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The Tribal Business Committee is beginning to use this space to share brief updates with the community on recent work, priorities, and upcoming opportunities. We are committed to keeping our community informed and engaged.

RECENT ACTIONS & UPDATES

Legislative Funding - Wellness Center Infrastructure

During the recent state legislative session, the LEKT Wellness Center Infrastructure Project was awarded funding to complete the Dry Creek sewer line. This project will connect the Food and Fuel site and clinic to the City sewer system near the airport. This is an important step forward for the clinic property, store operations, and the future CCFD2 Fire Station

Housing Update

Recruitment for the Housing Director position has closed, and Nancy Hamilton has been selected for the role. She is already working on revising forms and policies and is settling into the Housing Department.

At this time, the Housing Committee (formerly the Housing Board) is on pause while policies are updated and staff are hired and transitioned into their roles. The current priority is filling vacant homes with those who have the highest housing need.

Youth Leadership & Prevention Summit

From June 23-26, the Tribe will host a Native Youth Leadership and Prevention Summit in collaboration with the Washington State Department of Health and the American Indian Health Commission. Please watch for upcoming registration and volunteer opportunities.

Olympic Coast Exploration Center

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Olympic Coast Exploration Center, replacing the Feiro Marine Life Center, was held last month. This new facility will bring renewed energy to the waterfront and will feature a marine bird exhibit and updated interactive displays for the community and visitors.

Constitution Committee

There was strong community interest in the Constitution Committee. Work is currently underway to appoint members, establish roles and responsibilities, and develop a timeline for amendment recommendations and future community meetings.

Hatchery Modernization Grant

The Tribe was awarded a grant through NOAA/BIA to support modernization and upgrades to the hatchery. A total of 13 projects will be completed over the next several years, strengthening long-term sustainability.

Fishing Committee

The Fishing Committee recently solicited letters of interest for two open positions. Joe Luce and Anthony Boyd were selected to serve three-year terms. Current committee members include: Anthony Boyd, Dustin Schmitt, Joe Luce, Michael Charles, and Timmy Goldsbury.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Paddle to Nisqually 2026

The canoe was recently blessed and awakened, marking the beginning of preparation for the 2026 Paddle to Nisqually. Practices will take place at Lake Crescent to avoid afternoon winds in the Port Angeles Harbor.

Celebrating Our Graduates

Graduation season is approaching. Head Start, JOM, TYP, and the Culture Department are offering regalia support, cedar cap making, and cap beading classes. We are proud of our graduates and look forward to celebrating these important milestones with the community.

**LOOKING BACK ON THE PAST MONTH,
SHARE ONE GOOD THING THAT YOU ARE PROUD OF:**

Frances - "That we continue to educate govermenmt, agencies, and outside communities about us and our sucesses"

Razz - "Took over LEHA and put familes in homes, and are working on remodeling vacant homes"



Steve- "Turning around housing and getting people into homes"

Melissa - "Seeing more community engaged and attending the General Community Council Meetings."

Tia - "Attending the wellness event and seeing the revival of community health, and the support and showing of so many departments and outside organizations"

General Community Council meetings follow "Robert's Rules of Order" if you would like to have an item added to the agenda for a meeting, please email melissa.gilman@elwha.org to request to have an agenda item added for consideration.

We encourage community members to stay engaged, ask questions, and share your voices. Your input helps guide the work we do.

May 2026

Dear Lower Elwha Tribal Community,
What an exciting time of year for us. By the time you read this letter, we will have just had the elections. Hopefully I will remain on council. I really enjoy and love representing our tribe. We will be getting ready for our high school graduates also. I enjoy the parade that the community does for them. They are so proud and rightfully so.

In an April Business Committee meeting the council appointed two new members to our Fish Committee. First is Joe Luce. He has been an outstanding fisher in and for our community. I am proud of Joe as he has been mentoring our youth that want to learn how to harvest whatever is in season. He teaches them how to harvest and how to do it safely. Joe has harvested every resource we have for all of his adult life.

We also appointed Anthony Boyd. He is another outstanding fisher that also has mentored a lot of youth. Tony has been a fisher of all the resources also. I am proud of how he works also. He has been a fisher in our community for a long time also. He will give anyone a helping hand when needed.

