Elwha Tribe Dedicates New Ball Park to Billy Whiteshoes & Family

There was fun and action at the Grand Opening of the Billy Whiteshoes Memorial Field on Thursday, June 18. Elder Vera Charles, surrounded by her family, was honored as the first pitch was thrown at the approximately $700,000 ball park. The park complex includes an official softball field with infield turf, soccer field, basketball court, playground, restrooms and picnic area. A morning blessing of the field was held earlier in the day.

The Charles family were honored at the Grand Opening of the Billy Whiteshoes Memorial Field. From left: Michael Charles, Chairwoman Frances Charles, Jeremy Charles, Kiana Watson Charles, Vera Charles, Carmen Watson Charles, Dejon Watson Charles, Maurice Pitchford, Rod Charles, and Ashley Pitchford.

Ben Charles Sr. provided the opening words, and Tribal Council members including Chairwoman Frances Charles, Vice Chair Russell Hepfer, Secretary/Treasurer Anthony Charles, Council Member Steve Robideau and new Council Member George Charles spoke at the event. The following organizations were recognized for their contributions: Platinum Members: Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Recreation Conservation Office,


More on Pages 14 & 15.
Dear Lower Elwha Tribal Community,

Thank you for reelecting me to our Tribal Council. I am humbled, honored, proud and rejuvenated to continue our work. I try to do my best in everything I do to represent the Elwha People in a good and strong way. There are lot more tasks and issues to deal with, not only locally but regionally and internationally. I will still take the time to talk to you and answer questions. I try to answer my phone or return calls all the time. My door is also open at the Tribal Center. I think it is important to listen to you. Especially since it would be hard to get a quorum of our General Community Council. Not impossible but hard.

I also want to congratulate all the nominees. I encourage you to take another run at getting onto Council. The election process is one of the most important parts of our constitution. It is the backbone of our community. We need Council to represent us at all levels.

Our eligible voters need to continue to vote. We need to vote in order to insure that we have the right people on Council that will represent us in a good way. Meaning that we have faith and hope that these individuals will be honorable and willing to sacrifice their time and life in order to insure that the Lower Elwha Klallam People can continue to exist with our way of life. We need to make sure that we have salmon and culture for our future generations. Without that, we will not have anything. In order to reach that goal we have to meet with others to make it happen. It’s not easy and takes time but in the end it is worth it. So go get registered if you are not all ready. Vote, Vote, Vote.

One thing I will continue to fight for is the employment of Elwha Klallam tribal members with our tribe. Not only is it hard to get employment within our tribe, once you get a job, it’s hard to keep. I can’t understand why. I beat my head on my desk trying to figure that out. Maybe that’s why I have a hard head. To me, once you get hired, there should be a team working to help you get better and be a success. This not only helps the individual but in the end it helps the tribe. I view myself as a policy person. I go to meetings and try to make the tribe better overall. I am not a program director or micromanager. But it seems that more and more tribal members turn to Council for assistance to keep their jobs.

I recently went on a three day trip to the other Washington representing the Klallams and the Puget Sound. We need more recognition nationally to clean up the Puget Sound. We need more funding to accomplish more of the restoration activities. Money won’t fix everything but it certainly will help. I went with several Tribal Leaders and others to visit our congressional representatives to talk about funding and what we have accomplished with the funding we have received. The funding we receive is not on the level of Chesapeake Bay and the Florida Everglades. People in D. C. can’t even pronounce Puget Sound. So our trips take a lot of time educating other congressional representatives about our needs and why we need their support.

The good news is that we will receive funding for this fiscal year at or above previous funding levels. But we still need to continue our fight for more funding. That is the one constant thing that never seems to change, trips to D. C. to ask for funding and prove that we know best what our needs are. I am up for doing all of that to the best of my ability.

As always, my door is wide open to discuss issues, make suggestions or just to talk. If I can assist you in any way, I am up for it. I can’t do this by myself so it is important that I talk to my people to get suggestions and ideas on how to make things better. Mostly I hear how bad things are but I am trying to make it better. I like to make informed decisions.

Thanks again for your support.

