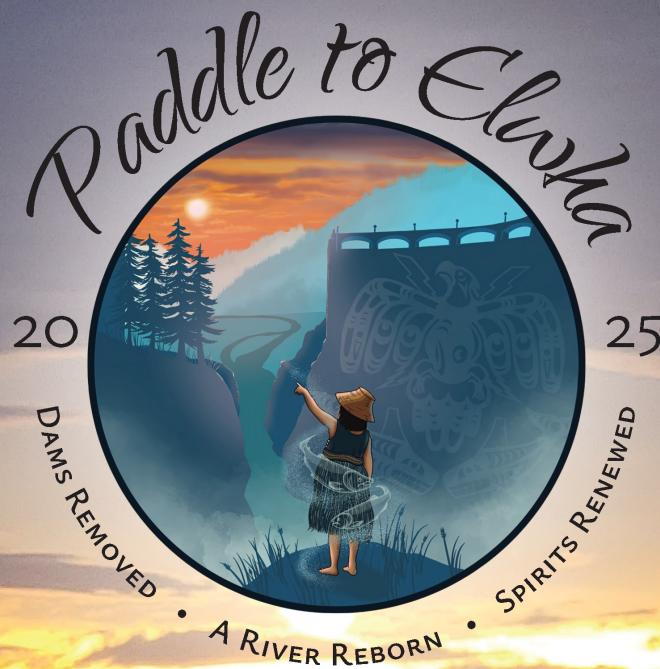




May 2025

# Elwha News

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Landing July 31, 2025 | Protocol & Celebration August 1-5, 2025

The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe is the proud host of the Annual Tribal Canoe Journeys for 2025 and we are ramping up to welcome you to our territory to Potlatch with us.

háʔnəŋ cən (thank you)

For more information visit:

**PaddleToElwha.com**

# **Councilwoman Tia Skerbeck Updates**

## **Free Entry to Kids North Olympic Discovery Marathon**

Lower Elwha kiddos can run in the Kids Marathon on Sat June 7th for FREE. The kids fun run takes place at the City Pier/Hollywood beach at 3pm. This run is a fun kids event where they get a tie dye shirt, run medal, and popsicle for completing the run. Adults and family members can run for free with kiddos!

Kids free race registration code: **ElwhaKids**



We also have half off registration for the team marathon on Sun June 8th. This is a great opportunity to gather a group of people to work towards a common goal of physical activity, health, and wellness. Group Relay 50% off registration code: **ElwhaTeam**

To sign up, visit: [www.nodm.com](http://www.nodm.com)

## **Federal Gov't Uncertainty**

There continues to be cuts, changes, and reorganization within the federal gov't, and we don't yet know the extent of the effect on our Tribe. Many partner offices, support staff, and funding streams have been cut. But we continue to work with our congressional representatives, partners, and local & federal non-profits to advocate and champion for Tribal consultation, and upholding trust and treaty obligations to tribes.

## **Fishing Ordinance Update**

The fishing ordinance was out for community comment in March and some good feedback was received and incorporated into the update. Thank you to those that provided feedback and input.

## **Canoe Journey Prep**

The shaker blessing of the Paddle to Elwha 2025 protocol site, beach, and Tribal Center took place in April. Some great work was done at each site, leaving us ready to host in July.

The Paddle to Elwha 2025 website should be live by the time you read this at [www.paddletaelwha.com](http://www.paddletaelwha.com). Community clean up is well underway, with a full crew out mowing and removing debris from host properties. If you didn't get signed up for the first



round of clean-up, keep an eye out for the 2nd sign up. We have a hard working crew out there doing their best to make sure we have a clean, safe, hazard free environment to host. Regalia and gift making are in full swing. Thank you to all of the volunteers and helpers that are coordinating and teaching our community skills and tips to make our regalia and gifts! Your hard work and dedication to our community does not go unnoticed. Keep your eye out for future regalia and gift making dates.

## **New Port Angeles Middle School Groundbreaking**

Groundbreaking of the new middle school took place on 4/12/25. The new school will be built over the next two years, and will be in the field area next to gym. Once the new building is done, the kiddos and teachers will move over to the new building, and the old building will be torn down, and the site it sits on will be converted into recreational shared space.



## KIDS & GROUP MARATHON

# OLYMPIC DISCOVERY MARATHON

### Kids Fun Run -FREE

Participants will receive a t-shirt, race medal, and popsicle.

#### Start Time

June 7 - 3:00 pm

#### Discount Code

ElwhaKids

### Group Marathon - 50% off

#### Start Time

June 8- 7:30 am

#### Discount Code

ElwhaTeam

JUNE  
7TH & 8TH

REGISTER  
NOW

Register [www.nodm.com](http://www.nodm.com)





# TRIBAL YOUTH PROGRAM

*"Empowering Youth Through the Ways of our Ancestors"*

## About the Program

This is a five-year grant funded program through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). It Serves youth between the ages of 12-21 years of age. The program will follow the Healing of the Canoe Curriculum, providing individual wellness with the guidance of our ancestors. There will be additional classes and activities offered through the life of the program.

