS MIPA HAS BEEN ACTIVATED BY THE WASHINGTON STATE PATROL ON BEHALF OF THE LOWER ELWAH TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT.

INCIDENT SUMMARY: LEELAH WAS LAST SEEN ON JANUARY 10, 2023 IN PORT ANGELES WA

CASE #: 202300000741

**IF SEEN CALL 9-1-1**



## Tribal Operations/Public Health Officer Update

### **Love Yourself Wellness Event**

The wellness event was a great hit! So many families and folks came out to get update on their vaccines, pick up helmets, and gather resources for optimal wellness. If you missed the event, you can always call LEHD (360-452-6252) to schedule your COVID and flu vaccines.

### **\$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/>

### **6 months and older are now eligible for the MODERNA Bivalent 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**

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

- Tia Skerbeck, Tribal Operations/Public Health Officer



## Vaccine Information

# Why You Should Stay Up to Date with Your COVID-19 Vaccines



Getting vaccinated and boosted **greatly reduces** your risk of severe illness, hospitalization, and death.



COVID-19 vaccines, including boosters, are **effective against known variants**, including Omicron.



All COVID-19 vaccines currently approved or authorized in the U.S. are **proven to be safe**.



**FIND A VACCINE NEAR YOU: [WWW.VACCINES.GOV](https://www.vaccines.gov)**



## LEKT COMMUNITY Love Yourself Event



**To all that attended, provided care,  
and made contributions on 2/14/2023,  
you made this event successful in its  
purpose to promote loving yourself  
through community connection and  
wellness centered resources.**

**há?nəŋ cən!**





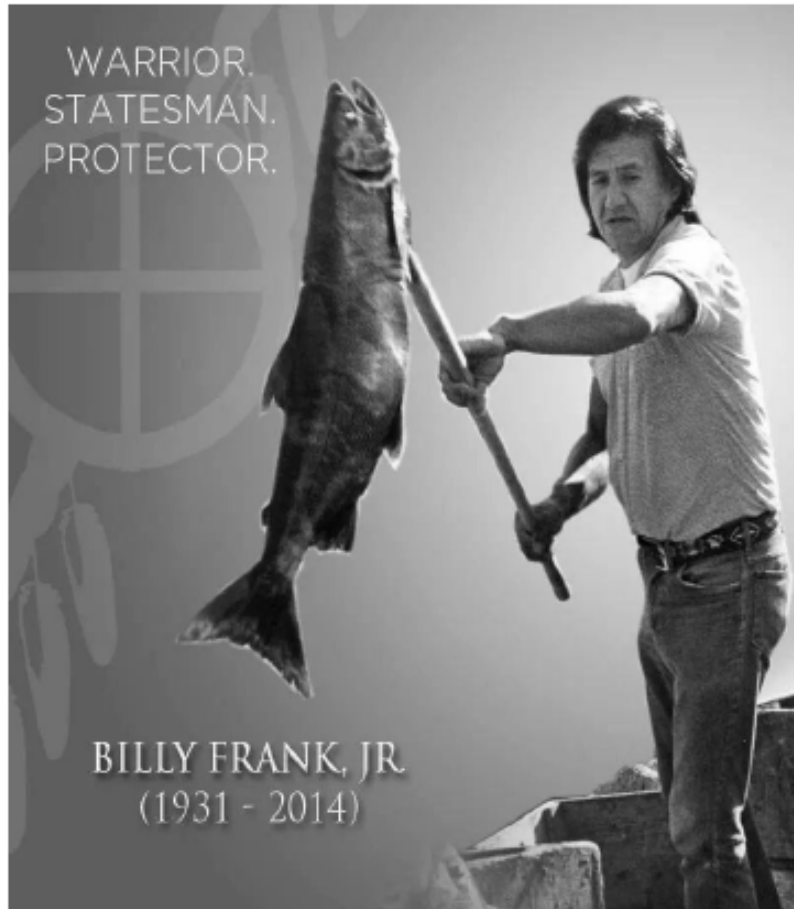
## Billy Frank Jr Day

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY BILLY FRANK JR.! **MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>**

Every year, the treaty tribes in Western Washington observe Billy Frank Jr.'s birthday on March 9.