I want to thank the outgoing Fish Committee members for their service to our community. Anthony Charles and Terry Stevens. They have been on the committee for a long time. Terry and Anthony for eighteen years. It is a tough job being on especially the Fish Committee.

Again, thank you both
Among other things and issues, our council has been busy with the newly formed Housing De-

partment. I am proud that we have provided safe shelter for a number of families right away. We are now going to fix up some vacant houses also. We have two apartments that will be filled too. I know that we will keep striving to provide housing for our community.



Council is still working on reverting to Cougar Den gas. It is a Native owned company that provides fuel to tribes. Currently, we have a compact with the State. We send the State taxes collected from fuel sales and they send them back. It comes back with strings attached. We can only spend the taxes on Law & Order and roads. With Cougar Den, we can spend it where needed with no

strings. It is complicated but we are working towards that goal.

These are some of the things we have been working on. I am proud of this council because we don't always agree but we work it out. This is as it should be. We are not here to be friends, although I feel we are, we are here to support and make the tribe better. I have always been able to work with our councils over the years. I feel this one has really moved things along. I want to thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I feel it's important to let you know what I think and what I and we, the council, are up to. It is also important to keep you updated.

Respectfully,

Russell N. (RAZZ) Hepfer

Lower Elwha Housing Department



4/2/2026

Dear Community,

My name is Nancy. If you already know me, it is so good to continue this journey together. If we have not yet met, it is truly a pleasure to meet you. I am a mother of four, my husband is a school teacher, and I am a proud veteran of the U.S. Army.

I come from the Hopie family. My mother was Susan Rhodes Coronel, my grandparents were Frank and Annie Rhodes, and my great grandmother was Mable Hopie. It is with deep respect for my family, our history, and this community that I step into this role.

Many of you may recognize me from my previous work within our community. I have had the privilege of serving as a Reception/Provider One Navigator, Family Advocate, SART Coordinator, Community Liaison, and Project Manager for the Housing Assistance Fund. I have also served on community boards/councils supporting our youth, elders and families. You may have seen me coordinating and hosting community events or working alongside different programs to support their exciting events. These experiences have meant a great deal to me, and I have truly enjoyed every moment of serving our community in these roles.

I am honored and excited to step into my new role as your Housing Department Manager. I accept this responsibility with gratitude and a strong commitment to serving our community with care, respect, and accountability. I am here to support you and to help ensure that our housing programs continue to meet the needs of our people in a thoughtful and meaningful way.

In addition to my work with the Housing Department, I also serve as a School Board Director for the Port Angeles School District. My passion has always been rooted in supporting our community, and I carry that same dedication into this position.

I am here to be a resource for you. If you have any questions, concerns, or housing needs, please do not hesitate to reach out. I am always willing to listen and to help in any way I can. ***I will be stationed at:***

22 Kwitsen Drv. after 4/13/2026.

You can contact me at:

Email: Nancy.Hamilton@elwha.org

Phone: 360-912-1302

Thank you for welcoming me to this role. I look forward to continuing to serve our community and working together to support safe, strong, and thriving housing for all.

With respect,

Nancy Hamilton

Lower Elwha Housing Department Manager



TRIBAL VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (TVR)

TVR specializes in helping Native Americans with disabilities overcome barriers to work. Our mission is to provide a compassionate, holistic approach in serving Native Americans and Alaska Natives experiencing disabilities. We support individuals in achieving meaningful and stable employment through training and supportive services, fostering self-sufficiency, reducing reliance on public assistance, and strengthening the Tribal community as a whole.

TVR is currently accepting new clients!

Applications and Contact information available at the QR Code, on the Tribal website at www.elwha.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LEKTVR

Eligibility for Services:

- Enrolled with a State or Federally recognized tribe.
- Reside within the service area.
- Have a physical or mental disability, documented with a provider.
- Employment barriers.
- The applicant requires TVR services to obtain or maintain employment.

What may be considered a disability?

- Mental Health Diagnosis
- Substance use disorder diagnosis
- Blind/Low Vision
- Back/Brain/Limb injury or limitations
- Intellectual/developmental disabilities
- Hearing impairment
- Other physical or mental disabilities that prevent the person from finding and/or keeping employment.



Heritage Center News & Classes

Intro to nəxʷsłayəmúçən

Every Tuesday (April 7th—June 9th)
5pm—6pm

Flex your Klallam vocabulary with language practice every Tuesday online and in the Social Services conference room. Hosted by Keeoma Messenger and TVR.