## What to expect

- One time Registration is required for program.
- Transportation is provided.
- HOC Classes
- Culture classes
- Canoe Journey Prep
- Family Tree Project
- Intertribal Activities
- Roles within Potlatches
- and *much much more!*

## Contact Info

Here are all the ways you can contact me:

- Email: [melaine.wheeler@elwha.org](mailto:melaine.wheeler@elwha.org)
- Desk: (360) 452-8471 ext. 7417
- Cell: (564) 215-1724
- Office: Lower Elwha Tribal Center

## Program Pillars

The Healing of the Canoe (HOC) is an LEKT culture-based life skills and substance abuse prevention curriculum. HOC was developed to teach youth the essential skills they need to navigate life's journey, while promoting a sense of belonging.

Throughout the life of the program, guest speakers will be invited to talk with the youth, in-line with the topic of the curriculum.



# TRIBAL YOUTH PROGRAM

Empowering Youth through the Ways of our Ancestors

## REGISTRATION

Please scan the QR Code to Register



Contact:

Melaine Wheeler, Program Manager

Call/Text: (564) 215-1724 | Email: [melaine.wheeler@elwha.org](mailto:melaine.wheeler@elwha.org)

## March Dry Creek Honor Roll

**We want to celebrate the following students for getting awards in Honesty, Writing and Kindness:**

**Honest Award:** Frank Bennett, Jordyn Singleton, Marlei Svec, Ciara Charles, Angelo Dailing, Winter Redner, James Frances

**Writing Award:**

Lisa Charles, Leilani Cornelson, Jaidyn Eatman, Malena Charles

**Kindness Award:**

Kaylee Konopatski, Nicole Yazzie, Foster Jackson

**We want to celebrate the following students who had %95 or more attendance for the month of February:**

Ruben Peters  
Genesis Peters

Jaxon Williams  
Jaidyn Eastman  
Robert Hendricks  
Violet Hendricks  
Lilith Hendricks  
Nicole Yazzie  
Rayquan James  
Charlotte McGarvie  
Zachary McGarvie  
Frank Bennett  
Christopher Bennett  
Tiadosa Tom  
Vanna Tom  
Addisu Dujue  
Zyrriah Lok  
Zayne Lok  
Violet Austin  
Elijah Austin  
Ciara Charles  
Malena Charles  
Neveah Korsmo  
Oosha Goldsbury  
Jordyn Singleton  
Austyn Singleton  
Karleigh Mason  
Annabelle Mason  
Huxley Heiner  
Rylee Colwell  
Jediyah Jackson  
Foster Jackson  
Kyler Robideau  
Russell Jackson  
Lucien Bolstrom  
Jarison Moses

Kamia Jennings  
Max Sero  
Chloe Holloway  
Marlei Svec  
Sherri Charles  
Phoenix Charles  
Kameron Tinoco  
Tydus Woods  
Aurelia Dailing  
Bryant Saluskin  
Winter Redner  
O'Shea Charles  
Jonny Ermineskin  
Emma Marquez  
Azalynn Lauderback  
Braven Little Youngman  
Katherine Charles  
James Francis





## **Tsiqʷáy' Revegetation Restoration with 4th graders from Dry Creek Elementary**

On March 6th, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Natural Resources teamed up with the 4th graders of Dry Creek Elementary, Clallam Marine Resources Committee, community volunteers, and Clallam Conservation District to plant backshore areas of Ediz Hook (Tsiqʷáy') with native coastal vegetation. It was one of the first sunny spring days and the kids had lots of fun getting their hands dirty and enjoying snacks on the beach! Over the course of the project, 4,000 native plants and sowed 5lbs of native seed were planted. This is part the fourth restoration phase that LEKT Natural Resources has been leading on Ediz Hook in order to restore backshore ecosystem processes, prevent coastal erosion, and provide habitat for the animals that find refuge on the shoreline of Ediz Hook.







**Scan QR Code  
to register  
for parade**



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
TRIBAL YOUTH PROGRAM  
**5TH, 6TH & 8TH GRADE  
PROMOTION PARADE**



When:

**June 12, 2025**

**Who:** American Indian/Alaskan Native Youth, who are being promoted to middle school or high school.

**Line up:** 4pm at Lower Elwha Food & Fuel  
**Please decorate your vehicle, wear your regalia or best attire and be safe.**

**Parade:** 5pm Lower Elwha Road -> Casino Parking Lot  
-> Stratton Road - Ends at Lower Elwha Tribal Center

**Community:** Please show your support on Lower Elwha Road, Stratton Road or at the Lower Elwha Tribal Center

**Please RSVP your student(s) with  
Melaine Wheeler, Tribal Youth Program Manager  
Email: [Melaine.Wheeler@elwha.org](mailto:Melaine.Wheeler@elwha.org)**

**5th Grade Promotion for: Crescent School & Queen of Angels**

**6th Grade Promotion for: Port Angeles Elementary Schools**

**8th Grade Promotion for: Crescent, Port Angeles, and Queen of Angels**

This is NOT a school-sponsored activity. The Port Angeles School District has neither reviewed nor approved the sponsoring organization's program, personnel, and activities announced in this flyer. The sponsoring organization and participants agree to protect, indemnify, and hold harmless the District, its board of directors, employees, and agents, from all claims, liabilities, damages, expenses, or rights of action indirectly attributed to the organization or its program, personnel, and activities. Permission to distribute this flyer should not be considered an endorsement or recommendation of the program by the District.



