



June 2023

Elwha News

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LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



FRIDAY
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SEAVIEW

ACADEMY

GRADUATION

@ 6:00PM - 7:00PM

JUNE 9-17



**GRADUATION
WEEK!**

**CLASS
OF
2023**

MONDAY
12

TUESDAY
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WEDNESDAY
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THURSDAY
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FRIDAY
16

SATURDAY
17

**LINCOLN HIGH
SCHOOL
GRADUATION**
@ 6:00PM
@ PENINSULA
COLLEGE
(LITTLE THEATRE)

**LEKT
GRADUATION
PARADE FOR
HS SENIORS**
@ 5:00PM

**FOOD AND FUEL TO
LEKT TRIBAL CENTER**

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME TO SET UP GYM FOR THE HEAD START GRADUATION
PLEASE CONTACT: JOLIA.MOSS@ELWHA.ORG FOR DETAILS**
@ 9:00AM

**LEKT
HEAD START
GRADUATION**
@ 4:00PM
**IN THE LEKT
GYM**

**PASD GRADUATION
PARADE @ 2:00PM**
MARINE DRIV. TO PAHS
PAHS GRADUATION
@ 7:30PM
@ CIVIC FIELD

**CRESCENT HS
GRADUATION**
@ 5:30PM
IN CRESCENT GYM



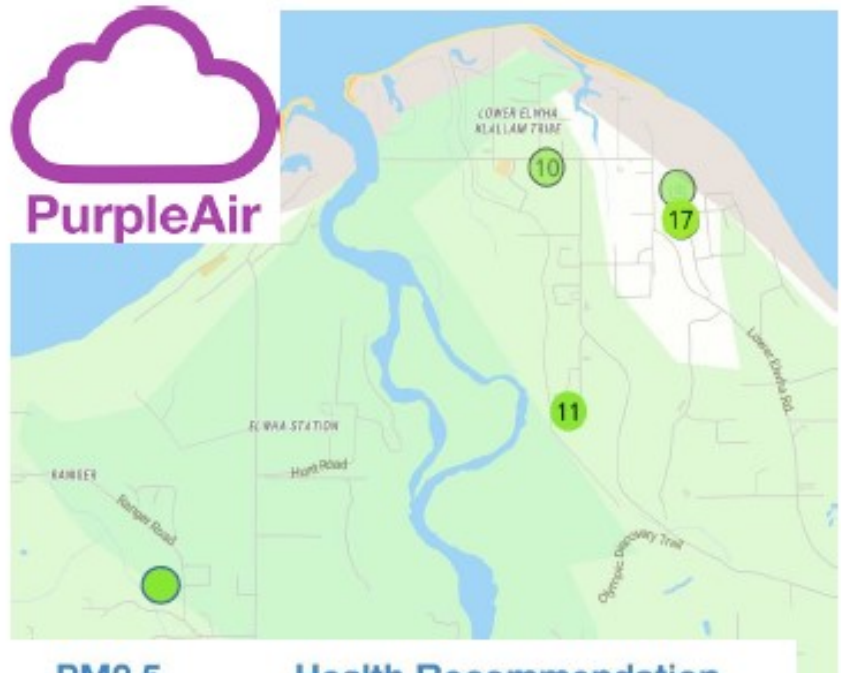
Tribal Operations/Public Health Officer Update

COVID Emergency Status Has Ended

LEKT has lifted the COVID-19 emergency status and has shifted to COVID-19 recovery operations.

Air Quality Monitoring

LEKT has installed 3 indoor and 3 outdoor air quality monitors. Visit purpleair.com and click on “Maps” to see the air quality in our local area. The green dots on the map are the air quality monitors with the current particulate matter reading.



	US AQI Level	PM2.5 ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Health Recommendation (for 24 hour exposure)
	Good 0-50	0-12.0	Air quality is satisfactory and poses little or no risk.
	Moderate 51-100	12.1-35.4	Sensitive individuals should avoid outdoor activity as they may experience respiratory symptoms.
	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups 101-150	35.5-55.4	General public and sensitive individuals in particular are at risk to experience irritation and respiratory problems.
	Unhealthy 151-200	55.5-150.4	Increased likelihood of adverse effects and aggravation to the heart and lungs among general public.
	Very Unhealthy 201-300	150.5-250.4	General public will be noticeably affected. Sensitive groups should restrict outdoor activities.
	Hazardous 301+	250.5+	General public at high risk of experiencing strong irritations and adverse health effects. Should avoid outdoor activities.