Yoga

Every Friday
9am—10am

Learn techniques from both Hatha and Vinyasa Yoga. The health benefits include enhancing strength and flexibility, stabilizing blood pressure, managing stress and anxiety, increasing bone density, and uplifting a sense of well-being.

Meditation Mondays

Upcoming—Sign up to let us know what times work for you!

Beginner class. Test out the practice and align your spirit for the week ahead.





Heritage Center Happenings

Aunties Weaving Club

Jamie Valadez's weekly weaving classes have become so popular - we're starting a club! Well, not really - this little get-together formed on its own. With a regular rotation of 5-7 aunties, Jamie has been workshopping cedar woven grad caps every Tuesday and Thursday since March. This group has become such a fun, reliable, supportive

place to be that we're opening the doors to anyone who would like to join. No sign-up necessary, no commitment needed. Come and go as your schedule allows. Friends, family, and kids are all welcome to join.

Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am - 2pm.

Bring your art projects! Bring snacks to share! Let's hang out, gossip, and get crafty!

Yoga is Back! And Introducing Meditation

Instructor Melanie McHugh Barclay has spent the last two months running a yoga retreat in Hawaii, refreshing her skills, mind, and body. She's excited to be back home, ready to share her knowledge and inspiration.

Yoga classes will begin Friday, May 15th at 9am. We have limited mats to borrow, please bring your own if you have one.

Melanie teaches both Hatha and Vinyasa Yoga - holistic traditions emphasizing breath moving the body in personalized sequences tailored to the needs of the individual. The health benefits of yoga are numerous including enhancing strength and flexibility, stabilizing blood pressure, managing stress and anxiety, increasing bone density, and uplifting a sense of well-being.

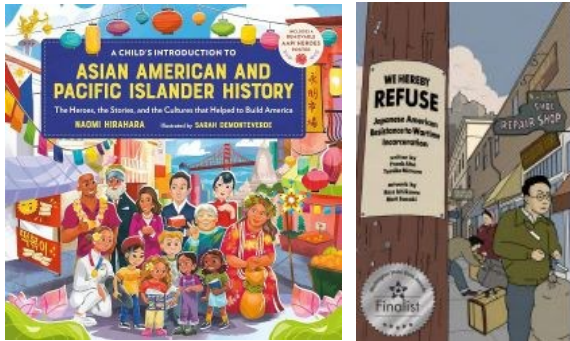
NEW! - We will also be offering Intro to Meditation. This is a beginner class designed for you to test out the practice and align your spirit for the week ahead. Offered on Mondays - sign up for the interest list!



Library

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
- *We Are Not Strangers* by Josh Tuininja
- *A Child's Introduction to Asian American and Pacific Islander History* by Naomi Hirahara
- *We Hereby Refuse: Japanese American Resistance to Wartime Incarceration* by Frank Abe

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 12pm-1pm and 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 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 6: Basic Computer Skills (NSDL, in-person at the Library)

May 13: Internet Basics (NSDL)

May 20: Internet Safety for Parents

May 27: Introduction to AI

June 3: Career Search Skills & Resume Workshop (NSDL)



APRIL UPDATE

STEVENS MIDDLE SCHOOL

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH AND WHAT THEIR TEACHERS HAD TO SAY!

Lela Bankson: Lela is always on top of her assignments. She's super bright and I look forward to her insights in Biomed.

Kaylee Konopaski: Kaylee has been working very hard to stay on top of her classes and her effort shows! In addition, Kaylee is a very kind, goofy student who shows up for her friends.

Tiadosa Tom: Tia is responsible and works hard every day. She is always positive and respectful.



THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Seventh Grade

Violet Austin
Kaylee Konopaski
Zyrriah Lok
Ruben Peters
Teyah Cross
Woody Cargo
Tony Cargo

Eighth Grade

Valerie Charles
JoNathan
Charles-Inman
Tristin Konopaski
Jason Montero



**Happy
Birthday G-Bear
(Auntie Cindy)
Love, Your Family**



Language / Culture

Hello All!

