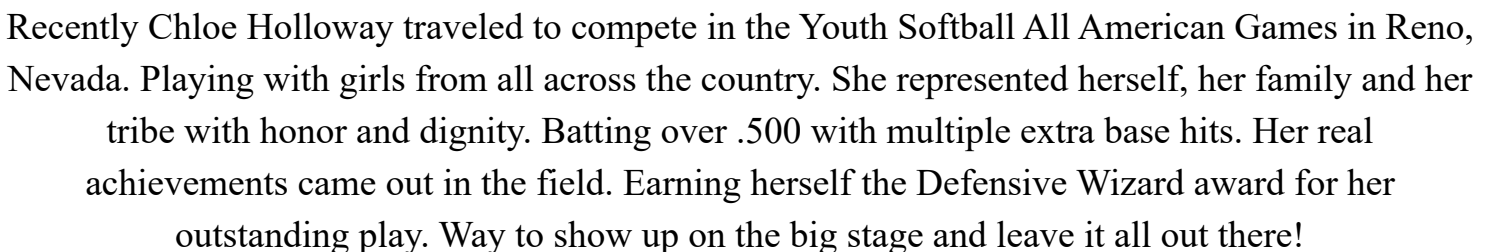




Chloe Holloway: Defensive Wizard!



Chloe Holloway: Defensive Wizard (1) • Council Corner (3) • Tribal and State Court Consortium (4) • Stick Game Carving Workshop (5) • Community Health (6-8) • House of Learning (9) • Recreation Calendar (10) • Drum Group Calender (11) • Housing (12-14) • How to Remove Moss from Your Roof (15-16) • Meet the Planning Department (17) • LEFA (18-19) • TVR (20) • Birthdays (21)

Boston survived that ordeal; he was rescued and that was the last time he went up into the mountains.

Council Corner

Paddle to Nisqually

Paddle to Nisqually was a bit different for our community this year. With so much loss in our community, we made the decision to keep our canoe at home. Some community members stayed home, while others joined our sister tribes on the floor. Each person and family found their own way to navigate this time of grief and healing.

We are grateful for the support, understanding, and strength shown throughout our community and by our relatives from other tribes.

Community Healing

As our community continues to navigate grief and difficult times, we are working on a variety of ways to support healing and bring our community together. We recognize that healing can look different for everyone, and we want to provide opportunities that support our community in different ways.

This will include offerings of smudging, prayer groups, traditional healing in the river, and community brush-offs with the Elwha Shaker Church.

We hope these opportunities will provide space for community members to come together, connect with one another, support each other, and find healing through our traditions, spirituality, and community.

More information about upcoming healing opportunities will be shared as they are scheduled. We encourage community members to participate in the ways that feel right for them.

Clallam County Fair

We were proud to have an excellent Lower

Elwha representation and display at the fair this year. It was a great turnout and a wonderful opportunity to share our community and culture with the surrounding community. Thank you to everyone who helped make the fair a success! Your time, energy, and willingness to represent Lower Elwha are deeply appreciated. A special thank you to Suz Bennett, who did a stellar job coordinating the stewardship of the Art Barn and demonstrated the leadership and commitment needed to take on the role of Barn Superintendent at the Clallam County Fair. Her dedication helped make our presence at the fair such a success.

Strengthening Our Government

Council has been very busy this past month with government-to-government meetings as we continue working to strengthen our relationships with our local, state, and national partners. Building these relationships is an important part of advocating for our Tribe and ensuring that Lower Elwha has a strong voice in the decisions that affect our community.

We have also been working with Tribal departments to review and revise policies that support greater accountability, transparency, and effective government operations.

As part of this work, each Council member has recently taken the time to sign up to represent and work with specific Tribal departments. This alignment is intended to strengthen communication between Council and our departments and provide additional support and connection between the work of our government and the needs of our community.