65 and older is now eligible for an additional COVID Booster



Tribal Operations/Public Health Officer Update

If you are 65 and older and it has been at least 4 months since your last COVID shot, you are eligible for another COVID booster (and another \$200 promotion check).

GET IT WHILE IT'S STILL RUNNING!

\$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/>

Free COVID Tests

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

June is National Pet Preparedness Month: Is Your Pet Included in Your Emergency Plan?



Does your family have a plan of action in case of an emergency, such as a house fire or flood evacuation? Have you thought about what to do to help the four-legged members of your household?

As you think about your pet's welfare during an emergency, some tips to consider include:

- **Should you need to evacuate your home, have a plan for where to take your pet.** Research nearby hotels and motels that allow pets, ask any nearby family members if they are able to help board a pet, or ask your local shelter if they can help foster your pet in case of an emergency. Make sure to keep those phone numbers and addresses handy.
- **Have a toolkit ready to go.** Some items that you can keep in a toolkit include: first aid supplies (such as gauze and nonstick bandages), a leash and/or carrier, your pet's medical records, and food and water.
- **Keep a sticker on your home's windows and doors to tell emergency workers or neighbors that there are pets inside.** These stickers let emergency responders know to look for pets and indicate how many pets are inside the house.

Wellness

Pet Preparedness

A significant number of families have pets and they're part of the family. They need to be ready for a disaster too; take simple steps now so they're prepared.

How to Prepare Before a Disaster



Not all shelters will accept pets, plan in advance for shelter options that will work for both you and your pets.



Develop a buddy system with neighbors or friends to make sure that someone is available to care for your pets if you are unable to do so.



Assemble an emergency kit for your pet.



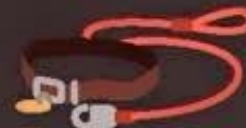
What Goes in Your Pet Emergency Kit:



Food and water (3 days)
bowls, manual can opener



Medicines, medical records,
and first aid kit



Collar with ID tag, harness,
or leash (include backups)



Crate or pet carrier



A picture of you and your
pet together



Important documents:
registration & vaccination



Familiar items: favorite toys,
treats, and bedding



Plastic bags/litter for
cleaning up after your pet

What to Do During a Disaster



Bring your pet inside
immediately.



Separate dogs and cats.
Anxiety may affect their
behavior.



Feed them moist or
canned food so they will
need less water to drink.



Have extra newspapers,
for sanitary reasons.



Community Liaison



Community Liaison

Nancy Hamilton

Nancy has previously worked with Klallam Counseling Services as front reception, LEKT Social Services, as a family advocate, and at our Justice Center as our Sexual Assault Response Team Coordinator.

As our Community Liaison she is here to assist in connecting the community with programs and their services. She will be coordinating with department directors to maintain a directory of services and assist with coordinating activities and events that interact with the community.

Nancy is also working with tribal members through the LEKT Housing Assistance Fund.



"Hi! For those that do not know me, my name is Nancy. I am a direct first generation LEKT descendant. My grandparents were Frank and Annie Rhodes and my mother was Susan Rhodes Coronel. I will am grateful to serve our beautiful community. I have a great big family that includes the best husband on the planet, four amazing kids, and great friends. I think the world of music, photography, and jokes.

I am located at the tribal center.

You can contact me at: (360) 912-1302, nancy.hamilton@elwha.org, or EXT. #2960

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Wellness





Wellness

Smoke from fires can be dangerous for everyone

Take these steps to protect your health



Stay informed on air quality



Visit WA Smoke Blog (www.wasmoke.blogspot.com) for current air quality conditions and smoke forecasts.

Pay attention to local news for health warnings and air quality reports in your area.

Avoid smoky air



People with health conditions, such as lung or heart diseases, diabetes, stroke survivors or have a cold, should limit their time outside, avoid intense physical activities and keep indoor air clean when smoke levels are "moderate."

Babies, children, people over 65, and pregnant women should follow this advice when smoke levels are "unhealthy for sensitive groups."

Everyone else should do this when smoke levels are "unhealthy for everyone."

Keep indoor air clean



Close windows and doors, pay attention to the heat, and stay hydrated.

Use fans or air conditioner (AC) when it's hot, and set your AC to recirculate. If you don't have an AC and it's too hot to stay home, go to a place with AC like a mall or library.

Don't smoke, use candles, or vacuum.

Use an air cleaner with a HEPA filter.