The fishing rights warrior and longtime chairman of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission lived from March 9, 1931 to May 5, 2014.

His life is chronicled in several books and films. We encourage you to visit the following links to learn more about Billy Frank Jr. so you may pass on his messages to *Stay the Course* and *Tell the Truth*.



#### BOOKS

##### **Tell the Truth: The Collected Columns of Billy Frank Jr.**

For years, as Chairman of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, Billy Frank Jr. wrote a column called *Being Frank*.

From September 1986 to May 2014, these columns ran in NWIFC publications and newspapers across the Pacific Northwest. His words document the challenges that tribes faced as they exercised their treaty rights, fought to responsibly manage fisheries, and raised their voices against the loss of salmon habitat.



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### **Messages from Frank's Landing by Charles Wilkinson**

*In Messages from Frank's Landing*, Charles Wilkinson explores the broad historical, legal, and social context of Indian fishing rights in the Pacific Northwest, providing a dramatic account of the people and issues involved. He draws on his own decades of experience as a lawyer working with Indian people, and focuses throughout on Billy Frank and the river flowing past Frank's Landing

### **Where the Salmon Run: The Life and Legacy of Billy Frank Jr. by Trova Heffernan**

*Where the Salmon Run* tells the life story of Billy Frank Jr., from his father's influential tales, through the difficult and contentious days of the Fish Wars, to today. Based on extensive interviews with Billy, his family, close advisers, as well as political allies and former foes, and the holdings of Washington state's cultural institutions, we learn about the man behind the legend, and the people who helped him along the way.



“I believe in the sun and the stars, the water, the tides, the floods, the owls, the hawks flying, the river running, the wind talking. They tell us how healthy things are. **Because we and they are the same.**”

BILLY FRANK JR.



## Field Arts & Events Hall

# FIELD ARTS & EVENTS HALL

## OPPORTUNITY FOR KLALLAM ARTISTS

sčáy ʔaʔ cə nəxʷsł'áyəm ʔayčłtáyηxʷ

### CREATIONS BY THE KLALLAM PEOPLE

A LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE AND FIELD ARTS & EVENTS HALL PARTNERSHIP

JULY 27 - SEPTEMBER 29, 2023



## SUBMISSION DEADLINE APRIL 1, 2023

In the spirit of collaboration, friendship, and education, the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and Field Arts & Events Hall invite all interested nəxʷsł'áyəm artists to submit art pieces to our first collaborative art show.

The show will be held in the new gallery space at the Field Arts & Events Hall in downtown Port Angeles and will be on display from July 27 - September 29, 2023.



Artists from the three Klallam bands; Lower Elwha, Jamestown, and Port Gamble are welcome to share their diverse artwork. Art can include carvings, basketry, paintings, prints, photography, graphics, and jewelry. The show will focus on traditional Coast Salish art styles so it can be shared as a learning experience for the audience. The artwork submitted to the show is expected to be available for sale as this is a retail gallery.

For more information please contact:

Roger Fernandes / Lower Elwha

[gallery@fieldhallevnts.org](mailto:gallery@fieldhallevnts.org) or call (206) 696-1911



## Food Bank

Good afternoon,

The Elwha food bank thanks you for the donations of food.

The food bank is open 5 days a week and would like to meet up with those that has food donations.

However we can't accept expired food or opened food items.

I ask that the donation be dropped off during business hours Mon-Fri.

Please do not leave the donated food at the front door if no one is present. I am more than happy to schedule a time for drop off.

We have had donations left when the food bank is closed and 90% of the food is expired or opened.

Donations that a greatly needed are

Tooth paste, small dish soaps, canned soup, canned fruits, tuna, toiletries, peanut butter, jam/jelly,

Hand soap, reusable plastic bags, pasta's or any non-perishable food items.