Respectfully,

Russ N. (RAZZ) Hepfer
2017 Election Results

2017 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Election Committee

The results for the May 6, 2017 Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal general election are as follows: 271 total valid ballots were cast of which 187 were in-house poll ballots, 58 ballots mailed-in and 28 ballots dropped off. 2 ballots were invalidated for not being in conformance with the election rules. 5 ballots were cast with only one vote. A second count was performed. Vote totals for each candidate were as follows:

George Charles 114
Russell Hepfer 99
Vanessa Castle 96
Serena L. Barkley 79
Arlene Wheeler 60
Joseph Turrey 55
Rodney Charles 26

Write-in Candidates:
Jay Bolstrom 2
Tia Skerbeck 2
Suzie Bennett 1
Joe Boyd 1
Vernon Charles 1
Melissa Gilman 1

George Charles and Russell Hepfer are the candidates with the highest number of votes and have accordingly been elected to a three-year term on the Business Committee.

Wendy R. Sampson
Election Committee Chair

Frances Charles Re-Elected as Chair

The results for the May 27, 2017 Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Chair Election are as follows:
193 total valid ballots were cast, of which 118 were in-house poll ballots, 57 ballots mailed-in and 18 ballots dropped off. 1 ballot was invalidated for not being in conformance with the election rules. Vote totals for each candidate were as follows:

Frances “Gator” Charles 110
Russell “Razz” Hepfer 41
George Charles 21
Steve Joaquin Robideau 15
Anthony Charles 6

Frances “Gator” Charles is the candidate with the highest number of votes and has accordingly been elected to a one-year term as the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe’s Business Committee Chairperson.

Welcome George Charles-Council Member

George Charles is the newest member of the elected Tribal Council. George thanks those that supported him during the election. He is looking forward to working with and for the tribal community.
Tribal Leaders Meet to Support Puget Sound Clean Up

Vice Chair Russell Hepfer joined tribal leaders from the area to seek funding for restoration and clean up of the Puget Sound. From left to right: Cecilia Gobin NWIFC, Justin Parker NWIFC, Willy Frank Nisqually Vice Chair, Dave Hererra Skok Policy, Russ Hepfer Elwha Vice Chair, Hanford McCloud Nisqually Council Member

Resolutions Approved by Tribal Business Council

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Award winning author and speaker Sherman Alexie visited the Elwha community on May 5, 2017. He spent the afternoon speaking to a large group of Elwha youth and families at the Heritage Center. His stories were both captivating and informative, with his emphasis on reading “books, books, books.” An evening fundraising event took place at 7 Cedars. Proceeds went to Peninsula Behavior Health. Thank you to Tribal Council for sponsoring the event.
Canoe Journeys 2017 to Campbell River, Canada. For more information, see www.tribaljourneys2017.com
Canoe Journey Coordinator Job Opportunity

LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

JOB DESCRIPTION

CANOE JOURNEY COORDINATOR

OVERVIEW: This position is responsible for planning, coordinating and directing the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Canoe Journey 2017

WORK LOCATION: Lower Elwha Tribal Office

SUPERVISED BY: Chief Executive Director

SALARY LEVEL: DOQ

WORK SCHEDULE: TBD by Supervisor, hours will vary

POSITION STATUS: Temporary Full-Time, Exempt, until approximately August 2017

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF JOB:

- Organize, coordinate and manage the tribal canoe journey.
- Provide a timely response to all requests and inquiries.
- Set up, conduct and attend meetings
- Develop volunteers and utilize volunteers for canoe journey hosting responsibilities
- Work with local community, other tribes and organizations for fund raising activities
- Coordinate and communicate with tribal staff, tribal community and tribal council canoe journey activities
Must be able to provide report of expenses, participants and activities.

Knowledge, skills and abilities required by position:

- Computer proficiency in Windows and Excel environment appropriate to position
- Excellent time management, organizational and communication skills
- Effective planning and organizational skills
- Mature, professional attitude and appearance
- Ability to think things through and see the bigger picture
- Excellent ability to communicate orally and in writing to wide range of people
- Proven ability to maintain good working relationship with a wide variety of people and groups
- Ability to “take charge” to accomplish successful hosting for this event

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- A high school diploma or equivalent
- Experience in a responsible position with past canoe journeys
- Valid Washington State Drivers enhanced license

Must pass background check

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be able to lift 10+ pounds
- Standing for long period of time; walking and sitting

Bending, stooping, stretching and kneeling whenever needs arise

OTHER DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be able to comply with the LOWER KLALLAM TRIBE policies and procedures, including the Drug Free Workplace
- Must have UA testing done prior to employment

Expect to travel out of USA to Canada

As with all positions of the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe this position is Indian Preference in hiring, in Accordance with P.L. 93-638

CONTACT: Employment Services Department
2851 Lower Elwha Road, Port Angeles, WA 98363
Phone: 360-452-8471

Revised May 24, 2017
Summer Opportunities for Elwha Youth

The Elwha Science Education Project Continues:

Will you be going into 6th-12th grade next school year?
If yes, you are invited to join us for summer camp for Tribal Youth!