Contact your healthcare provider



If you have heart or lung diseases and your symptoms get worse around smoke, contact your healthcare provider. **Call 911 if you or someone else has serious symptoms**—like trouble breathing.

www.doh.wa.gov/SmokeFromFires



**American
Red Cross**

Water Safety Tips

**Swim in
designated
areas
supervised
by lifeguards.**



**Always swim
with a buddy.**



**If you go boating,
wear a life jacket!**



**Install and use barriers around
your home pool or hot tub.**



**Actively supervise
children whenever
around the water.**



**Always stay within
arm's reach of young
children and avoid
distractions.**



**Reach or throw
aid to distressed
swimmers – don't go!**

**Keep toys not
in use away
from the pool
and out of sight.**



Be water smart! Learn how at redcross.org/watersafety



Wellness

Circle of Drowning Prevention

Layers of protection are essential to help prevent drowning.

Plan ahead for aquatic activities:



- Provide close and constant attention to children you are supervising in or near water.
- Fence pools and spas with adequate barriers, including four-sided fencing.
- Learn swimming and water-safety survival skills.
- Children, inexperienced swimmers, and all boaters should wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets.
- Always swim in a lifeguarded area.

**American
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Social Security 101

Everything you wanted to know.



Securing today
and tomorrow

A **FREE** workshop from Social Security.

- When are you eligible to receive retirement benefits?
- How does early retirement affect your benefits?
- Do you qualify for disability, survivors, and spouse benefits?
- How do you get the most from your benefit?
- What is the future of Social Security?
- When should you file for Medicare?

Learn how to use **my Social Security** online account and other online services. You should go to www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount to create a **my Social Security** account and print out your *Social Security Statement* **before** attending the workshop.

Speaker:

KIRK LARSON is the Washington State Public Affairs Representative for the Social Security Administration. He has worked with the agency for over 30 years in both technical and supervisory roles. Kirk has presented Social Security information in both the Seattle and San Francisco Regions. He has had several articles published, and appeared on TV and radio shows to discuss Social Security topics.



Event Coordinator:

Jim Allen, TVR
jim.allen@elwha.org
(360) 417-8545

Location:

Elwha Klallam Heritage Training Center
401 E First St
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Date:

Thursday, June 22nd

Time:

2:30pm - 4pm

SocialSecurity.gov



Nutrition & Diabetes

MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

KLALLAM STRONG: NUTRITION & DIABETES NEWSLETTER

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

In this issue:

- Picky Eaters
- Eating Phrases
- Protein Bars
- Did you know?



How To Deal With Picky Eaters.

(Adopted from *Kids Eat in Color*, by Jennifer Anderson, RD)

Here are 3 common phrases parents use that often backfire, and what to say instead:

Create a pleasant eating environment by using these phrases:

1. "You can eat your broccoli when you're ready."

Instead of: "You can have dessert after you eat your broccoli".

By changing the perception, and not creating a bribe, still gives a choice. Have the child pretend the broccoli is a microphone they sing to.

2. "We say 'no thank you' when we don't want to eat something".

Instead of: "You have to take one more bite before you can say 'no'".

Teach them to politely refuse food.

3. "Carrots have lots of vitamin A which is good for your eyes and helps you see better"

Instead of: "It would make me happy if you took three more bites".

Explain to your child what healthy eating does to their body. Give them facts to try new foods.

Don't forget to schedule your diabetes quarterly.

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

How to Pick the Right Protein Bar

Many protein bars are like eating a candy bar. Here is what you need to look for to make sure what you are eating has healthy ingredients.

- **Protein.** Make sure the bar contains 5-10 grams of protein; the kind of protein doesn't matter.
- **Sugar.** No more than 13 grams. (Remember 5 grams of sugar = 1 tsp.) Try to avoid artificial sweeteners.
- **Fiber.** Minimum of 3 grams of fiber.
- **Ingredients.** The fewer listed, the better.



My favorite: Kind Bars!

Did you know?

A new study has shown that frequently eating fried foods was associated with a greater risk of developing anxiety and depression. This association was stronger in men and young people.

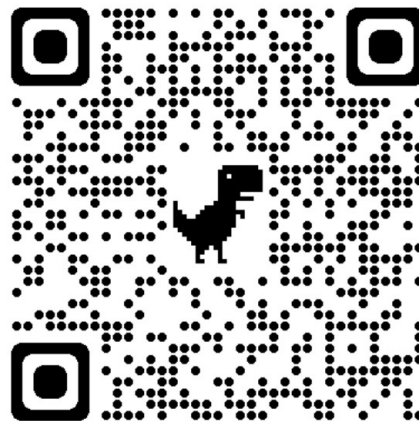
Fried foods also negatively affect your blood pressure and weight.