Current Council/Department Alignment

DEPARTMENT	COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
Culture	Melissa, Tia
Court	Melissa
Education & Recreation	Tia
Economic Development	Joaquin
Enrollment	Melissa
Finance	All Council Members
Gaming	Melissa
Housing	Melissa, Joaquin
Health	Tia
Head Start	Razz
Human Resources & TERO	Melissa
IT	Tia
Law & Order	Melissa
Legal	All Council Members
Maintenance	Tia
Natural Resources	Razz, Joaquin
Planning	Melissa
Social Services	Melissa
Public Works	Tia, Joaquin

General Community Council Meetings

As we move forward with our General Community Council meetings, community members can expect to see more presentations from Tribal departments and committees, along with updates on policies that are being developed, reviewed, or revised.

Our goal is to create more opportunities for community members to understand the work being done across the Tribe, ask questions, and stay informed about the decisions and processes that affect our community.

Constitution Committee

We recently moved forward with pausing and resetting the Constitution Committee. This pause will provide an opportunity to establish a stronger foundation for the committee before moving forward.

During this time, work will be done to:

- Develop clear roles and responsibilities for the committee.

- Outline the committee's membership and structure.
- Develop policies and procedures for the committee.
- Establish clear expectations for transparency.
- Define the duties and responsibilities of the staff advisor.

Once this foundational work is completed, committee vacancies will be re-advertised. All community members are welcome and encouraged to reapply.

We believe taking the time to establish clear expectations, structure, and processes will help create a stronger and more effective committee moving forward.

There is a lot of important work happening across the Tribe. As we head into fall, we look forward to continuing to strengthen our government, improve communication and transparency, and work together.

LABOR DAY 2026

Monday,
September 7, 2026

WHY WE CELEBRATE

Labor Day honors the contributions and achievements of workers and recognizes the labor movement’s efforts toward fair pay, safe working conditions, reasonable hours, and time for families and communities to rest together.

A DAY TO HONOR

The workers who care for our families, communities, lands, schools, offices, businesses, and public services.

Tribal and State Court Consortium – 2026 Annual Meeting Hosted by Elwha (By Diane Cabrera, Tribal Prosecutor)



The Tribal and State Court Consortium (TSCC) recently held its annual meeting on August 14, 2026, on the Olympic Peninsula. The TSCC is co-chaired by Suquamish Tribal Judge Cindy Smith and Division I Appellate Court Judge Lori K. Smith. Facilitated by Judge Lori K. Smith the meeting was attended by various tribal court judges from Tulalip, Skokomish, Colville, Makah, Puyallup, Snoqualmie and other tribes along with state court judges, including 3 Washington State Supreme Court justices (Steven C. Gonzales, Sheryl Gordon McCloud, and Theodore J. Angelis) to further the work of the TSSC which was formally recognized by the Washington State Supreme Court on April 30, 2026. The TSCC serves as "... a collaborative forum for state and tribal judicial officers to foster

mutual understanding and respect between tribal and state judicial systems." After the morning agenda, attendees were given a brief tour of a Tribal restoration project involving logjams on the Elwha River. Sincere appreciation to the following who gave their time to welcome, bless, and educate our judicial visitors: Elders Luana Arakawa and Genie Black, Chief Sam White, Wildlife Officer Detavious Woods, and NR Dept. biologist Justin Stapleton. Special thanks to the Tribal Business Committee for their support and permission for the Tribe to host our visiting judicial officers.

Link to the Washington State Supreme Court's Order formally recognizing the TSCC:

<https://www.courts.wa.gov/content/publicUpload/Supreme%20Court%20Orders/25700-B-750.pdf#search=No.%2025700-B-750>

9/8

9/15

9/22

9/29

10 am - 5pm

New to carving or a longtime artist? You're invited! Come to the Canoe Shed to carve your own Stick Game set.

9/26

STICK GAME CLASS 12 -2 PM
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN AND PLAY,
BRING SOMETHING YOU'RE WILLING TO WAGER

STICK GAME CARVING

LIMITED SPACE

STRONG PROGRAM

WORKSHOP

Community Health

August Highlights

The Community Health Team is grateful to have joined the Elders Program in support of those attending Canoe Journey 2026: Paddle to Nisqually.