Grades 9th-12th July 16th-21st, 2017
Grades 6th-8th July 23rd-26th, 2017

What will we be doing?

♦ Learn traditional skills, songs and stories from tribal educators
♦ Participating in the canoe journey landings (Middle School)
♦ Explore the world of science and how it relates to our people
♦ Visit some amazing sites important to our people
♦ Spend time with your friends learning and having fun!
♦

If interested, please ask for a registration packet from:
Jessica Elofson (360-460-5788) or Gayla Johnson (360-565-1806) at Stevens Middle School, Ms. Marci Laungayan (360-457-5050) at Dry Creek Elementary, or Sonja Elofson (360-477-2141) at Lincoln High School, or sonja.elofson360@gmail.com

Apply Now for Summer Youth Program 2017

Are you an enrolled Lower Elwha Tribal member ages 14-18 years old? If so, you are eligible to work the Summer Youth Program 2017.

Skills taught include:
♦ Job seeking preparations
♦ Landscaping
♦ Food service
♦ Office reception and More!

Qualifications:
Enrolled Lower Elwha Klallam tribal member

♦ Age between 14-18 years
♦ Able to pass drug employment screening
♦ Be available to work 4-6 hours per day
♦ Be enthusiastic about learning new skills
♦ Be willing to try new working environments

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS NOW!
Contact Lorinda Robideau, HR Department
360-452-8471, Ext 4730
Education & Library

Looking for something for you and your kids to do during the summer? In the library we will be teaming up with NOLS (North Olympic Library System) to offer a summer reading program. The reading challenge is available to everyone. Individuals will be rewarded for how many days they read during the summer. All you have to do is read for any amount of time during the day for it to count as a day of reading. We encourage everyone to take part in the great opportunity and encourage all the kids out there to take part in this reading challenge. Both NOLS and the Education Department will be offering rewards based on how many days they read. The North Olympic Library System will be entering everyone into a drawing when they read for 15, 30, 45 and 60 days. After reaching the 30 day mark you will be eligible get a t-shirt from NOLS. We will be limited to the sizes they have available. The Library/Education Department will be offering rewards only for kids 18 and under who participate in the summer reading challenge. When you sign up for the summer reading challenge you will receive a bookmark for tracking the days you read. Kids and teens will receive a free book and adults will receive a coupon for a free book from a local Friend of the Library Store. We are still working on the prizes that we will be offering.

During the summer in the library we will also be offering STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Technology) activities. Presently we will be getting two kits from the state to use. One called Makey Makey we will have from around June 5 to the 25 and the other one called Snap Circuits we will have from approximately July 3 until July 21. The Makey Makey kit allows kids to turn everyday objects into touchpads and combine them with the Internet to create things like the banana piano. The other kit called Snap Circuits will introduce kids to the basic properties of electricity and electronics. They will learn the fundamentals behind circuitry and how circuits are used in all of the technological devices we use today. Besides these two activities we will also offering other STEM activities. We are working on and the opportunity for the kids to practice coding on 10 notecards we received from the state as part of a grant. If you have any questions on any of the programs feel free to contact Rick Eubanks in the library at 360-452-8471 Ext. 7431 or by email at rick.eubanks@elwha.org.

The Port Angeles High School Seniors graduate on June 16th this year. In honor of our graduates, the Tribe is hosting a JOM graduation dinner. The dinner this year is going to be held at the Red Lion Hotel ballroom on Tuesday June 20th, 2017, 5:30-8:30. If you have any additional questions in regards to the celebration, please contact Jessica Egnew, Education Director, at 452-8471 ext. 7425.
Elwha Early Head Start

360-452-2587  1 INFORMATION  2 TRANSPORTATION (Carol Jo/Frances)
3 HEALTH MANAGER (Deanna)
4 FAMILY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MGR/ENROLLMENT (Michelle)
6 EDUCATION MANAGER (Sarah Lovejoy)

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June 2017 Time for Spring Salmon