Thank you,

Dorene Charles

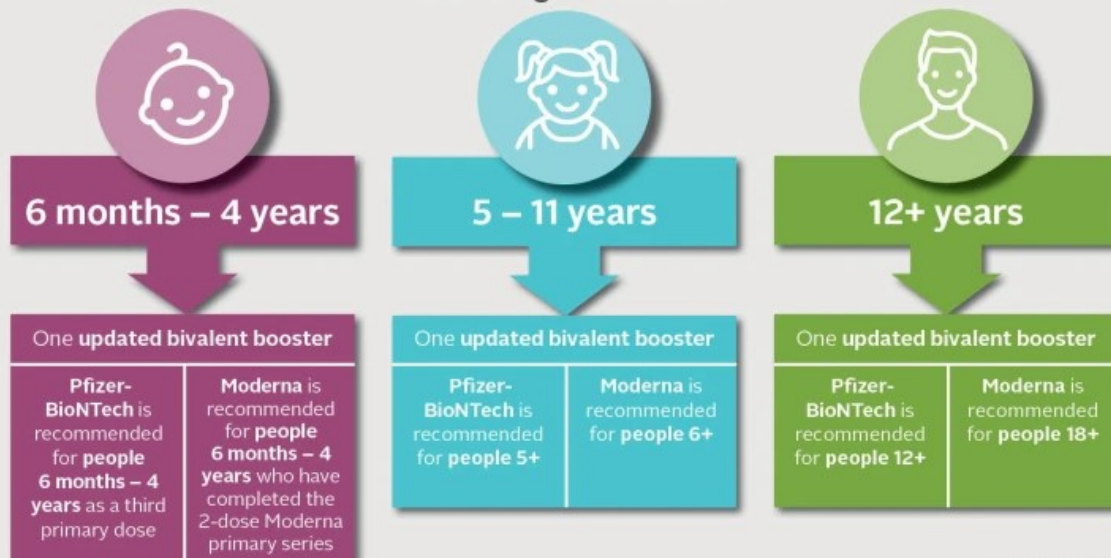
Lower Elwha Food Bank Coordinator

(360)452-8471 ext. 7690



## COVID-19 Booster Recommendations

*According to the CDC*





## Food Bank

LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

# FOOD BANK

22 SPOKWES DR, PORT ANGELES, WA 98363  
(360) 452-8471 EXT 7690

## HOURS OF OPERATION

### OPEN Food Bank Hours

Monday . . . . 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Tuesday . . . . 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday . . . . 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday . . . . 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
(22 Spokwes Dr)

Friday . . . . 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Upper Elwha Vet Center on Thursdays

11:00 AM -1:00 PM

247 Ns'Klallam Dr, Port Angeles, WA

Saturday & Sunday . . . .Closed



In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is an equal opportunity provider. All visitors will be treated fairly, kindly, and with dignity and respect.



## Nutrition & Diabetes

### FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

### KLALLAM STRONG: NUTRITION & DIABETES NEWSLETTER

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

#### In this issue:

- Budget ideas
- Healthy meals
- Superpower
- Did you know?



#### Fuel Your Superpowers!

**Vitamin C** is like a superhero for your immune system. It fights off those pesky colds and viruses like a BOSS!

**Vitamin D-3** is the ultimate defender of your health. It acts as that superhero's shield to keep the germs away!

**Elderberries**, small but mighty! This superfood packs a powerful punch with antioxidants, nutrients, and vitamins.

And let's not forget about **Zinc**! The secret weapon that helps keep you feeling in tip-top shape.

Finally, the ultimate armor for your health- **Indian gooseberries**, (AMLA) the world's MOST potent antioxidant!



#### Did you know?

The calories consumed at a super bowl party mimic those of a holiday dinner! Snack foods can easily add 1000 calories. Better choice; choose popcorn instead of chips and offer a fresh veggie tray with hummus.

#### Healthy Meals on a Budget

I often hear people say 'eating healthy is expensive'; it can be, so instead, I plan to give you some pointers that I use to keep food within budget.

- Don't buy processed frozen foods. Forgo the frozen entrees. The protein content isn't the same as using fresh, and you pay more.
- Plan your weekly meals by what is on sale. I know this takes time, but it's well worth it.
- Keep your protein portion to 4 ounces (deck of cards). This is the most expensive part of the meal.
- Frozen or canned vegies can be cheaper than fresh and still be nutritious.