My name is Nizhoni Wheeler and I am a new Klallam Language Teacher in the Culture Department. My parents are Rachelle and Jason Wheeler, and my grandparents are Frank and Alyce Charles. I am an enrolled member of the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and grew up learning the Klallam Language from current and past language and culture teachers. I am excited to join an already great team of teachers to continue learning and teaching nəxʷsłayəməcən! I have already started to attend Klallam Language classes at Port Angeles High School and Stevens Middle School where I am shadowing and helping Wendy Sampson, I have also partnered with LEKT and School District Advocates where I will have arts and crafts available as an alternative for our students during their flex period/outside time (if they're caught up on all of their work!) My email is Nizhoni.wheeler@elwha.org and will be out with a work number soon.

háʔnəŋ cn! - Thank you!



ʔáy'skʷáči hay, good day everyone!

Toa'leea cn sna, my name is Toa'leea and my English name is Cheyenne Wheeler. I wanted to introduce myself as I have just started as one of our new language teachers for the culture department! I am super excited and eager to begin this journey and my focus is working with the community in any way necessary! I am very open minded and wanting to learn from everyone within our community. Please keep your eyeballs peeled for the cool things I will have planned in the future and don't hesitate to reach out to me if there are any ideas of what I can bring to the you all and what you all wish to see for classes and perhaps drop-in crafting! My email is cheyenne.wheeler@elwha.org and once I get my work phone that will be another way to reach me also.

Stay blessed,
Cheyenne Wheeler

Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Court

Please welcome our new Court Clerk, Sarah Utz. Sarah comes with experience in a court setting and is very knowledgeable about court process.

“I am honored to be working with the Lower Elwha community and look forward to being of service. I am trained as a paralegal and have a passion for the Justice System and working with others. I am a very grateful mom to three wonderful kids. I have lived in the PNW much of my life and I am in love with the beauty of the Peninsula.”

Thank you, Sarah Utz

Hours: Tuesday- Friday (9-5)

Email: sarah.utz@elwha.org

Telephone: 360-452-6759 ex. 2935

Work: 360-912-5736




What's happening at the Museum?

Looking ahead, we hope you'll join us for our next film screening:

 **Where the Olive Trees Weep**

 April 28

 6:00 PM

 Elwha Klallam Museum Screening Room

Where the Olive Trees Weep offers a glimpse into daily life in Palestine, sharing personal stories that explore loss, resilience, and the enduring strength of community in the face of ongoing hardship.

Our film nights are always **free** and open to the community, and we love creating a space where we can come together, learn, and share.

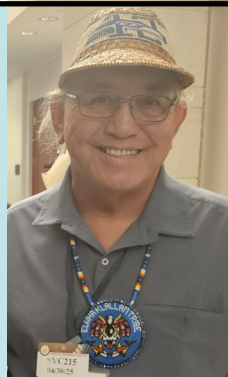
Book club curious?

We also host two book clubs at the museum, both centered on works by Indigenous authors. One group is open to all community members, and the other is a space specifically for Indigenous readers. New participants are always welcome.

We're always looking for ways to better serve our community. If you have ideas for programs, film screenings, or events you'd like to see at the museum, we'd love to hear from you. Please reach out at klallam.museum@elwha.org

We hope to see you soon at the museum!

**Happy Birthday
Uncle Razz.
Love you Big Sky.
Love, Garnet M**



***HAPPY 18TH
BIRTHDAY JAY!***
We love you and are so
proud of you!
Love- Mom, Dad, Kam &
Kianna <3



Dental

May is National Dental Care Month!

As spring moves towards summer, it's a great time to take a moment and think about healthy tooth habits! National Dental Care Month is a wonderful reminder that your smile is about more than just appearance. Our teeth are connected to our overall health! Poor oral health has been linked to heart disease, diabetes and other serious conditions making dental care an important part of caring for your whole self. This month, we encourage all Elwha tribal members to schedule a check up if you haven't

had one in the last year, and this summer limit your sugary drinks between meals and try to drink water throughout the day to be kind to your teeth and your body. And remember to brush your teeth twice and floss at least once daily to keep them clean! Our team is here for you at the Elwha Dental Clinic, and we are proud to serve our community and help every member maintain healthy, happy smiles.