# *Class 2025* **GRADUATION EVENTS**

## **2025 JOM High School Graduation Parade & Jam**

June 6, 2025 | 5pm LEKT Community & Gymnasium

## **Lincoln High School Graduation Ceremony**

June 9, 2025 | 6pm Field Arts & Events Hall

## **Seaview Graduation Ceremony**

June 10, 2025 | 6pm Field Arts & Events Hall

## **2025 5th, 6th & 8th Grade Promotion Parade**

June 12, 2025 | 5pm LEKT Community

## **Port Angeles High School Graduation Ceremony**

June 13, 2025 | 3pm Parade (Town) & 7:30pm Ceremony Civic Field

## **Crescent High School Graduation Ceremony**

June 14, 2025 | 5:30pm Crescent Gym

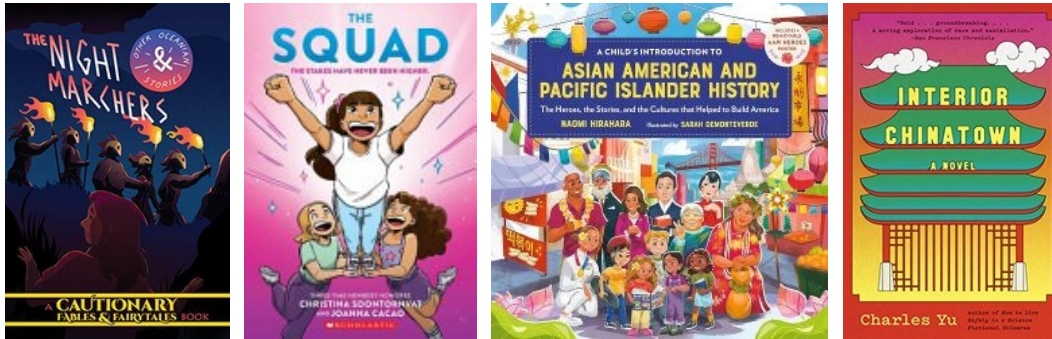
## **Lower Elwha Head Start Graduation Ceremony**

June 18, 2024 | 5pm LEKT Gymnasium



## May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month!

Join the Library this May in celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage! To celebrate, we will be featuring some of our favorite books by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Here are just a few:



- *The Night Marchers and Other Oceanian Stories* edited by Kel MacDonald, Kate Ashwin, and Sloane Leong
- *The Squad* by Christina Soontornvat
- *A Child's Introduction to Asian American and Pacific Islander History* by Naomi Hirahara
- *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu

## Weekly Class Schedule for February

The Library's weekly class schedule can be found below. Classes labeled with NSDL have optional certification exams which can be used in job hunting. All classes are Wednesdays from 5pm-6pm and are offered through Microsoft Teams at the link you can find in the Education and Recreation channel of Camp Crier or at the QR code below and may be attended in-person upon request. One-on-one tutoring is also available upon request on a variety of digital literacy subjects; please email Jason M at [Jason.morris@elwha.org](mailto:Jason.morris@elwha.org) for more information. Additionally, if there are days or times which work better for you to attend classes, please email Jason with your preferences.

- May 7:** Basic Computer Skills (NSDL, in-person at the Library)
- May 14:** Internet Basics (NSDL)
- May 21:** Internet Safety for Parents
- May 28:** Information Literacy in the Post-Truth Era: How to Tell Fact from Fake
- June 4:** Career Search Skills & Resume Workshop (NSDL)





## Elwha Beach Cleanup

On Friday, April 4, the LEKT Library, Recreation, Language & Culture, TYP, STRONG, and NOAA collaborated to host a cleanup of Elwha Beach with Elwha youth. Our goals were to clean up and beautify the beach, gather information on beach debris for NOAA's Marine Debris Monitoring and Assessment Program, and to collect marine plastic and glass with the goal of building a sculpture to display at Canoe Journeys inspired by the book *Washed Ashore: Making Art from Ocean Plastic* by Kelly Crull (which is available in the Library!). We were also joined by Elwha Police Officer Hamrick, who gave the kids a presentation on how to stay safe during the beach cleanup, including safe handling of sharps. Chelsea Korbulic from NOAA also gave a presentation about why it's important to keep the beach clean, telling them about the nearshore forage fish which lay their eggs on the beach and



rely on having a clean beach to do so.