We also loved being a part of the Clallam County Fair to highlight Lower Elwha Klallam Culture. The display included a table featuring traditional plant teachings from Jamie Valadez.



Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Call the LEKT Clinic at 360-452-6252

Do you need a ride to a medical, dental, or mental health appointment at the LEKT Health Clinic? Community Health is available for transportation. Please call at least two business days prior to your appointment to confirm a driver is available. Non-emergency medical transportation is available for other appointment locations for qualifying patients. Call the clinic to get more information.

LEKT Health Clinic

Protect Yourself and Our Elders: A New Pneumonia Vaccine Is Available

The Lower Elwha Health Department is now offering **Prevnar 20 (PCV20)**, a vaccine that helps protect against serious illnesses caused by pneumococcal bacteria, including pneumonia, bloodstream infections, and meningitis. These infections can lead to hospitalization and are especially dangerous for older adults and people with certain chronic health conditions.

American Indian and Alaska Native communities experience higher rates of serious pneumococcal disease than the general population, making vaccination an important way to help protect ourselves, our families, and our Elders.

PCV20 is recommended for adults **50 years of age and older** who have not previously received a pneumococcal conjugate vaccine. Adults **between 19 and 49 years of age** may also qualify if they have certain health conditions, such as heart, lung, or liver disease, diabetes, a weakened immune system, or a history of smoking. If you have received a pneumonia vaccine in the past, you may still benefit from PCV20, and your healthcare provider can help determine if another dose is recommended.

For most adults, PCV20 is given as a **single dose** and can be administered during the same visit as your annual flu or COVID-19 vaccine. Most side effects are mild and temporary, including soreness at the injection site, fatigue, headache, or muscle aches.

If you are 50 years or older or have a chronic medical condition, ask your healthcare provider whether PCV20 is right for you. Together, we can help keep our community healthy by protecting those most at risk from serious pneumococcal disease.

Call 360-452-6252 to schedule an appointment with a LEKT provider today. Transportation available through LEKT Community Health.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVENTURE CLUB

Thursdays after school
join us for a short walk, snack, and activity



Please contact the following representatives from
Community Health, Education, and Recreation with program
questions. For TRANSPORTATION, contact Audrey or Jada.

Community Health:

Audrey Gales 564-215-3049 and Jada Cargo-Acosta 564-215-9983

Education: Maddie McLean 564-215-0351

Recreation: Jason Wheeler 360-912-4989

BACK TO SCHOOL



HOUSE OF LEARNING

SEPTEMBER 2026

CHOL SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 9-3 First day of school
- 9-7 Labor Day
- 9-10 Policy Council
- 9-13 Goodies with Grandparents
- 9-17 Family Night
- 9-30 Orange Shirt Day

STRONGER MINDS START WITH SLEEP

Getting enough sleep is one of the simplest ways to help children start the school year strong. A full night's rest supports healthy brain development, improves focus in the classroom, and boosts emotional well-being. When kids sleep well, they're more ready to learn, better at managing big feelings, and have the energy they need for a successful day. Encouraging a consistent bedtime routine can make a big difference for the whole family.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

- Director: Lola Moses ex 7471
- Education Disability/Coach: Dr Mary Laungayan ex 7473
- Health Manager: Sonja Elofson ex7470
- Family Community Partnership Manager: Ralena (Reba) Cornelson ex 7474
- Prenatal Educator: Morgan Rowan ex 7475

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- 8:00 Mon-Fri Start School
- 3:00 Mon-Thurs End school
- 12:30 Fri End school

CONTACT INFO

Phone: 360-565-3141
Fax: 360-504-9714
Adress: 291 Spokwes Dr
Port Angeles WA 98363

Recreation Calendar

September 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5
		Elder's Fitness Class 11am-12pm Adult Basketball Open Gym 6:30pm-8:30pm		Elder's Fitness Class 11am-12pm	Gym Hours 10am-6:30pm
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SEPTEMBER