#### Here are some healthy entrée ideas:

1. Ground turkey tacos; serve with beans and use roma tomatoes as garnish, and add a veggie.
2. Spaghetti with red marinara sauce; use ground chicken that you season with garlic and basil. Serve with a side salad with lots of vegies in it.
3. Chili with beans; buy lean hamburger when on sale and freeze till you need it. Serve with tomatoes/onions and maybe a slice of avocado, when they are on sale.

Don't forget to schedule your diabetes quarterly.

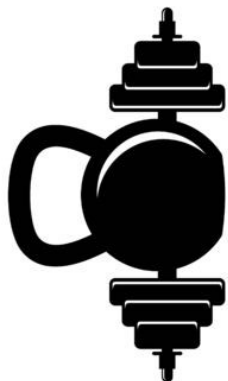
If you would like a nutrition session, please call me @ 360-912-1500.





# Recreation Calendar

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March 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Paper Airplane Throwing ASP	2 Matball ASP	3 Knockout ASP *Mario Kart Races Black Light Night	4
5	6 Mini Hoop Knockout ASP	7 Mushroomball ASP	8 Kickball ASP	9 Pin Soccer ASP	10 *Mario Kart Races Movie Night	11
12	13 Matball ASP	14 Capture the Flag ASP	15 Mushroomball ASP	16 Mini Hoop Knockout ASP Matball	17 Super Smash Bros Tournament *Mario Kart Races	18 Field Trip Family Fun Center
19	20 Pin Soccer ASP	21 Kickball ASP	22 Mini Hoop P.I.G. ASP	23 Mushroomball ASP	24 Super Smash Bros Tournament	25
26	27 Team Dodgeball ASP	28 Capture the Flag ASP	29 Paper Airplane Throwing ASP	30 Pin Soccer ASP	31 Nerf Wars 6-8:30pm	

ASP = After School Program



## Peninsula College Amends Faculty Union Agreements to Recognize Tribal Language Teaching Certifications

**Submitted by:** Jonathan J. Arakawa, Klallam Language Teacher/Peninsula College Adjunct Faculty

On January 17, 2023, leaders, faculty and staff from the Washington State Board on Community and Technical Colleges (WSBCTC), Peninsula College and 6 area Tribal Nations convened for a Government-to-Government Summit at the Peninsula College Longhouse. During the summit, Peninsula College President Suzy Ames announced before the summit attendees, there are some changes being made in the faculty union agreements relating to Indigenous Language courses.

Since Fall 2020, the Klallam Language has been offered for credit at the college. During a full academic year, 6 courses total are offered—3 in the 100 level and 3 in the 200 level. As of Fall 2022, the Makah Language began being offered for credit. Then in Winter 2023, the Quileute Language also began being offered for credit. All three Indigenous languages represent the 6 area Tribal Nations/Bands in the college service area. The nations/bands include Lower Elwha, Jamestown, Port Gamble, Makah, Quileute and Hoh.

Initially, faculty who did not have a master's or doctorate degree needed a 'Teacher of Record' in order for students to receive college credits. This is a requirement in western education. In President Ames' announcement to the Tribal Leaders, this requirement is no longer needed. Under the recent changes in the faculty union agreements, tribal language teaching certifications are now recognized. A similar change in agreements occurred at the Wenatchee College through the leadership of WSBCTC Director of Tribal Affairs, Lynn Palmanteer-Holder. Director Palmanteer-Holder graciously assisted Peninsula College with this important change.

**What does this mean for the Klallam Language?** Effective Spring 2023, our current language faculty, Jonathan Arakawa, Brooke Wellman, Loni Grinnell-Greninger and Karron McGrady, can independently co-teach the language without a teacher of record. Thanks to the efforts and background of our Linguist, Dr. Timothy (Tim) Montler, we have been able to teach with him as our teacher of record. Indigenous language teachers who don't have a master's or doctorate degree no longer a Teacher of Record. By having tribal teaching certifications finally acknowledged, the language teacher's names will be sufficient on the course title and syllabus, **only if they are tribally certified language teachers.**

**Let me be very clear:** Many of us are still dedicated to receiving higher education. Some of us are on that path currently. However, this change represents a huge AND great step in the right direction towards indigenizing and decolonizing education. Peninsula College is truly making progress.