ʔaʔáʔił nəxʷnənəčiqəs ʔiyám ʔaʔyəcłáyŋxʷ
Beautiful smiles. Strong people.

nəxʷsł'ay'əm'
Song & Dance
Practice
Wed
May 20th, 2026
5:30 PM
Elwha Dining Hall
2851 Lower Elwha Rd
Guest Speakers during dinner:
Tim Montler & Jamie Valadez

New
Book Releases
"Voices of the Ancestors"
-Tim Montler
&
"Places of Importance"
-Jamie Valadez

"Our language is the heartbeat of our culture. To lose our tongue we lose our ancestral connection. Do not let the silence of the past become the voice of the future -speak it, guard it, and be the generation that continues to breathe life back into our heritage. For when a language fades, a world disappears with it."

THE GREAT SEAL • FORT GARIBOLDI
JAMESTOWN SKWALLAM TRIBE
ELWA KLALLAN TRIBE

Food as Medicine Series: Your Mental Health

Nutrients to Feed Your Brain!

By Dawn Travelstead, MS, RD, CDCES

Many of us may be feeling more depressed, stressed and anxious lately. A nutrient rich diet plays an important role in our mental health.

Why is this important?

Your brain is the body's most critical organ. Our brain has neurons, which transmit information between your brain and the rest of your nervous system. Diet along with other self-help methods may improve how your brain functions.

The brain needs 3 important things:

- Adequate sleep
- Hydration
- Good food

What a teen brain needs!

1. ***Start the day with a good breakfast.*** A mix of good carbs and protein. Some examples are: oatmeal with yogurt; or eggs and whole grain toast; or PB& honey sandwich; or a protein fruit smoothie.
2. ***Quality sources of protein.*** Some good examples are: nuts, eggs, Greek yogurt, meat and chicken (that is not fried). You need a palm-size portion of one of the above at lunch & dinner.
3. ***The right kind of fat.*** Salmon, tuna, eggs, olive and coconut oil, nuts & seeds.
4. ***The RIGHT carbs.*** Complex carbs are necessary for focus and energy; these come from whole grains, peas, beans, fruit and veggies. Simple carbs that come from sugar, fast food and sweetened drinks can cause high blood sugar levels. These carb can impair brain health by causing you to have a drop in energy, fatigue and headaches after consumption.
5. ***Probiotic fermented rich foods.*** Yogurt, kefir, sauerkraut to name a few. This helps gut microbiome.
6. ***Vitamin D.*** You get some absorption from the sun, but it is best to get vitamin D from food or a supplement. You need 3 servings of milk or yogurt a day; or other sources like salmon and tuna.
7. ***Omega 3 fats.*** This nutrient is linked to better focus and memory. It also lowers your risk of dementia later on in life. Best sources are: salmon, tuna, flax or chia seeds. Two meals a week of fish is suggested.
8. ***Add tryptophan rich foods:*** turkey, salmon, eggs, dairy, nuts and seeds.
9. ***Be consistent with meals.*** Don't skip breakfast and lunch with your big meal at night. Regular eating keeps your blood sugar under better control. Blood sugar swings can make you grumpy, have headaches and fatigued.

LOWER ELWHA FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy - Domestic, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Sex Trafficking. • Protection Orders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources & Referrals • Case Management Assistance • Support for court related appointments. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention & Awareness • Crisis Intervention Support • Address Confidentiality Program |
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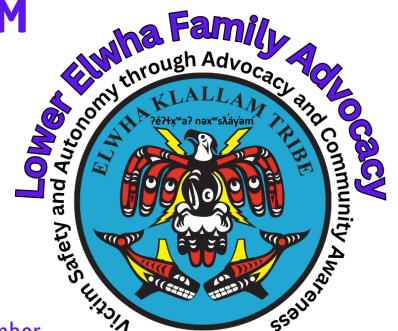
Contact Information

Beatriz Arakawa, Program Manager, Office: 360-565-7257, Ext. 7453

 Lower Elwha Social Services

 Cell: 360-460-1745

 360-775-9346 - Emergency Phone Number



Save the Date

Native Youth Leadership and Prevention Summit

Hosted by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe

ʔéʔtɬxʷaʔ naxʷsʰááyəm – The Strong People
in Partnership with the American Indian Health Commission and
WA State Department of Health

June 23 through June 26, 2026



Scan this QR code to apply to our Native Youth Leadership Panel and help us plan this event! Must be between the ages of 14 and 26 to apply.