ELWHA
DRUM GROUP

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	01 ELWHA DRUM GROUP DINING HALL 5PM-7PM	02	03	04	05
06	07	08 ELWHA DRUM GROUP GATHERING PLACE 5PM-7PM	09	10 SUICIDE PREVENTION JAM @ELWHA 5PM	11 S'KLALLAM DAYS COASTAL JAM @PORT GAMBLE 7PM	12
13	14	15 ELWHA DRUM GROUP DINING HALL 5PM-7PM	16	17	18 INTERTIBAL @JAMESTOWN 5PM	19
20	21	22 ELWHA DRUM GROUP GATHERING PLACE 5PM-7PM	23	24	25	26
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LEKT HOMEOWNERSHIP



Wednesday August 12, 2026 6:00pm-The LEKT gym was filled with energy and community spirit as community members gathered for a special collaborative event hosted by the Tribal Housing Department and the Recreation Department. The evening brought together local residents to focus on pathways to homeownership.

A highlight of the evening was the attendance of Corina Fielder, a dedicated housing professional who traveled all the way from Montana to participate and share valuable insights with the Lower Elwha community. Attendees gained knowledge through lessons on how to achieve lower down payments, navigate flexible credit scores, and utilize empowering financial tools. The event also highlighted specialized home loan options designed specifically for Native borrowers, including HUD 184, Heritage One, and Covenant loans.

For nearly two decades, Corina has dedicated her career to helping families achieve the dream of homeownership. Since becoming a mortgage lender in 2006, she has specialized in serving Native communities, and since 2012, she has focused extensively on Tribal lending and Native homeownership initiatives across the western United States.

Throughout her career, Fielder has partnered with Tribal governments, Tribal Housing Departments (TDHEs), housing authorities, and Native organizations throughout Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Arizona, and Nevada. Her passion extends far beyond originating loans, her lifelong goal has been to help create sustainable pathways to homeownership through education, collaboration, and long-term community partnerships.

She has worked closely with numerous Tribal communities, including the Puyallup Tribe, Spokane Tribe, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Fort Peck Tribes, Yakama Nation, Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Nisqually Indian Tribe, Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, Squaxin Island Tribe, and now us!

Corina has stated that experiences like these have reinforced her belief that successful lending in Tribal communities is built on trust, education, and partnerships, not simply financing. Over the years, she has also worked alongside many nonprofit organizations committed to advancing Native financial empowerment and housing opportunities, including organizations such as the United Indians of All Tribes Foundation and the Northwest Indian Housing Association.

In addition to the Housing and Recreation teams, the setup and cleanup for this event was supported by the Summer Youth Program and Delson Lauderback. A huge thank you goes out to the Summer Youth crew and Delson for their hard work!

The evening was a family friendly community event where dinner was served, budget games were played, and a movie was kept playing in the dining hall to keep the kids entertained. Exciting door prizes were handed out, and most importantly the community came out to participate. We appreciate everyone who lent a helping hand, and made the event a success.

If you have any further questions or would like to share your feedback, please email Nancy Hamilton at nancy.hamilton@elwha.org.

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-The Lower Elwha Housing Department



THE LOWER ELWHA HOUSING DEPARTMENT *Welcomes***Virginia Brady**

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(360) 457-5116
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**Nick Gilman**

LEKT Housing Maintenance Lead
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***"Hello everyone,
My name is Virginia Brady, Lower Elwha Tribal member. I am the Housing Support Coordinator with the Lower Elwha Housing Department. My previous work experience includes Store Manager in various places, working at the hospital, and a Massage Therapist on the side. I am an active volunteer with the Sheriff's Department in Search and Rescue. One of my motto's is "make yourself valuable not comfortable." That's not my job has never been in my vocabulary, and I'll learn everything I can so the Department can grow and reach its full potential . I'm looking forward to working alongside Nancy Hamilton and serving the community. "***

"Hi, my name is Nick Gilman, I am the Maintenance Lead with our Lower Elwha Housing Department. I am a Lower Elwha Tribal member from the Johnson family. I am a certified journeyman electrician. I graduated from IBEW 76 in 2011. I am a full time proud father of two sons and a daughter. I am about to become a grandfather. In the future I want to help young men and women get into the trades. It is very rewarding serving our community."