Race For Life

CHLO\$ RACE FOR LIFE



My name is Chloe Holloway. I am raising money in honor of my grandma Brenda Holloway. She had leukemia and recently passed away. Many of us have been effected by cancer, its important we stand together to fight it.

WHAT IS THE RACE FOR LIFE?

It all started in 1981 when an avid 12 year old BMX racer from Michigan discovered he had leukemia. Todd Kingsbury was his name, and like many BMXers, he had dreams of someday becoming a Top Pro in the sport. Unfortunately, this dreaded disease would keep Todd from fulfilling his dream. When Todd's friends and the American Bicycle Association learned of his diagnosis, it was decided that an organized effort should be made to help Todd's "Race for Life". Read more of Todd Kingsbury's story [here](#).

Please help me support The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society through the USA BMX Foundation by making a donation on my page. The process is fast, easy, and secure. Thanks so much for your support...and please don't forget to send this page to any friends you think might be interested in donating and help me reach my goal!



Recreation Calendar



RECREATION CALENDAR

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Capture the Flag ASP Open Gym Women's Basketball	2 Super Smash Bros Tournament Movie Night	3 Movie @3pm
4	5 Matball ASP	6 Gaga Ball ASP	7 Day at Dry Creek ASP	8 Mushroomball ASP	9 Mario Kart Races Black Light Night	10 Mario Kart @3pm
11	12 Team Dodgeball ASP	13 Matball ASP	14 Set up for Headstart Graduation	15 Headstart Graduation	16 End of School Year Party @ Field	17 Movie @3pm
18	19 CLOSED	20 3on3 Basketball @ Field (2pm) Nature Bridge	21 Cornhole @ Field (2pm) Nature Bridge	22 Kickball @ Field (2pm) Nature Bridge	23 Capture the Flag @ Field (2pm) Game Night	24 Super Smash Bros Tournament @3pm
25	26 Matball @ Gym (2pm)	27 Soccer @ Field (2pm)	28 Gaga Ball @ Gym (2pm)	29 Mushroomball @ Gym (2pm)	30 Kickball @ Gym (2pm)	



Head Start & Early Head Start

Head Start Graduation is June 15, start time: 4:00 you are all invited.

Come out and celebrate our students as they are headed to Kindergarten. They have successfully made it through the Children's House of Learning. We will have good food and fellowship at this event. Everyone is invited.



May the 4th be with you! Star Wars Day! Was a fun day.

Regalia picture day was a huge success. **Cassandra Bruner Photography** did an amazing job with all our students.



We had our last Family night of this school year. This was the best one yet. We made cedar flutes everyone worked together to make sure everyone was able to make a sound from their flute. Thank you to all the families who have showed up we will be doing the grand prize drawing at Graduation.



Library

Celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the Library

Happy Pride Month from the Library! As I'm sure you well know, each month we feature some of our favorite books for the theme of the month, and this month is no different! Here is just a small selection of books we're featuring for Pride:

- *What's the T?* by Juno Dawson: "Discover what it means to be a young transgender and/or non-binary person in the twenty-first century in this frank and funny guide for teens"
- *Icebreaker* by A.L. Graziadei: "Mickey James III is following in his father's (and grandfather's) skates by playing hockey at Hartland Univ., but he is not enjoying the situation: for one thing he is seriously depressed, unsure of anything, even whether he can make it as a hockey player (or wants to); more troubling his rival, Jaysen Caulfield, is also on the team and seems to bitterly resent him--and Mickey actually finds Jaysen very attractive and does not know how to deal with that."
- *Galaxy: The Prettiest Star* by Jadzia Axelrod: "Taylor Barzelay has the perfect life. Good looks, good grades, a starting position on the basketball team, a loving family, even an adorable corgi. Every day in Taylor's life is perfect. And every day is torture. Taylor is actually the Galaxy Crowned, an alien princess, and one of the few survivors of an intergalactic war. For six long, painful years, Taylor has accepted her duty to remain in hiding as a boy on Earth. That all changes when Taylor meets Metropolis girl Katherine "call me Kat" Silverberg. Suddenly, Taylor no longer wants to hide, even if exposing her true identity could attract her greatest enemies."
- *The Girl from the Sea* by Molly Knox Ostertag: "Morgan has a secret: She can't wait to escape the little island where she lives. She's desperate to finish high school and escape her sad divorced mom, and her great group of friends ... who don't understand Morgan at all. Because really, Morgan's biggest secret is that she has a lot of secrets, including the one about wanting to kiss another girl. Then one night, Morgan is saved from drowning by a mysterious girl named Keltie. The two become friends and suddenly life on the island doesn't seem so stifling anymore. But Keltie has some secrets of her own. And as the girls start to fall in love, everything they're each trying to hide will find its way to the surface ... whether Morgan is ready or not."