## Digital Literacy

# DIGITAL LITERACY

## CLASSES AVAILABLE

### Essential Computer Skills

- Basic Computer Skills
- Internet Basics
- Using Email
- Windows
- Mac OS

### Essential Software Skill

- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Google Docs

### Using Technology in Daily Life

- Social Media
- Information Literacy
- Career Search Skills
- Accessing Telehealth Appointments
- Your Digital Footprint
- Supporting K-12 Distance



The Tribal Library and the Heritage Center have partnered to bring you Digital Literacy Classes through Northstar! Assessments and certificates are available upon request. Contact Jason Morris to schedule at the library, or Chrissi Ducotey to schedule at the Heritage Center.

Tribal Library - Upon Request  
Jason.Morris@elwha.org  
360-451-8471 x7431

Heritage Center - Wednesdays,  
10am & 5pm  
Chrissi.Ducotey@elwha.org  
360-417-8545 x2902



## Child Care

### *Lower Elwha Child Care*

#### March Newsletter

The Children's House of Learning

291 Spokwes Drive Port Angeles WA 98363

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

Program Manager Bobi Clark EXT 3420

Administrative Assistant Deann Lester EXT 3420

Receptionist / Administrative Assistant Tiana Fieldsend EXT 2101

Classrooms:

Infant/ Ducks 1-11 Months – Teacher Brenda

Toddler / Hummingbirds 12-29 Months – Teacher Cara

Preschool / Wolves 30-60 Months – Teacher Cat

Afterschool / Whales 5-12 Years – Teacher Juanita

Teacher Assistants: Amy, Kelsie, Julie, Tatiana, Ella

**WE ARE HIRING for 2 Full Time T.A Positions. Apply Today!!**

Our Clothing Closet is GROWING!! Please come down and take a look. It is open EVERY Tuesday from 8:30 to 4:30 in our whale's room. It is a free service open to the public.



If you would like to donate, you can drop off your gently used items (NO stains) Mon – Fri between 7:30 AM & 5:00PM.

What to Expect in March.....

The month will be kicking off with a week of all things DR. Seuss.



Followed by a closure Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> in observance of Billy Frank Jr. Day.



Then we celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>. There are sure to be a few parties in the classrooms.



The month will be wrapping up with Hungry Caterpillar Day on the 20<sup>th</sup>.





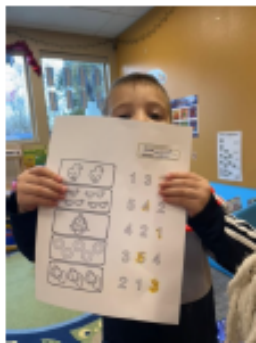
## House of Learning

Happy March from the Children's House of Learning. Our teachers have been very busy trying to get ready for parent teacher conferences, inputting all the information they need to communicate to each of our families. We have also been blessed with the ability to buy two new Red storage sheds and a lot of new supplies for our classrooms and building. Our staff have been busy figuring out what to purchase.



**Love Yourself Wellness Fair:** I set up a table with a refer a friend raffle drawing. I received 9 name referrals for prenatal, Early Head Start / Head Start possible parents. Thank you to all who stopped by my table and to all the other presenter's participating in this event. I personally enjoyed seeing all the smiles.

**Port Angeles High School Job fair.** I had a table. I was able to speak to many students about the job opportunities available at the Children's House of Learning, LEK Tribe, Casino, Cedar Box. Many Native American Students stopped and asked questions. A few adults shared their program would like to partner with Children's House of Learning for work experience for their students. They will be contacting our Director Lola.



**Family Night:** this month we discussed Medicare health insurance reimbursement, our craft was God's eyes. I had 5 parents complete their God's eyes and two take them home. We had Indian Taco's for the meal. Thank you to Jonathan Arakawa for making the fry bread & our Mangers and Staff for helping set up and prep for dinner. **Next Family night is March 15.** We will have a craft and information on filing taxes.



**Otter Class:** This month we have been focusing on number recognition, exploring the leaves and creating fun Valentine's Day art work!