How To Remove Moss Off Your Roof

Removing moss is crucial not just for the aesthetic appeal of your home but also for maintaining the structural integrity of your roof. Moss is damaging to asphalt roof shingles. Left unchecked, moss can trap moisture, leading to shingle damage and costly repairs. Moss acts like a wet sponge on your roof. It holds water on the shingles for a long time. This constant wetness breaks down the roof. Not addressing the problem can escalate into extensive damage, forcing you to consider full roof replacements sooner than the life expectancy of the shingles.

How Moss Hurts Shingles

- **Traps Water:** Clean roofs dry fast, but moss keeps the shingles wet for days. Wet asphalt breaks down and ages fast.
- **Lifts Shingles:** Moss roots grow under the edges of the shingles. This lifts and curls the shingle tabs.
- **Causes Leaks:** Lifted shingles let rain get under the roof. Water can rot the wood underneath.
- **Wind Damage:** Lifted or curled shingles easily tear off in high winds.
- **Loss of Granules:** Moss pulls the protective mineral granules off your shingles.

Seasonal Breakdown

Moss and algae grow easily on roofs, particularly in damp, shaded areas. Key factors include frequent rainfall, which provides the moisture needed for their survival. Additionally, moss spores are



widely dispersed by wind and water, landing on surfaces where they can flourish.

The best time to remove moss is late spring (May) or early fall (September). During these months, the weather is dry for safe roof climbing, and natural rain helps activate and wash away treatments without heavy scrubbing.

- **Spring:** Moss is soft from winter rain. Treating now stops it from spreading during the warm months.
- **Summer:** Moss goes dormant and gets dry. It is easy to brush off, but chemical treatments work less effectively until moisture returns.
- **Fall:** Ideal for applying a treatment right before the heavy winter rains start.
- **Winter:** The worst time because wet roofs are dangerous and rain washes away treatments too fast.

Treatments

- Spray the area with a 50/50 mix of water and liquid chlorine bleach or an eco-safe cleaner like Wash Safe Roof Wash.
- Sodium hypochlorite (bleach and commercial treatments effectively kill moss and loosen it from the roof, though the effect is temporary, it usually lasts about a year.

- Zinc Sulfate (Moss out) or trisodium phosphate (TSP) destroys moss, algae, and mold. Rainwater dissolves the powder along the roof ridge and carries zinc ions down the shingles to kill growth from the inside out. A single treatment prevents new growth for about 1 year.
- An eco-friendly alternative is to use oxygen bleach and baking soda; this alters the surface pH to kill moss gradually without harsh chemicals.
- Another natural method is to mix equal parts white vinegar and water; apply it to the moss, let it sit for 20 to 30 minutes to kill the roots, and gently brush it away.

Safety and Preparation

- Choose a multi-day dry spell with no heavy rain in the forecast.
- Wear shoes with good grip, non-slip rubber-soled shoes provide excellent traction. Consider wearing a safety harness, head or eye protection, and gloves.
- Use a sturdy extension ladder that extends at least three feet above the roofline. Set up your ladder on firm, flat ground. Do not lean while on the ladder. Do not overreach while on the roof.
- Make sure someone is nearby to assist while you climb the ladder or walk along the rooftop.
- Cover nearby plants and grass with plastic tarps and wet them down with clean water before and after application to protect them from chemical runoff.
- Avoid working on the roof during wet or windy weather.

Removal Process

- Clear loose debris: Use a leaf blower or light

sweep to get rid of loose leaves and surface dirt.

- Brush gently: Use a long-handled, soft-bristle nylon brush to flick or sweep away major moss clumps. Always brush down toward the gutters, matching the slope of the shingles. Do not scrub hard. Never scrub sideways or push upwards, which lifts shingle tabs and tears granules away.
- NEVER use a pressure washer: High pressure water strips off the granules and ruins the shingles.
- Do not scrape hard: Hard tools or rough brushing break the shingles.
- Apply treatment: Using a pump sprayer, spray the remaining moss. Or apply powder along roof ridge.
- Let it dwell: If using a liquid method, allow the solution to sit for 15 to 30 minutes to kill the hidden roots and spores.
- Rinse carefully: If using a liquid method, rinse the roof gently with a low-pressure garden hose. Remaining dead fragments will wash away naturally with future rain.