Summer Reading Program

Summer is already almost here, and that means that the Summer Reading Program is just around the corner! Beginning June 19th, kids up to 18 can read to earn entries into weekly prize drawings, and our end-of-summer grand prize drawing. How do kids get prize entries? Simple! You can find a Reading Record here in the newsletter, or coming into the Library to pick one up. For every 20 minutes read, kids can mark off a circle, and they will receive an entry into the weekly prize drawing for that week (parents please sign off on reading). Weekly prize drawings will take place each Friday at 3pm in the Library. For every five circles marked (one hour of reading), kids will receive an entry into the grand prize drawing, which will take place on Friday, September 1st at 3pm, which is also the final day of the program. Prizes to be announced.

The theme for this year is "Find Your Voice!" You can find recommended reading lists related to the theme in the Library, but kids can read anything they like. We will also be giving away books to participants which fit the theme. Each participant will also receive an "I Love to Read!" bracelet and a Dog Man bookmark, just for signing up!

Don't Forget to Follow the Library and Education Department's Facebook!

Be sure to 'Like' us on Facebook so that you don't miss any news from the Library! [Facebook.com/lekt.library](https://www.facebook.com/lekt.library)



Library

A Message from Montesz, our Academic Support Provider at Stevens Middle School

Spring is here, summer is just around the corner. The days until the last day of school are close. With the end of the year coming in a few weeks we can plan to get things turned in. If your student needs a little help and some time to get in missed work, please have them come to me and we can work on getting assignments turned in. PLEASE take advantage of the little time we have left. In closing for this month, be on the look-out for more information about activities for the summer and updates on more end of the year information, also please note that all activities will have their own permission forms.

Elwha Summer Science Camp – ES June 20-23; MS July 17-20; HS Aug. 6-11



Elwha Summer Science Camp



July 17-20, 2023: Middle School Day Camp- going into 7th and 8th grades.

Join us in an amazing 4 day camp where you will get to enjoy science and cultural activities! Transportation, lunch, and hiking shoes will be provided.

Interested in participating? Nizhoni Wheeler will have permission slips at Dry Creek and in the LEKT Library, Montesz Kelley-Shears will have permission slips in his office at Stevens. There will be room for 14 students going into the 7th and 8th grades, first come, first served, LEKT members get priority.

Daily schedule:

July 16: meet at Swain's to pick out shoes.

July 17-20: meet at Tribal Center where we will leave for NatureBridge each day at 9AM, and return to Tribal Center each day by 4:45 PM.

Questions? Contact the Education Department at 360-452-8471 ext. 7425 or email nizhoni.wheeler@elwha.org or jessica.egnew@elwha.org



Library

Name _____



LEKT Library Summer 2023 Reading Record

For every 20 minutes you read, cross out a circle! For every five circles you cross out, you can fill in a Bonus circle for an entry in the grand prize drawing! Parents, please confirm your child's reading below each circle.





Summer Reading—Coloring Page





Education & Food Bank

NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

We have some exciting news! The Policies have been updated in the Education Department. What does this mean for you? If you are a Lower Elwha Klallam tribal descendent, first generation but not enrolled in another tribe, you are now eligible for education support. You may get help with college, technical college, certificates from an accredited school (there are some exceptions to this rule, please inquire for more information).

The other news I wanted to announce is we now have a new due date of June 30 for students planning to attend in fall quarter. We have also added another due date of January 31st if you want to attend spring quarter but did not get your application submitted by the June 30th due date.

If you have any questions please call 360.452.8471 ext. 7425. I will be happy to answer questions.

Jessica Egnew

Education Director



Happy Father's day to you all.

The Elwha Food Bank will no longer be open on Tuesday's, this change was made so inventory and deliveries to be made this day.

If you have not come to check out the food bank, you should come take a walk through.

As well as give us suggestions of days and hours that work for the community.

In hopes to be open 1 Saturday a month. I would like to serve the community better, so please give us feedback.

There is a box in the lobby for you to leave any questions, comments or concerns.

We offer delivery to the elders living on the reservation that have no means of transportation.

We receive 20 prepackaged produce boxes a week, donated by Pacific Coast Produce.

Days & Hours are

Mon – Wed – Fri 9a.m.- 4p.m.