Fortunately, we found very little garbage on the beach, though we did find a crab pot which had washed ashore, which we turned over to Officer Woods. After we got back to the Tribal Center after a few hours of scouring the beach all the way to the mouth of the Elwha, we sorted through the debris to select the items which could come in handy for building the sculpture, though we didn't find much. That said, if you have colorful plastic waste, like bottle caps or old, broken toys, contact Jason M at [Jason.morris@elwha.org](mailto:Jason.morris@elwha.org) as we may be able to use it for the sculpture. Also, if you are a sculptor or other artist who would be interested in helping us to design and build this sculpture, please contact Jason! A huge thank you to all who helped out, including Chelsea, Brad Holloway, Justine Clifford, Melaine Wheeler, Bridget Weed, Megan Juran, Officer Hamrick, and Officer Woods for all their help!





## Pictures from the Afterschool Program



Chelsea Korbolic presents a touch tank for the ASP.

JeDiyah Jackson holds a sea urchin while Jarison Moses and Tydus Woods look on.

Tydus Woods proudly holds a sea urchin.

The kids play kickball at the Billy Whiteshoes playfield

SO  
MUCH  
FUN



## Middle School Program Report—May 2025 Klallam Language & Culture Department Provided by Jonathan J. Arakawa, Klallam Language Teacher

We are now in the final full month of the 2024-2025 school year—and what an incredible journey it has been! This year has been defined by strengthened partnerships with tribal departments and programs, Stevens Middle School, and the Port Angeles School District. We had a total of 50 students take our Klallam Language class at Stevens Middle School.

In April, I had the opportunity to continue classroom presentations at Stevens Middle School, including my annual Tribal Sovereignty Overview for the 8th grade Civics classes. In collaboration with Civics teacher, Rob Edwards, we continue to refine and improve this important curriculum. This year's presentation reached all 8th grade students, offering them a comprehensive overview of tribal sovereignty and its contemporary relevance.

During Spring Break, I partnered with the TYP and STRONG programs to host cultural gift-making sessions in preparation for the 2025 Paddle to Elwha. Our youth were engaged—painting rattles, crafting nettle-mint tea bags, sanding clappers, and beading necklaces. These heartfelt gifts will be part of Elwha's giveaway during the event. A huge thank-you to our youth for their creativity and commitment, and to their parents for supporting their participation.

If you have any questions about our middle school program, please feel free to reach out to me via email at [Jonathan.Arakawa@elwha.org](mailto:Jonathan.Arakawa@elwha.org) or by phone at extension 7395. I'm happy to answer any questions.

WISHING MY KIDS A VERY HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
ROGER TINOCO MAY 3.  
JESSICA LAUNGAYAN MAY 17.  
I LOVE YOU WITH ALL THAT I HAVE.  
LOVE ALWAYS  
MOM  
(DORENE CHARLES)



Wishing my grandsons  
a very happy birthday.  
MarKeith Penn 18  
years old on May 9th.  
Jayceon Tinoco 17 on  
May 22.  
I love you both so  
much.  
Love always Grandma  
(Dorene Charles)



## ATTN: HAF FUNDING HAS ENDED

**A special thank you to  
Bucky, Spike, and anyone  
else who contributed to this  
program's success in  
strengthening our  
community's housing**





# RECREATION CALENDAR

May 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Gym Hours 8am-9pm	2 Gym Hours 8am-9pm	3 Gym Hours 10am-6:30pm
4 Gym Hours 8am-9pm	5 Gym Hours 8am-9pm	6 Gym Hours 8am-9pm	7 Gym Hours 6am-9pm	8 Gym Hours 8am-9pm	9 Gym Hours 8am-9pm	10 Gym Hours 10am-6:30pm
11 Mother's Day	12 Gym Hours 8am-9pm	13 Gym Hours 8am-9pm	14 Gym Hours 6am-9pm	15 Gym Hours 8am-9pm	16 Gym Hours 8am-9pm	17 Youth Basketball Tournament
18 Youth Basketball Tournament	19 Gym Hours 8am-9pm	20 Gym Hours 8am-9pm	21 Gym Hours 6am-9pm	22 Gym Hours 8am-9pm	23 Gym Hours 8am-9pm	24 Gym Hours 10am-6:30pm
25	26 Gym Closed Memorial Day	27 Gym Hours 8am-9pm	28 Gym Hours 6am-9pm	29 Gym Hours 8am-9pm	30 Gym Hours 8am-9pm	31 Gym Hours 10am-6:30pm

# May 2025

## Dining Hall Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
		Shawl & Vest Making 1:30-4:30pm	Shawl & Vest Making 1:30-4:30pm	Shawl & Vest Making 1:30-4:30pm		Star Quilt Class 10am-6pm
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Time for Salmonberry- May

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Culture Club: 322 Stratton Rd, Port Angeles, WA 98362

Dining Hall: 2851 Lower Elwha Rd, Port Angeles, WA 98362

Veterans Center:

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe: 31912 Little Boston Rd NE, Kingston, WA 98346

Heritage Center: 401 E 1st St, Port Angeles, WA 98362

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• 9-12pm Canoe Journey Gift Making • 9am-12pm Gift making @Heritage	• 9-12pm Canoe Journey Gift Making • 9am-12pm Gift Making @ Field Art Hall	• 9-12pm Canoe Journey Gift Making • 9am-12pm Gift Making @ Field Art Hall	• 9-12pm Canoe Journey Gift Making	• 9-12pm Canoe Journey Gift Making • 9am-12pm Gift making @Veterans Center		
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# HEALING COURT NEWS

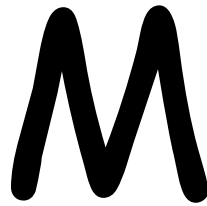
## Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe



Healing Court is a 12 to 18 month program that promotes wellness by assisting participants in achieving and maintaining sobriety. The program utilizes community supervision, counseling and cultural reconnection. Along with an individualized recovery plan.