Prevention

- Install zinc or copper strips near the ridge of your roof; rainwater reacts with the metal and naturally prevents future moss growth by washing metal ions down the roof to stop new moss from growing.
- Trim back any overhanging tree branches to let more sunlight hit the roof and reduce lingering shade and moisture.
- Clear Debris: Regularly blow or sweep away leaves and Pine needles so moss has no organic matter to feed on.

Meet the Planning Department

The Planning Department is staffed by three individuals: Arlene Wheeler, Director; Delsen Lauderback, Grant Writer; and Cathy Cooke, Grant Writer. Arlene has 26 years of planning and grant writing experience. Delsen has been working in the department as a grant writer for 10 years. Cathy is the newest team member with just a little over 2 years of grant experience for the Tribe.

We work with all departments within the Tribe to search for funding opportunities, write grant applications, and work on project requirements for planning and grants. Our goal is to relieve the burden of financial commitments from Tribal revenue sources for projects and programs so that the Tribe can concentrate these resources on its vision and mission to build a strong and healthy sovereign nation. Much of our day is spent doing research for projects, gathering data for applications, creating or modifying budgets and grant documentation to meet specific funder requirements. We work with departments to understand their needs and goals and to collaborate on project planning. We research funders such as Foundations, State and Federal programs while searching for funding. We have recently submitted applications for a couple of different programs for recreation planning. We are currently working on applications for the Justice Department, the Health Clinic, and the Museum. We will start working soon on a grant application for the Police Department.



We have also been collaborating with the Natural Resources Department on three separate grants. And we have recently been awarded three grants that will begin the project initiation phase. These grants are for housing, a solar project, and funding to make large purchases of the two Klallam language books that were announced back in May 2026. Other potential projects that are still in discussion or planning phases are a Wellness Center and a Cultural Center. We hope to be able to help the Tribe bring these potential projects to reality. We are also searching for funding for the culture/language program, more housing, infrastructure, staff quarters for the Health Clinic so we can draw and retain medical and dental professionals, and all other sorts of programs. We are working hard to be a contributing partner to grow and build a stronger community.

"Parents in the Know" Prevention Class



4 Sessions: 2.5 hours each class

When: September 1, 2, 3 & 4, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Where: Elwha Social Services

3080 Lower Elwha Rd Port Angeles, WA 98363

**Who should attend? Anyone from
age 17 and up**

Purpose: This prevention 101, participants will learn information and skills to be part of a solution and strengthen healthy relationships with their family and community.

Facilitator: Beatriz, LEKT- LEFA Program Manager and Advocate was one of the few pilot grant pro-

ject implementers of the *Parent in the Know* curriculum in Washington state. She has over 26 years' experience in providing advocacies, awareness, and prevention through LEKT.

LEFA provide: lunch, class materials, incentive & certification

Contact LEFA if you are interested to attend this class.

Lower Elwha Family Advocacy Program - Social Services Department

Office: 565-7257 ext. 7453; Cel #: 460-1745

Email Address : beatriz.arakawa@elwha.org

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LOWER ELWHA FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM

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

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

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



YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Happy Labor Day and Back to school!

LEFA September events:

- LGBTQ+ Two-Spirit Youth support - every Friday from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Lower Elwha Social Services Conference Room.
 - Parents in the Know – Abuse prevention class will be offered again on September 1, 2, 3, and 4, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM at 3080 Lower Elwha Rd. Social Services Department. This class is open to all parents, guardians, or caretakers of minor(s). Supplies, lunch, certification of completion/participation, and an incentive gift card will be provided. See attached flyer.
 - September 30th, **Orange Shirt Day!** This day is an honor of the children sent to Indigenous residential and boarding schools and commemorating survivor Phyllis Webstad's story of having her new orange shirt taken away from her. This day, Phyllis strongly advocates and educates people with her mission, **"Every Child Matters"**. Therefore, in commemoration of this day, LEFA staff will provide outdoor movie night at

around 7:30 PM at Social Services parking lot, after the culture program TriDish dinner at the Tribal Dining Hall. Wear orange shirt/clothes.