SPIRIT WEEK JUNE 5-9
Mon, June 5: Pajama Day
Tues, June 6: Super Hero Day
Weds, June 7: Wacky Wednesday/Crazy Hair Day
Thurs, June 8: Favorite Sports Team/Field Day
Fri, June 9: No class: Graduation starts @ 5:30pm

ξaʔniʔt (Butterfly)
The Butterfly Prenatal Program is always accepting applications. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn and earn “baby bucks” as you go. Baby bucks can be used to ‘buy’ new items for your baby. We also go over fetal development, milestones, as well as learn some practical skills like budgeting. If you are interested please contact Summer Cooper Early Head Start Prenatal Educator 360-565-6364

Lower Elwha Head Start Graduation
When: June 9th/Friday
Where: Lower Elwha gymnasium
Time: 5:30pm

DATES TO REMEMBER:
June 5: Pizza with Parents lunch EHS: 11:15/HS: 12:15
June 5-9: Spirit Week
June 9: Head Start Graduation: Lower Elwha Klallam tribal gymnasium starts @ 5:30 pm
June 20: Summer Early Head Start classes begin

** reminder no Early Head Start June 12-19th

Pizzas for Parents—Monday, June 5th, we will be celebrating our end of the school year with a special pizza lunch! Please join your child at lunch time: 11:15 for Early Head Start, 12:15 for Head Start.
## June 2017
### Elders Program Lunch Menu

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<td>French Dips w/Au Jus Baked Fries Green Salad Pears</td>
<td>Clam Chowder Veggie Tray Green Salad Whole Wheat Rolls Jello/Fruit</td>
<td>BBQ Chicken Rice Fresh Veggies WW Bread Pineapple Upside Down Cake</td>
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Social Services-Family Advocacy

Lower Elwha Family Advocacy Program-Social Services Dept.
3080 Lower Elwha Rd. Port Angeles, WA 98363
Office: 360-565-7257 ext. 7453; Cellular Hotline: 360-460-1745 Fax: 360-457-8429; E-mail: Beatriz.Aarakawa@elwha.org
Assistance to Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Stalking, and Provide Prevention/Awareness.

The Lower Elwha Family Advocacy Program’s Advocate provides many things including limited financial assistance (emergency shelter permanent housing/transitional assistance, gas card, bus passes, emergency food for emergency shelter recipient, childcare assistance and emergency clothes for victim of sexual assault, rent U-Haul vehicle for relocation, motion slight sensor); legal advocacy matters (protection order, anti-harassment order, and restraining order); medical transport and support; prevention and awareness events and offers support group for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. All of these services are available to any individuals who live in the surrounding area of the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal reservation, and includes Port Angeles and Joyce. The services may be changed annually depending on the grants.

In May, I collaborated with staff from tribal programs and successfully provided the following awareness events:

- **Plant Seeds of Hope and Resilience on May 17th**. We cleaned up the greenhouse, planted vegetables and seeds, and then led the Walk for Awareness from the greenhouse to the Child Care Center, then to the Tribal Center for a healthy dinner prepared by Aleilah Lawson, Ellen Charles, and I. Aleilah and I provided educational information and a presentation during dinner. Thank you to the participants: Klallam Language staff and students, Elwha Health Clinic staff, and the Elwha Law enforcement: Chief Gilbert, Lt. Potter, and Officer Woods for attending the entire event, including providing road escort.

- **May 1st, 8th 12th, 22nd, and 26th**, I joined with the Klallam Language staff (Harmony, Ashley, Mariyah, and Justine) and Systems of Care Team (Wihinna and Elsie) for regalia-making class. We taught and assisted many community members to make regalia and vests for their family, and at the same time the Klallam Language staff held the Klallam language immersion class. I presented education/alertness videos on healthy relationships and communication skills. Thank you to all who attended and helped out.

**SAVE the DATES for JUNE EVENTS**

**June 1st, 2016 Family night at 5:30 to 7:30 pm.**
This was previously scheduled for May 25th. Our presenter will be from the Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest and the Hawaiian Islands. Dinner will be fried chicken, green salad, rice, and soft drinks and water. Open to everyone.

**5th- Revised Domestic Violence Code at 7:00pm**, the revised Domestic Violence Code will be presented at the General Business Council meeting. Participants will have the chance to voice their thoughts and comments before our Honorable Council makes a decision on the proposal. Open to tribal members.