Healing Court is rooted in best practice principles for Wellness courts. The Healing Court Team consists of: Judge, Prosecution, Defense/Parent Attorney, Probation, Indian Child Welfare, Tribal Law Enforcement, Klallam Counseling Treatment Providers, Healing Court Case Manager/Coordinator and Court Administrator.

For more information, please reach out to Ted Bowen at 564-215-1632 or [ted.bowen@elwha.org](mailto:ted.bowen@elwha.org)



### Mission Statement

To create a new path by ending negative cycles through community involvement, alternatives to jail and respecting traditions to provide our people the right to live in an addiction free commu-

### Vision Statement

The vision of ʔəʔłxʷə nəxʷsłayəm łwəwłxʷ is to walk the healing road with honor, respect, and yəhuməct; creating harmony and balance through culture and tradition.



Don't be afraid  
to start over.

It's a chance to  
create what you  
want. And enjoy  
what your de-  
serve.

### Eligibility

- \* Must be 18 years or older
- \* Member or eligible member of a federally recognized tribe
- \* Must be a person over which the Tribe has a civil and/or criminal jurisdiction
- \* Participant must be diagnosed w/ chemical dependency or substance use disorder
- \* Participant must be willing to engage in chemical dependency or substance use disorder treatment
- \* Must agree to voluntary program participation
- \* Participant is not a violent offender, perpetrator of sexual abuse, or perpetrator of felony child abuse



**LOWER ELWHA HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER**

**MEMORIAL DAY Monday May 26th The Office Will be CLOSED**

**We will Re-open Tuesday 8:00 A.M**



**Spring cleaning tips to keep the summer pests away!!**

Make sure to clean up after preparing and eating meals, the ants are coming in already. You want to make sure you don't leave anything out that will attract them, they'll take over before you know it.

Keep your yards mowed and avoid leaving anything with water standing outside to help reduce mosquito breeding areas.

**Attention LEHA tenants!!!!** We now have battery powered, rechargeable lawn mowers, weed eaters, and pressure washers available for use. You must complete a Lawn Care Usage Agreement and Release form in order to borrow the lawn equipment. Please come in or call the office for more information.

**Cleaning the exterior of your house:** Start by using a stiff bristle broom, brush off any large debris stuck to the siding, making sure to get into corners and under eaves and gutters. Next, spray sections of the siding with water, then use a cloth or sponge to apply a mild cleaning solution. Use the broom/brush to gently scrub any dirt stuck to the siding, once everything is loosened, spray the dirt and cleaning solution off. It's a great way to give your home a quick spruce up for the upcoming summer holidays.

**Attention, LEHA Residents! We are preparing for our annual inspections! You are required to have your residence in order according to your lease agreement.**

**We are set to begin mowing yards for our tenants who are disabled and/or elders.**

In order for us to mow safely and efficiently, we ask that your yard is completely clear of debris.



## Wellness Classes at the Heritage Center

Bridgette is a holistic nutritionist and currently studying plant medicine and indigenous food pathways. Bridgette is an enrolled citizen of the Jamestown S'klallam Tribe and started working for WSU Clallam County Extension in March of 2024 as the SNAP-Ed Nutrition Educator. She will be teaching classes at the Food Bank with the Heritage Center every other Tuesday, covering a variety of food and cooking nutrition classes that are centered around tribal food sovereignty and traditional foods.

Scan the QR code to join us!



**LEKT**  
WILDLIFE YOUTH  
EDUCATION PROGRAM



**APPLY ANYTIME BETWEEN  
NOW AND MAY 15TH  
FOR OUR SUMMER 2025 PROGRAM!**

You will learn:

- Wildlife tracks and sign
- Outdoor survival skills at an overnight 4-day camp (June 24-27 @ Quinault)
- How to work in the field
- And much more!

Apply  
Here



For more information,  
contact  
Kim Sager-Fradkin  
[kim.sager@elwha.org](mailto:kim.sager@elwha.org)





# COMMUNITY GEAR LENDING PROGRAM

Available for borrowing at  
LEKT Natural Resources now:

- Guide books & binoculars
- Rain jackets & pants
- Hiking boots & poles
- Tents
- Backpacks - adult and kids
- Sleeping bags & pads
- And so much more!

Take a  
Hike!