Tuesdays CLOSED

Thursday 11:00a.m.- 1:00p.m. Upper Elwha (Vet Center)

Thursday 2:00p.m. – 5:00p.m. Spokwes Drive



Heritage Center



Indigenous Wealth Day: A Journey to Financial Freedom

Tuesday June 27th, 2023

12pm - 7pm

Elwha Klallam Heritage Center | Port Angeles, WA

All Olympic Peninsula Tribes are invited to attend.

- Need help with taxes?
- Bad credit or lack of credit history?
- Interested in home ownership?
- Overcoming incarceration & trying to navigate healthy living systems?
- Internet bill too high or need help with your phone or laptop?
- Lack of Retirement?
- Seeking small business loans?
- Attend free resource fair to gain attention & support!

For more information: Contact Nicole Volkmann
Heritage Center Manager | (360) 417-8545 x2912
Nicole.Volkmann@elwha.org



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taking action & building communities



Summer Youth

A graphic illustration featuring a palm tree on the left and a bright yellow sun with rays on the right. In the center, a blue rounded rectangle contains the words "SUMMER" and "YOUTH" in large, bold, yellow, stylized capital letters.

SUMMER YOUTH

**Applications will be available in HR June
1st through June 23rd.**

**Open to tribal members and descendants
ages 14-18. Spaces are limited, apply early!**



Message to the Community—Jonathan Arakawa

May 7, 2023

Message of Gratitude from Jonathan J. Arakawa

Dear Fellow Tribal Members,

A new day has arrived at Elwha and the people have spoken. Congratulations to Melissa Gilman and Russell (RAZZ) Hepfer on their election. I look forward to seeing what both council member-elects accomplish in their respective terms. Thank you, Ed Johnson, for your service to our people. Our people benefited from the ideas and perspectives you brought to the table. I also can't forget our other council members, Frances, Steve and Anthony. Thank you for your service and leadership. háʔnəŋ cn ʔaʔ čí ʔəńssčáy hay (thank you, all, for your work).

Thank you to everyone who supported my campaign. It was an honor to be nominated, and a greater honor and a wonderful experience, to run for Tribal Council. Like I said from the beginning, regardless of the outcome, I will continue to serve our people in my current positions at the tribal, local, regional, and national level. Service doesn't start with a position; it starts from a passion and desire to want what's best for your people. That passion and desire, running through my entire being, has never wavered. Thus, I intend and plan to run for Tribal Council again next year. máń cn ʔuʔ háʔnəŋ (I am very thankful).

Thank you, fellow tribal members, for coming out to vote. It is important to exercise your right and voice each year. Your vote and voice matters. Your vote and voice counts. Your vote and voice is important.

An especially HUGE thank you to the LEKT Election Committee. Thank you, Sonja, Amy, Emma, Corina, Marie and Sharmaine, for your service and dedication in upholding the integrity of our Elwha Tribal Election Process.

It's onward, upward and forward from here, Elwha Community!

Respectfully,

Jonathan Arakawa



Housing

Lower Elwha Housing Authority June 2023



Mowing will be ongoing throughout the summer. Please keep your yards free from trash, rocks and branches, and pick up toys when playtime is over so that maintenance can mow to avoid damage to our equipment and your property.

The weather is warming up so it's time to inspect, clean, or change your HVAC filters.

Check your window screens for damage to prevent flies and mosquitos from entering. Please call the office for screen repairs and replacements.

To prevent ant and bug infestations keep food put away, counters clean and clear, and dishes washed .

Keep you kitchen sink disposals
cause dirty disposals to develop
kets to prevent food and debris from going down drains without disposals.



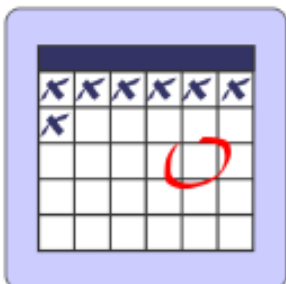
clean, the warm weather can
unpleasant odors. Use drain bas-

As always, please inspect your fire extinguisher to make sure it is up to date, call the office if the tag is older than 2023.

****We encourage all tenants to practice conscientious water usage during the drier summer months.****

Shut off exterior faucets after use, report leaking faucets.

If you hear water running but can't see it call the office so maintenance can check for hidden leaks.



**Save the date: The Lower Elwha Housing Authority will be
hosting a**

Housing Fair on June 28, 2023 from 1pm to 4pm





LEFA



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;

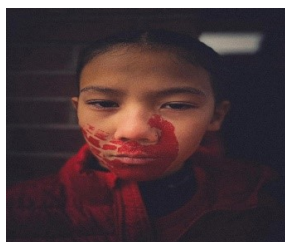
(360) 775-9346 crisis or non-crisis matters.