Shaker Church News

Courtesy news for the Lower Elwha Tribal Community

May 2026

Dear Tribal and Community Members,
I hope this letter finds you well. Our Shaker Church continues to remain active in service to the Lord—blessing homes and tribal buildings, and offering prayers during hospital and home visits for those in need. Our hearts and prayers remain with the families who have lost loved ones. We pray that God brings you comfort, strength, and peace during this time. The Lower Elwha 1910 Indian Shaker Church will continue to provide prayers and spiritual support to each and every one of you. Our church officers, who are licensed and authorized to conduct Shaker work within the Lower Elwha Tribal Community, are listed below for your reference:

Minister: Jonathan Arakawa
Cell: (360) 565-6957
Email: jonathan_arakawa@outlook.com

1st Elder & Secretary/Treasurer: Johanna Bovechop
Cell: (360) 460-9283

Our Shaker Church is here to serve our community. **We offer support and assistance with the following services:**

- Funerals
 - Baptisms
 - Weddings
 - Hospital and home visits for prayer
 - Home shakes and blessings
 - Blessings of buildings, grounds, and more
 - Opening prayers for gatherings and meetings
- Please feel free to contact our church officers for any spiritual support you may need. It is both a

blessing and an honor to serve God and our people.

SAVE THE DATE:

Lower Elwha Shaker Church
May 15-17, 2026

Friday: 6:00 pm table, shake to follow

Saturday: 6:00 pm table, shake to follow

Sunday Service at 10:00 am

Elwha Veterans Center
247 Ns'Klallam Drive
Port Angeles, WA 98363

LIMITED T-SHIRTS FOR SALE. \$25 EACH.

The Lower Elwha Shaker Church be open for shaker services, May 15-17, 2026, at the Elwha Veterans Center (A.K.A. Gathering Place). Please review our flyer attached in this month's newsletter. Everyone is welcome to come and receive help from the Lord. We look forward to seeing you there.

May God bless you and your families. Masi.
Love & Prayers,
Jonathan J. Arakawa
Minister, Lower Elwha 1910 Indian Shaker Church

"WE NEVER FORGET, WE NEVER GIVE UP"



ʔáwə st c miʔmáýəqi, ʔáwə st c nəxʷqʷúʔčkʷən

Honoring MMIWP - Missing and Murdered
Indigenous Women and People walk

May 5th is National Day of Awareness Day for
Missing and Murdered Indigenous People.

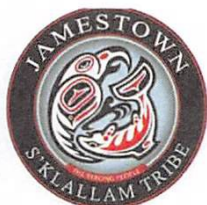


Please join us for a Solidarity Walk on 5/5/26 to Remember
and Raise Awareness for Missing & Murdered Indigenous
Women and People. **Please Wear Red!**



TUES, MAY 5TH

- 2:00 - Sign making at the Heritage Center
- 3:30 - Shawl Ceremony / Opening Prayer
- 4:00 - Solidarity Walk to Clallam County Courtyard and Back
- 5:00 - Dinner and Honoring MMIWP and Families at the Heritage Center



WA MMIWP UNIT, HFCC, Clallam Resilience Project, Mariposa House

YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN #MMIWP

Have Questions or need Information, Contact:

LEFA 360-565-7257, or Ext 7453, 360-460-1745; SART 360-775-9346.

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Community Climate Survey: Closes May 8th!



\$15 gift card for Tribal community members at Natural Resources upon completion of the survey!