**Introducing Morgan Rowan,** she is our new Teachers Assistant she is working in the Otter classroom. She brings a diverse knowledge on Neurological Divergent development. Her background is in Divergent Knowledge and trauma crisis counseling. Her heart is for people who have gone through a lot, helping to understand them and sometimes that is playing as a mediator. She is the oldest child of 5 siblings one of which is special needs and two other siblings are Neuro-divergent.. She has a three year old daughter, Willough. She's worked with kids for most of her life, in after school programs, help manage summer camps and teach Sunday school. She is very excited to work with LEKT families and community.





## Library

**March is Women's History Month!**

This month we're celebrating Women's History Month by featuring some of our favorite books about women who have made history and who have helped to get us where we are today. Here are just a few examples:



- *Classified: The Secret Career of Mary Golda Ross, Cherokee Aerospace Engineer* by Traci Sorell: Mary Golda Ross worked on many classified projects as a twentieth-century aerospace engineer – and much of what she did remains a secret to this day. Yet her work was of tremendous importance to the US space program, and she broke barriers as a Cherokee woman in a male-dominated field. Discover the story of how a math-loving girl from NE Oklahoma blazed a trail for herself and others, drawing on traditional Cherokee values throughout her career.
- *She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World* by Chelsea Clinton: This book presents the stories of 13 women who changed history, including Harriet Tubman, Helen Keller, Sally Ride, Maria Tallchief, and others. Each of these women persisted in the face of adversity and prejudice in a male-dominated world to smash the barriers in their way and change the world forever.
- *Who Was Maria Tallchief?* by Catherine Gourley: This biography tells the story of the Osage ballerina Maria Tallchief, whose love of dance took her all the way to becoming the first American Prima Ballerina. Tallchief will be featured on a quarter as part of the US Mint's American Women Quarters Program. Her quarter is scheduled to be released into circulation later this year.
- *Mankiller: A Chief and Her People* by Wilma Mankiller: Wilma Mankiller was the first woman Principle Chief of the Cherokee Nation. In her autobiography, Mankiller tells her story of how she rose to the position.

**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, Thu, and Fri 8-4:30 and Tue and Wed 10-6:30 or call at 360-452-8471 extension 7431, or email [jason.morris@elwha.org](mailto:jason.morris@elwha.org) or [jessica.egnew@elwha.org](mailto:jessica.egnew@elwha.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

**Northstar Digital Literacy Now Available in the Library!**

We are very excited to be able to provide the community with the opportunity to utilize Northstar Digital Literacy in the Library to learn digital literacy skills including MS Word, Windows, and others.



## Education

Hello all,

We recently started the afterschool program back up for 1st-6th grade students where they get to enjoy free time in the gym, snack, homework help, and they even get to earn time on the computers by reading 😊 We currently have 11 students signed up with 4 spots remaining! We are offering rides home to all tribal housing in the lower, middle, upper, and if needed we can meet parents at the Lower Elwha Food and Fuel. Rides home begin at 4:30 provided by myself or Cheyenne Wheeler. There are permission slips located at Dry Creek, the library, and with recreation staff in the gym.

Also if any member has a meeting with the school administration at Dry Creek Elementary please do not hesitate to request for myself or the Native American Interventionist, LeAndra Cable-Bruce to attend your meeting to help advocate for you and your child.

Thank you,

Nizhoni Wheeler  
K-6 Academic Support Specialist  
[Nizhoni.wheeler@elwha.org](mailto:Nizhoni.wheeler@elwha.org)

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My name is [Leandra Cable-Bruce](#) I work at Dry Creek Elementary as the Native American Interventionist. I grew up on the Lower Elwha Reservation, I am from the Snohomish Tribe. My mom is Ralena (Reba) Cornelson and my dad is Dan Cable. My grandma and grandpa are Garnet and Philip Charles from Lower Elwha and my Grandma Doloris is from Jamestown. I am excited to continue working with our students and their families, and connecting with my community. If you have any questions or want to reach out my email is [lcable-bruce@portangelesschools.org](mailto:lcable-bruce@portangelesschools.org) and my work number is (360)457-3637.





Heritage Center

# SAVE THE DATE



## MARCH 30TH & 31ST, 2023 NATIVE FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT RESOURCE EVENT

Elwha Klallam Heritage Center  
401 E First St  
Port Angeles, WA 98362  
(360) 417—8545

Featuring educators and attendees from T3 Tribal Technologies, Northwest Native Asset Building Coalition, American Financial Solutions, with more being added daily!