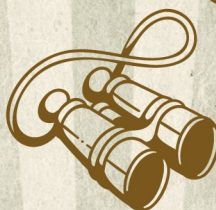
Please call ahead to borrow  
gear to be picked up during  
regular business hours  
(8 a.m. - 5 p.m. M-F)

Stay tuned for  
information about a  
gear shed "open house"  
and scheduled  
community hikes!

Contact Kim Sager-Fradkin: [kim.sager@elwha.org](mailto:kim.sager@elwha.org) or 360-457-4012 ext. 7495



# COME BORROW FROM THE SHED!



Contact Kim Sager-Fradkin: [kim.sager@elwha.org](mailto:kim.sager@elwha.org) or 360-457-4012 ext. 7495





May 2025

Dear Community Members,

This letter serves as a reminder of services provided by the 1910 Lower Elwha Shaker Church.

**Our 1910 Shaker Church assists with the following:**

- Funerals
  - Baptisms
  - Weddings
  - Hospital/Home Visits for Prayer
  - Home Shakes/Blessings
  - Blessing of Buildings and More
- Opening Prayers for Gatherings  
For any requests for *Shaker work*, **contact our Church Officers.**

• **Minister:** Jonathan Arakawa – (360) 565-6957

• **Traveling Missionary:** Margaret (Sarge) Sawyer

**Secretary/Treasurer & 1<sup>st</sup> Elder:** Johanna Bowechop

Our prayers are with our community. God bless you. Masi.

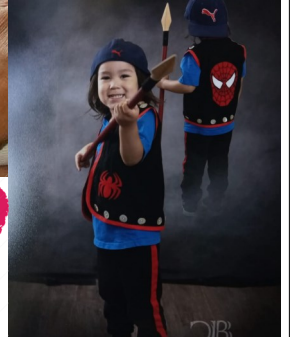
Respectfully,

Jonathan J. Arakawa, Minister  
Margaret (Sarge) Sawyer, Traveling Missionary  
Johanna F. Bowechop, Secretary/Treasurer & 1<sup>st</sup> Elder

Attention Families - Would you like to see your High School or College Graduate featured in the newsletter? Please fill out the survey below with their name, photo, and a short description of their achievements:



**“Happy Birthday Christopher Eugene Bennett! Love, Mom and Dad”**



April 2025 Newsletter

## Klallam Strong: Nutrition & Diabetes Newsletter

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

In this issue:

- \* **Care guidelines**
- \* **MIND diet**
- \* **Quote**



### Diabetes Exams

Hope your spring is off to a good start. Don't forget to schedule these important prevention exams with your provider.

### The MIND Diet

**To promote brain health and reduce the risk of dementia**

- **Foods to eat:** focus on nuts, leafy greens, beans, berries, fish and whole grains.
- **Foods to avoid:** sugar, limit red meat, fried foods, and fast foods.
- **Health benefits:** to improve brain function and cognition. This diet combines the benefits of the DASH and Mediterranean diets.

### Diabetes care guidelines.

These guidelines are from the American Diabetes Association to help you prevent complications.

- Yearly eye exam
- Yearly foot exam
- Twice a year dental visit
- Quarterly A1c diabetes test
- Yearly lipid and kidney function test

### Nutrition Quote:

**“Nutrition is the foundation of health and wellbeing”**

**If you would like a nutrition session, please call me @ 360-912-1500. Free to all tribal members and their family.**







## Happy Spring and Autumn Everyone!

LEFA ended the month of April with absolute gratitude to each one who was partook of our events.

Your participation, your support, and your voice matters.



Highlight: The April 9<sup>th</sup> Sexual Assault Awareness Walk and Healing Court ceremony was a success. Thank you to those who helped, supported, donated time, and raffle items and food. Those who spoke/

presenters, emcees, volunteers, cooks, and partner representatives: Elwha Police: Chief Sam White, Lieutenant Jimmy Thompson, Officers Josh Woods, River Bower, and Glen Roggenbuck, and Fish & Wildlife Officer Detavious Woods; Elwha Food and Fuel Store (Joshua Lampman); Elwha Justice Center: Attorney Diane Cabrera, Judge Anita Neal, Rachel Johnson, Ted Bower, Christina Matson and volunteers and cook: ; Social Services (Becca for support and giving staff the time to attend: Kelsie Gish, Sateva Henderson, Samantha Acosta, Julie Helgeson Becky Charles, Dorene Charles, Laura Munn, and Lazaro Tinoco; Clinic: Becky Shimko, Iliana Jones, Irene Peters; Housing Authority: Janet Hren, Corina Francis, and Christine Peters; Culture: Jonathan Arakawa ; Tor Parker, Victim/ Witness Advocate | Case Coordinator at



MMIWP Office of Attorney General Nick Brown; Elwha River Casino Marketing Joseph Bennett; Special guest and presenter Amy Reed Jerry Foster; Drum/Singers Mark Charles and Jerry Foster; Natural Resources Lester Moses; Recreation dept staff and all participants.