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

Dearest Tribal Members and Readers,



NO MORE STOLEN SISTERS AND RELATIVES

In May 5th, the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal government programs and enterprise and the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe joined together in collaboration with the Port Angeles City: Vern Burton, Police Department, and Clallam Transit, and Peninsula Daily News to commemorate the **National MMIW/P – Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women/People**. After the opening prayer by Jonathan Arakawa and shawls ceremony by Beatriz Arakawa, about a hundred of participants from different parts of the Olympic Peninsula walked from Vern Burton to Clallam Bus Transit Gateway. As soon as everyone arrived at Gateway, the Elwha Culture Program and drum group opened the ceremony in Klallam songs, followed by six honorable councils and a chief of police presented: Chairwoman Frances Charles - Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe: Dana Ward and Rochelle Blankenship, City Councils of Port Angeles: LaTrisha Suggs, Lindsey Schromen-Wawrin and Navarra Carr, and Elwha Chief Sam White. Each of them spoke highly and genuinely about the important of recognizing and working together to end MMIWP nationwide. Also, we honored nine names of missing and murdered members of Lower Elwha Tribe, Makah Nation, and other tribes, by gifting family member with a pendleton shawl, sage, and laminated name with description of their loved once. It was very solemn ceremony. After that, many of us regrouped at Elwha Heritage Center for lunch, social network, and closing shawls ceremony.

A sincere gratitude to all dignitaries and families of MMIWP who attended and spoke, to each and every one of you who collaborated, assisted, partnered, and donated food, items and time before and during the MMIWP awareness event, to Elwha River Casino for sponsoring and catering the food, to Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe for donating desserts, to Elwha Heritage Training Center (Nicol and Chrissi) for hosting us, to City of Port Angeles Police Department for sending two staff (Officer Zak Moore and Srg. Kevin Niooer) that controlled traffics for our safety, to Lower Elwha maintenance director and crew for taking cared of chairs used at Gateway, to Peninsula Daily News auditor for capturing the event and published it on May 6-7



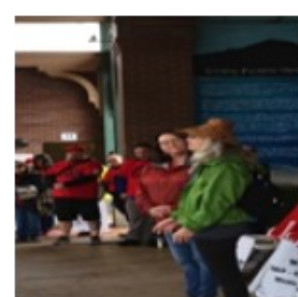
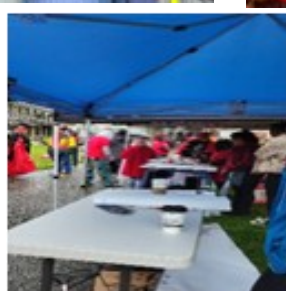
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newspaper, to our partners named above, and all participants including State Social Services staff and many students.

An ending love and appreciation to all of my co-planners/organizers: Dylan Godey- Child Advocacy Center Case manager, Dustin Brenske and Jessica Hamphries Social Services of Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Nancy Hamilton – LEKT Community Liaison, Tessa Velasco – Healthy Transition Intern Director, Rena Barkley – Elwha River Casino Marketing Manager, Jessica Guthrie – SARS Crime Victim Advocate, Chief Sam White – LEKT Law Enforcement, Vashti White – ICW Program Manager, Samantha Acosta – Elder Program Coordinator, Iliana Jones – Healthy Transition Youth Advocate, Autumn Clark – ICW Case Manager, Ashley Pitchford – Culture Language Program Manager, Harmony Arakawa – Language Program Teacher, Keeoma Messenger – HT Youth Advocate, Taylor Jones – HT Admin Assistance, all Social Services staff, including Becca Weed-Sampson – Social Services Director (full support of Elwha Social Services staff partook of MMIWP awareness event). The MMIWP walk was a huge turned out because you attended and all the work you provided.

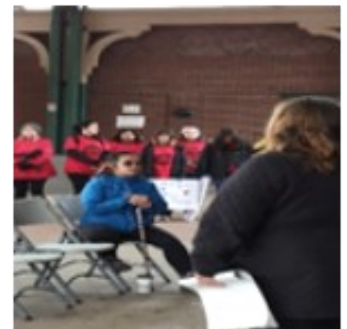
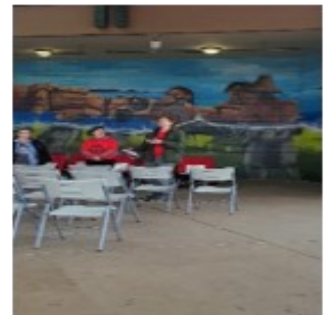
I will be out of town from June 12- 15 to participate at 20th Meeting of the Inter-Tribal Working Group (ITWG). However, I will continue providing hotlines on call advocacies telephonically and electronically and will connect calls to appropriate agency or person when needed. With our new OVW-Office of Violence Against Women grant, LEFA staff will be facilitating a “Traditional Healing Canoe Journey” and conjunction of Elwha Canoe Journey family (in the process). Eligible participants will be screened and must be survivors of sexual assault and/or domestic violence. It's limited to two youth and 2 adults.