## CDL Courses Available April 2023

### **Peninsula College has been awarded \$880,000 to expand it's CDL Program—What does this mean for you?**

“With the addition of the ‘Commercial Drivers License and Related Instructional Programs Fund (CDL Fund),’ PC will be able to significantly increase CDL enrollment and therefore prepare more students for trucking and trucking-related supply chain industry jobs in the area.”

The new funding will also allow the college to provide tuition assistance to students with financial need who have exhausted or do not qualify for funding from other sources such as the Washington Innovation and Opportunity Act, Basic Food Employment and Training, or Peninsula College Foundation.

“With CDL Fund support, we can increase enrollment from 40 students to 130 plus students per year while providing expanded tuition assistance,”

- [www.pencol.edu/news](http://www.pencol.edu/news)

### **Does this make CDL Classes free?**

No! CDL classes cost \$6995 per person to attend. With PC's new funding, you may be eligible for a partial tuition waiver, but you must apply for it. There are other funding sources available locally that can decrease your out of pocket expenses.

### **How do I find these other funding sources?**

We can help! Contact Nicole Volkmann at the Heritage Center. (x2912) to set up an appointment. We will identify which programs and scholarships might be a fit for you, help you apply, and walk you through the process! A signed release of information form will allow us to work one on one with the college on your behalf.

**When is the next class?:** April 17th—20th, 2023

**Nicole.Volkmann@elwha.org—(360) 417-8545 x2912**



## Elwha River Casino



### Hiring Fair

March 15 & 16, 2023

Heritage Center -- 401 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St. Port Angeles

10 am to 3 pm

*Come join our team where we chose Excellent every day*

With the newly added expansion to include a restaurant/bar to the casino, we will be filling the following positions:

Security	Slot Attendant
Players Club Host	Soft Count
Bartenders	Restaurant Servers
Restaurant Host	Dishwasher
Cooks	Prep Cook
Porter	Cage Cashiers

Every department will be hiring multiple people. Interviews onsite and potential same day hiring for fit applicants.

Minimum required for all positions for interview:

- High School diploma or GED
- Must be 21 years old except kitchen help(dishwasher/host) - 18 years
- Must be able to stand for 8 hours
- Must be able to work all shifts, weekends, holidays & special events as needed.
- Most departments require a Driver's license
- Able to pass UA and background check
- Excellent guest service
- Completed Casino application- available on site or at casino

Bring the following documents to expedite the hiring process:

- Social Security Card
- Updated ID
- Diploma/GED
- Completed Casino application- application available on site or at casino