Thank you so much to Samantha Acosta, Elder's Program Coordinator for putting on the Wellness Fair for Elders event on April 21<sup>st</sup>, that I was part-off and to Jeremy Acosta, TVR Counselor for collaborating with me for Canoe Journey gift making/Healing April 25<sup>th</sup>.

To our very own Tribal Business Committee: Honorable Council Melissa Gilman, Tia Skerbeck, Russel Hepfer, Steve Robideau, and Chairwoman Frances Charles, thank you very much for your unwavering support in all our awareness and cultural outreach events. **Images are from April 9<sup>th</sup> SA awareness walk and Healing Court Ceremony/dinner.**



**What is happening in May?**

May 1st around 01:00 pm to 2:00 pm, listen to KONP radio for MMIWP educational information with Tor Parker, Chief Sam White and me.

**May 05, 2025, is National MMIWP – Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People Awareness Day or WEAR RED Day.** Collaborated programs and agencies scheduled an awareness walk to stand together to remember and commemorate those beautiful individuals who have been forcefully taken away

from their beloved families. You are invited to join us. See attached MMIWP flyer for detailed information.

5/11 – Happy Mother's Day; 5/12 Happy National American Indian Day (per 5/13/83 President Proclamation) Holiday; 5/26 - Let us honor and remember Memorial Day - Holiday You are not Alone! Call Beatriz Arakawa, Program Manager & Victim Advocate

E-mail: [Beatriz.arakawa@elwha.org](mailto:Beatriz.arakawa@elwha.org)



## LOWER ELWHA FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM

We help Tribal and Community Members with:

- Advocacy - Domestic & Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Sex Trafficking.
- Support with Protection Orders
- Address Confidentiality Program
- Resources & Referrals
- Case Management Assistance
- Prevention & Awareness
- Crisis Intervention Support
- Support Groups

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Mission: Victim's/Survivor's Safety and Autonomy through Advocacy and Awareness

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE!**

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**Congratulations to Mark Elofson. He's officially retired from 30+ years at Lakeside Industries and a 36 year member of Laborers Union Int'l Local 252.**

The Union representative stated that Mark is the longest tenured Native American union member in the State of WA. Our family is so proud of all his hard work, dedication to his employer and a prime example to our children/grandchildren for his work ethic. **ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT MARK!!!**

**We love you so much.**





# **BEADWORK** **GIFT-MAKING**

**with Michelle Fast Horse**

Presented by Lower Elwha Klallam TVR

**IN THIS CLASS YOU WILL LEARN:**

- Peyote Stitch, both flat and round
- Threading a needle
- Tie-In
- Tie-Out
- Brick Stitch with and without a loom
- Lazy Stitch

Create custom bracelets or keychains as Canoe Journeys 2025 giveaway items.



Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup>, Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>

11am - 4pm | Lower Elwha Social Services

3080 Lower Elwha Rd | (360) 565-7257

Scan the QR code to sign up!

**Meet Your Instructor:**

Michelle is the owner of Fast Horse Beads. She is a 4th generation beadwork artist of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe.



## **2024 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT IS HERE!**

The 2024 Elwha Heights and Lower Elwha Valley Consumer Confidence Reports and Water Quality Results are available electronically.

Simply scan the QR Code



Or visit our website at

[www.elwha.org/departments/publicworks/utilities](http://www.elwha.org/departments/publicworks/utilities).



If you prefer a printed report, they are available at the Tribal Center main entrance or at Public Works. To request a printed report be mailed to your home contact Karl Majerle, Utilities Manager at 360-565-7272.





## ERC News Letter

# MAY 2025

### Promotions:

#### Monday & Tuesday-

#### CAMP SET :GIFT GIVEAWAY

Elwha Reward Member Invite ONLY  
12pm-8pm  
While Supplies Last!

#### Wednesday- SENIOR DAY

Elwha Reward Members 55+ ONLY  
\$25 Hot Seats 11am-5pm  
2x Points All Day  
20% OFF Salish Winds when you visit the  
Player's Club

#### Thursday- \$99 HOT SEATS

All Elwha Reward Members  
6pm-8pm

#### Friday May 30<sup>th</sup>

#### RIDE OR RICHES DRAWING



All Elwha Reward Members  
7pm-10pm  
Earn tickets 4/14 - 5/30

300 POINTS PER ENTRY.  
GRAND PRIZE DRAWING |

#### Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>

#### Mom's Day Free Play

Elwha Reward Members Ladies ONLY  
First 50 Ladies @10am  
qualify for \$10 Free Play