- On October, LEFA staff will start a new grant implementation, which means that Youth LGBTQ+ Two-spirit group, Adult LGBTQ+ Two-Spirit Wellness, and Women Talking Circle Support group maybe restart with new schedules and location.
- SAVE the DATE: **October 22nd, 2026, Domestic Violence Awareness Walk** at Elwha Heritage Center. Detail information will be announced soon.

In Solidarity, LEFA

Thank you to our sponsor, the LEKT OVW grant FY2022!

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EMPOWERING THOSE WITH DISABILITIES

TVR's mission is to provide a compassionate, holistic approach in serving Native Americans and Alaska Natives with 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.

Eligibility for Services:

1. Enrolled with a State or Federally recognized tribe.
2. Reside within the service area.
3. Have a physical or mental disability, documented with a provider.
4. Employment barriers.
5. 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.

Services Available:

- Vocational Skills Assessment
- Career Counseling & Guidance
- Vocational Training and Education
- Post employment services
- Transportation assistance for job related activities
- Supported employment services, including job placement and job coaching
- On-the-job training (OJT)
- Referral to other community resources
- Job Search Skill Development
- Assistance with work related support services: tools, equipment, license fees, work clothes, uniforms and safety equipment

TVR Team Information

Elwha Heritage Center - (360) 417-8545
Jim Allen, Program Manager
Keeoma Messenger, TVR Counselor

Elwha Social Services - (360) 565-7257
Jeremy Acosta, TVR Counselor

More information at QR Code



www.facebook.com/LEKTVR

September Birthdays

September 1st

Alan Bennett

September 2nd

Isaiah Charles

September 3rd

Odessia Cargo

Marsha Cortez

Madison Hopie

September 4th

Sheryl Charging Whirlwind

Kamia Jennings

Delsen Lauderback

September 6th

Toni Kahl

September 7th

Harmony Arakawa

Jimmy Chester Jr

September 8th

Valerie Charles

Arlene Wheeler

Jeanette Wiechman

September 9th

Dolanna Burnett

Brianna Charles

Jon Clifford

Justine Clifford

Makiah Foster

Tillman Goldsbury Jr

Josephine Johnson

Vicki Trudeau

Justin Williams

September 10th

Philip Bischof

Chloe Matte

Dane Matte

September 11th

Doris Charles

Shania Foster

September 12th

Ellen Charles

Anika Stephan

September 13th

Kodiak Adkins

Jonathan Knutsen

Marissa Rapoza

September 14th

Lazaro Tinoco

September 15th

Lovera Black Crow

Taeh Johnson-Philpot

September 16th

Kelly Clark

Austin Muck

September 17th

Cain Bennett

Mark Charles

Melchor Gloria III

Michael Jones

Amanda Williams

September 18th

Javier Hernandez

September 19th

Donna Charles

Tyson Francis

Irene Peters

September 20th

Claire Luce

September 21st

Christina Matson

Michael Peters

Vivian Peters

Yolanda Scott

Samuel White

Gabriel Youngman

September 22nd

Ashley Pitchford

Deanna Sero

September 23rd

Theresa Forbes

Jeffrey Hepfer

Reggie Miller-Lucero

Anna Williams

September 24th

Pierce Black Crow

Selena Bolstrom-Lopez

Denise Martinez

Robert Sullivan

Riki Wachendorf

September 25th

Kaiden Charles

Eulalio Della

Melody Turner

September 26th

Joseph Huff

Marlin Manuel

September 27th

Ella Fernandes

Gary Johnson III

Grant Karanovich

September 28th

Robert Elofson

Tyler Turrey

September 29th

Jami Green

Jody Turrey

Catherine Youngman

September 30th

Dawn Adams-Black

Kristina Romero

Carolyn Salter

Dawn Stephan



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Tribal Holiday Closure

September 7th: Labor Day