TAKE THE SURVEY HERE



<https://www.surkeymonkey.com/r/LEKTclimate>

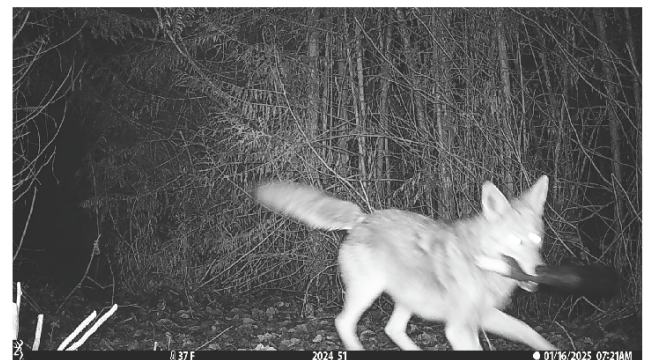
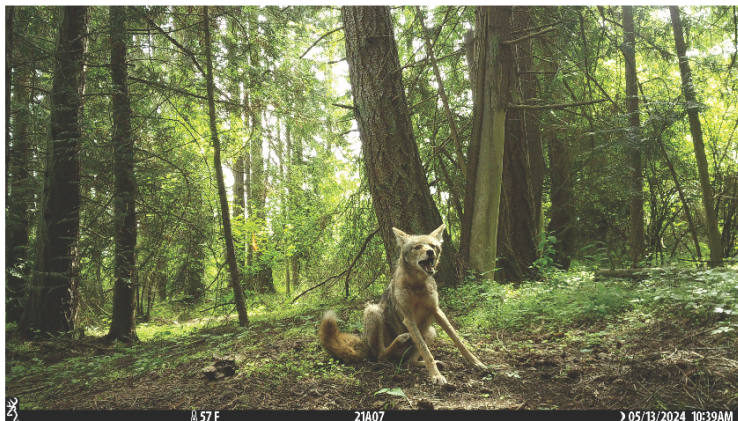
Thank you to everyone who has already submitted! If you miss the survey deadline, but want to share your observations on environmental changes or discuss climate change resiliency, we still want to hear from you! [Contact Cameron.Macias@elwha.org](mailto:Cameron.Macias@elwha.org) (360)457-4012 x 7499.

Opportunity for public input on state-managed land in the Elwha watershed:



WA State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking public input for an analysis of the ecological and conservation values of the Elwha watershed on lands managed by DNR.

More info here: <https://dnr.wa.gov/elwhastudy>



Day or night, coyotes are some of the most frequent visitors across our camera grids! Whether taking a daytime power nap or scurrying off with something scavenged (like this pig's foot!), they're always busy, adapting to changing seasons and environments.

Wildlife
cam
captures

May Birthdays

May 1st

Louise Rose
Ashley Johnson

May 2nd

Drew Black
Denise Gloria
Isaiah Bennett

May 3rd

Roger Tinoco
Maya Turrey
Melia Webber

May 4th

Karsten Turrey
Michelle Charles

May 5th

Ciara Cargo
Sonja Elofson
Michael Romero
Ruth Charles

May 6th

Alfred Charles Jr

May 7th

Sequoia Watson-Charles
Michael Charles
Kyler Robideau
Lucas Williams
Virginia La Chester

May 8th

Malachi Bolstrom
Irene Moses

May 9th

John Boyd III
MarKeith Penn

May 10th

Russell Hepfer
Adriana Clark-Paranteau
Carmen Watson-Charles

May 11th

Barbara Hugo
Lewis Charles
Journey Greene
Shawna Swanson

May 12th

Emma Charles-Richardson

May 13th

Leslie Turrey
Jamie Valadez

May 15th

Robert Cayenne Jr
Niiya Jensen

May 16th

Natane Bennett
Lorna Mike
Crystal Ortivez
Cynthia Charles

May 17th

Jessica Laungayan

May 18th

James Jensen
Hannahlynn Sullivan
Leilani Barkley
Britt Needham

May 19th

Alaine Jennings
Ronald Hillgren
Rodney Charles

May 20th

Tristen Contreras
Cameron Laungayan
Mary Cooke
Stephanie Stephan
Reighlynn Charles-Elofson

May 21st

Kaya Fernandes
Verna Sampson
Zoey Boston

May 22nd

Stachen Stephan
Kristen Charles-Dunstan
Jayceon Tinoco
Kiana Stephan

May 23rd

Sage Walden
Samantha Acosta
Braedan Kahl
Heavenly Sampson
Michelle Money
Wesley Macias
William Webber

May 24th

Joseph Charging Whirlwind

May 25th

Hailey Charles
Jaine Macias
Leilani Cornelson
King Towner

May 26th

Zyrriah Lok

May 27th

Lisa Temple
Anita Charles
Monica Clark

May 28th

Caralee Baker

May 29th

Jonathan Sampson Sr

May 30th

Suz Bennett
Xavier Bolstrom
Michael Skerbeck
Gloria Jones
River Garza





Happy Birthday Jamie!
We are so grateful for your knowledge, and the enthusiasm with which you share it.



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Tribal Holiday Closure

May 11th—National American Indian Day
May 25th—Memorial Day