Below are images from the MMIWP walked on May 5th. From Vern Burton to the Clallam Transit/Gateway and at HC.





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Happy Fathers' Day! Happy Juneteenth!

Sincerely yours,

Beatriz B. Arakawa, LEFA Program Manager and Victim Advocate



Community News



Happy 18th Birthday to our grandson Deacon Charles on June 17th. I can't believe you're 18 already. Thank you for always being kind, caring, loving and respectful. Where did time go?

We love you so much Deke, and so proud of the young man that you've become!!

Grandma and Papa (Janet & Mark Elofson)

Congratulations Cholena Adele Morrison, Class of 2023 –

We're so proud of you follow your dreams and continue to chase the prettiest sunset ☺

Love you to the moon, last star and back,

Grandma & Papa (Janet & Mark Elofson)



Happy birthday to my sister Lancia! Hope this next year is the best one yet! You achieve anything you put your mind to sis. Thank you for always being here for me and Zoey! Love your baby sister!



Wishing my precious Granddaughter Zamiya Williams a Very Happy 4th Birthday !

You are a true Blessing.



Love Gramma Pebbles



Happy Birthday wishes to my Husband Mike and Brother Bill. Love, Elaine

Happy 1st Fathers Day Timmy! 16 years together and our family is just beginning. We love you forever and appreciate all you do for our family. Have the best

Fathers day, you deserve the world!

-Baby Hayley, Junior, Lacey - xoxoxo



Happy Birthday Susie Lousie and Savannah Melaine! 5/24 - We love you! - The Fam #birthdaysisters



Congratulations to our Grand Daughter Cheyenne Zimmer on her Graduation from High School & Graduation from Peninsula College.

We are so proud of you!!

Love you always & forever

Grandma & Grandpa Stevens





LEPD

2023 Service Record for L & O		Apr.		
911 Hang-Up		8	Littering	3
Abandoned Vehicle		5	Other Agency Assist	7
Alarm/Alarm Check		5	Overdue Person	1
Animal Calls		2	Prowler/Vehicle Prowler	3
Assault		1	Sex Offense/Monitor	4
Burglary		1	Theft	1
Business Check		196	Threats	8
Citizen Assist		5	Traffic Control/Emphasis/Hazard	2
Citizen Contact		6	Traffic Stops	1
Civil		2	Trespass	6
Community Oriented Policing		58	Violation of Court Order	57
Court Paperwork/Service		9	Vehicle Accidents	1
CPS/APS		1	Vehicle Lockout	1
Disturbance		4	Weapons Discharge/Violation	5
Drug Violation		2	Warrant Attempts	1
DV		1	Warrants-Tribal	6
Found/Recovered/Lost Property		12	Warrants-Non-Tribal	2
Fraud		2	Wires down	2
Intimidation		85	Total	516

This year Officer Cody Hesler was chosen by the department for our **Officer of the Year of 2022.** Officer Hesler is a hard worker and gives his 100% best to the department every day. Officer Hesler is always willing to take on any task and turn in the best quality work, often above and beyond what was called for. We are grateful to have him as part of our team here and hope to have him for as long as we can. If you see him around congratulate him on his selection.





Business Council

Congratulations to our newly elected LEKT council member



Melissa Gilman



sworn in June 05, 2023



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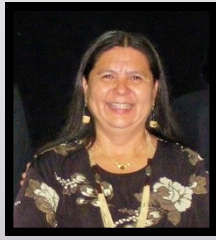
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TBD



Steve Joaquin Robideau
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Council Member, Ext. 7415

Dates to Remember:

6/12 Lincoln High Graduation
6/13 LEKT Graduation Parade
6/14 Flag Day
6/15 Head Start Graduation
6/16 School District Graduation Parade
6/17 Crescent High Graduation
6/18 Father's Day
6/19 Juneteenth
6/20-6/23 Elementary Summer Science Camp
6/22 Social Security Workshop
6/23 Summer Youth Applications Due
6/27 Indigenous Wealth Day Resource Fair
6/28 Housing Fair



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