### Events:

Come visit the Salish Winds  
Restaurant for live music played  
@8pm-11pm

5/3 by The Randall Wolf Band

5/16 by Bread & Gravy

21+

### Salish Winds Specials:

#### 5/11 Mother's Day Special:

Prime Rib Special

\$24.99

No Discounts or Coupons

#### Daily:

Happy Hour

3pm-5pm

\$2 OFF all Drinks

\$3 OFF all Appetizers

#### Sun-Thurs:

Happy Hour

9pm-11pm

\$2 OFF all Drinks

\$3 OFF all Appetizers

*Salish Winds*  
RESTAURANT

Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-11pm Sunday 11am-7pm

<b>2025 Service Record</b>	<b>March</b>
911 Hang-Up	5
Alarm/Alarm Check	2
Animal Calls	3
Boating Activity/Hunting	2
Business Check	145
Citizen Assist	12
Citizen Contact/paperwork /service	16
Civil	35
Community Oriented Policing	48
Junk Vehicle	9
Disturbance	2
Drug Violation	2
DV	1
Follow Up	19
Assault	1
Harrassment	1
DUI	1
Noise Complaint	1
Prowler	1

Other Agency Assist	9
Patrol Request	97
Prisoner Transport	6
Report of Open Door/Window	7
Sex Offense	1
Stone Garden	1
Suicide/Suicidal	3
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	5
Theft	2
Tresspass	5
Traffic Stops/Control/Emphasis/ Hazard	37
Trespass	5
Traffic Complaint	4
Unwanted Person	2
Violation of Court Order	2
Vehicle Theft	1
Welfare Check	7
Warrant Attempts/Arrests	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>505</b>

# Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)

*Get free, confidential support whenever you're ready.*



**Lower Elwha Health Clinic**  
 243511 Hwy 101 West  
 Port Angeles, WA 98363  
 (360) 452-6252, Ext. 1  
**After Hours: (541) 526-9256**



Whether you have experienced sexual assault yourself, or want to know more about how to help your child, a friend or someone else, we're here 24/7 with support and information to empower you to take your next steps.

**SART Team Members:** January Austin, ND; Lillian Easton, ARNP; Melissa Ellis, RN; and Iliana Jones

We provide support and services to youth (18 years and under) in the LEKT Tribal Community, Clallam County and surrounding Tribal Communities. SART can provide pediatric forensic exams, advocacy, support and referrals to youth and families in need of assistance.

Date	Resolution Number	Title	Vote		
			For	Against	Abstain
3/20/25	26-25	Adoption of Elwha River Casino Employee Handbook	4	0	0
3/18/25	27-25	Washington State Department of Health Workplace Safety for Workers Affected by Climate Change Grant Application	3	0	0
3/18/25	28-25	Judicial Services Contract and Appointment of Anita Neal	3	0	0
3/18/25	29-25	Approval and Ratification of Pikeman LLC General Contractor for placement services; with a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity	3	0	0
3/18/25	30-25	Professional Services Contract with Ridolfi Inc., for Technical Assistance Services	3	0	0
3/18/25	31-25	Approving Attorney Contract with Stephen H Suagee for Western Harbor and Rayonier Clean Up and Natural Resources Damage Assessments	3	0	0
3/18/25	33-25	Approval of Renalogic Contract	3	0	0
3/18/25	34-25	Removal of John Black as Healing Court Judge	4	0	0
3/18/25	35-25	Approval of HMA ASA Contract	4	0	0
3/20/25	36-25	Approval of Rental Agreements for Canoe Journeys 2025	4	0	0
3/20/25	37-25	Election Board Appointment and Membership	4	0	0
3/20/25	38-25	Fishing Committee Appointment and Membership	4	0	0
3/20/25	39-25	Game (Hunting) Committee Appointment and membership	4	0	0
4/8/25	40-25	Approval of RCO TGA 24-1315A entitled Indian Creek Habitat Protection	3	0	0
4/8/25	41-25	Amendment to Special Flood Hazard Ordinance	3	0	0
4/8/25	42-25	Approving Washington Military Dept FY2024 Homeland Security Grand Program Agreement w/ a LWSI	3	0	0
4/8/25	43-25	Professional Services Contract with Tacoma Pump and Drilling Co Inc., dba King Brothers Drilling to rehabilitate and redevelop the Groundwater Well Field	3	0	0
4/8/25	44-25	Approval of State of WA DCYF Program Agreement General Terms and Conditions	3	0	0
4/8/25	45-25	Approval of Contract for Services with 2 Grade LLC	3	0	0
4/8/25	46-25	Approval of WA DCYF Program Agreement Indian Child Welfare Services	3	0	0
4/8/25	47-25	Professional Services Agreement with Natural Systems Design for Green Creek Restoration	3	0	0
4/8/25	49-25	Approval of Proposal with Play Creation, Inc. to Renovate the Lower Elwha Children's House of Learning Playground	3	0	0



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## **Dates to Remember:**

5/1—5/3 Beadwork Gift Making Workshop  
5/3 Live Music at Elwha River Casino  
5/3—5/4 Star Quilt Class  
5/5 MMIP Walk  
5/7 Basic Computer Skills Class  
5/11 Mother's Day  
5/12 National American Indian Day  
5/14 Internet Basics Class  
5/16 Live Music at Elwha River Casino  
5/17—5/18 Youth Basketball Tournament  
5/17—5/18 Star Quilt Class  
5/21 Internet Safety For Parents Class  
5/26 Memorial Day  
5/28 Information Literacy in the Post-Truth Era:  
How to Tell Fact from Fake Class



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