# HAPPY SPRING!

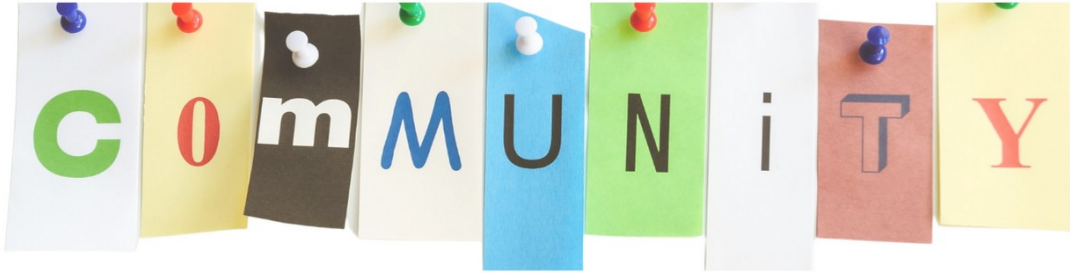
# Local Trail Map 2023





## Community Calendar

### THINGS TO REMEMBER



***Please check out our New LEKT Community Calendar!***

***[www.elwha.org/calendar](http://www.elwha.org/calendar)***

**CONTACT:** Nancy Hamilton to add a community event  
and/or reserve one of our tribal facilities

***[nancy.hamilton@elwha.org](mailto:nancy.hamilton@elwha.org) EXT.2960***

The first day of **SPRING**  
**MARCH 20th**



**Need to update your address?**

**Please go to:**

***[lekt.members@elwha.org](mailto:lekt.members@elwha.org)***

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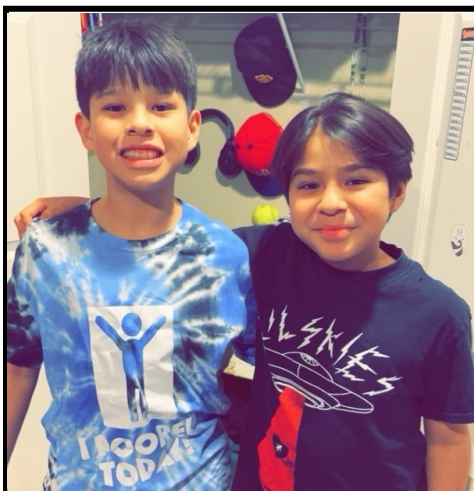
**Billy Frank Jr. Day**

**March 9th**





## Community News



**Wishing Laz & Ashley  
Tinoco a very happy  
anniversary.  
I love you both so much.  
Love always  
Mom**



**Congratulations to Justice and Julian Wells who were each awarded  
Student of the Month for January, 2023 at their respective schools!**



**Congratulations! (Grandson) Maurice  
and Jordan for receiving the Silver Hon-  
or Roll Achievement Award, having a 3.0  
grade point average on their 1st quarter  
report card.**

**We are proud of you both - Mom Ashley,  
Mom Harmony, Grandma, and Grand-  
pa.**



**Congrats to Joaquin Robideau as you  
complete your senior year playing Var-  
sity Basketball for Rainier Beach HS and  
also achieving academic excellence. We  
are so proud of you!**

**Love , Mom and Dad and our entire  
family.**

**Happy birthday mom and  
happy anniversary mom  
and dad. From Chloe,  
Sadie and Cooper.**

**2 birds 1 stone**





## LEPD

<b>2023 Service Record for L &amp; O</b>	<b>Jan.</b>
911 Hang-Up	8
Alarm/Alarm Check	3
Burglary	1
Business Check	181
Citizen Assist	15
Citizen Contact	4
Civil	1
Community Oriented Policing	62
Court Paperwork/Service	11
Disturbance	4
DUI	1
DV	1
Eluding	2
Follow Up	11
Found/Recovered/Lost Property	1
Fraud	2
Frequent Patrol Request	59
Misc. Info/False Reporting	1

Other Agency Assist	3
Overdose	1
Prisoner Transport	4
Prowler/Vehicle Prowler	2
Report of Open Door/Window	12
Runaway	1
Suicide/Suicidal	4
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	8
Theft	1
Traffic Control/Emphasis/	6
Traffic Stops	24
Trespass	4
Violation of Court Order	2
Vehicle Accidents	4
Weapons Discharge/Violation	1
Welfare Check	3
Warrants-Tribal	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>451</b>





## Resolution List

Date	Resolution Number	Title	Vote		
			For	Against	Abstain
1-31-23	15-23	Approving paysafe payment processing solutions, LLC dba petroleum card services (PCS) merchant services agreement for ht eElwha food & fuel, Cedar box smoke shop, and the food truck, with a limited sovereign immunity	4	0	0
1-31-23	17-23	Approval of LEKT community use of facilities policy and procedures	4	0	0
1-31-23	18-23	Approval of LEKT education assistance program policy and procedures	4	0	0
2-6-23	19-23	Suzie Bennett—National endowment of the Humanities grant	3	0	0
1-31-23	20-23	Approval of utility service agreement to establish utility service connection for Elwha Baptist church and Elwha assembly of god church	4	0	0
1-31-23	21-23	Approval of professional services contract w/Ridolfi, Inc. for FY 2023	4	0	0
1-31-23	22-23	Authorization for tribal attorney's office to approve participation in class-action opioid settlements	4	0	0
1-31-23	24-23	Approval of EPA performance partnership grant application	4	0	0
2-6-23	25-23	Washington state broadband office (WSBO) broadband infrastructure-ARPA capital grant	3	0	0



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3/9 Billy Frank Jr Day  
3/15-3/16 ERC Hiring Fair  
3/17 St Patrick's Day  
3/20 First Day of Spring  
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