**12th- Self-defense Class at Phoenix Martial Art in Port Angeles WA.** This training will be offered to girls from 10 years old to adult women only. The adult women class is scheduled from 8:30 am to 12:00 and the girls class is scheduled from 1:00 to 3:30 pm. Space is limited so call or email me as soon as possible so that I can add your name on my list of participants.

**22nd-Another family night at the dining hall from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.** Food, presenter, and activity will be provided. Menu: beef curry, rice or bread, green salad, soft drinks and water. Open to everyone.

**26th- Resource Fair at Tribal Gym from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.** Tribal programs and local providers will be there to share resources, assistance, support and referral in regards to, but not limited to, housing, medical, financial, and legal matters. Open to everyone.

As always, thank you to the Tribal Council and to everyone of you who have helped me through implementation of the LEFA grants.

Congratulations to All Graduates! Enjoy your summer vacation and stay safe. **Beatriz Aarakawa**
Nutrition Spotlight

Healthy Cooking with Fresh Herbs
With the warm days finally here, I am thinking about planting my herb garden. Fresh herbs add a great flavor to your meals, making ordinary meals, extraordinary. Herbs have huge health benefits as they contain antioxidants that can protect against cancer and heart disease; as well as decreasing inflammation in the body. Using herbs is a great way to cut back on salt, sugar and fat. Fresh herbs usually require you using 3 times more volume.

When to pick herbs? The best time is in the morning after the dew has dried and before the sun gets too hot. This time, is there peak flavor.

How to store herbs. If you store in a plastic bag, make a hole in the bag to allow them to breathe. Basil, mint and parsley don’t like the cold much, so place the stem in a glass of water and keep on the kitchen counter.

How to wash herbs. Rinse under cold water and shake off moisture or spin dry.

Preparing the herbs. Chop with a chef’s knife (longer than a paring knife) or snip with scissors. For leafy herbs like basil, roll into a tight ball and then cut into very thin strips. Always use the leaves of herbs, not the stems, as the stems can be woody and tough. The exception would be parsley and cilantro— you can use the stems.

When to add the herbs in cooking. For delicate herbs like, dill, cilantro, basil, mint, parsley……near the end of cooking. The less delicate herbs like oregano, thyme, rosemary; they can be added at the last 20 minutes of cooking. If adding herbs to a cold salad (potato salad), allow about 3 hours for the flavor to blend before serving.

Freezing herbs. Frozen herbs will become limp, so they should be used only for cooking. There are two ways to freeze:
- Wrap a few springs in freezer wrap and place in a freezer bag
- Cut the herb into tiny pieces and fill the ice cube tray about ½ with the herbs and cover with cold water and freeze. This is a great way to add to soups and sauces.

Strawberry Smoothie
1 c. frozen or fresh strawberries
1 teaspoon chopped mint leaves
½ c orange juice
½ c. low-fat vanilla yogurt
Mix ingredients in a blender or bullet. Yummy!

Dawn Travelstead
Elwha Health Clinic

Upcoming TANF Events for June

Positive Indian Parenting
Every Wednesday from 12:00pm – 2:30pm
At the Heritage Center 401 East 1st Street Port Angeles, WA 98363
Must RSVP

7 Habits of Highly Effective People
Fridays from 8:30 to 10:30am
Tribal Center Room 13
MUST already be enrolled in class
RSVP with Melissa Gilman
360-417-8545 Ext. 2912 or Melissa.gilman@elwha.org

Car Maintenance Workshop
June 8, 2017
1-3pm
At the Heritage Center 401 East 1st Street Port Angeles, WA 98363
Must RSVP

Food Handlers Online Workshop
June 20, 2017
1:00-3:00pm
At Lower Elwha Social Services
3080 Lower Elwha Road Port Angeles, WA 98363
Must RSVP
Grand Opening of the Billy Whiteshoes Memorial Park

Warren Stevens, Facilities Director, greets honored Vera Charles and grand-daughter Carman Watson Charles.

The Charles Family Recognized by Tribal Council for their contribution to the Billy Whiteshoes Memorial Park.

Left: Tribal Members Arlene Wheeler, Dennis (Sully) Sullivan, and Genie Black with son Jerry Foster spoke at the Park.

Above left: Platinum Member –Tulalip Tribe Charitable Contributions representative Marilyn Sheldon gave honor to the Elwha Klallam Tribe for building a beautiful Park for the youth.

Center: Elders gathered at the Park. Right: The Elwha Facilities Crew were recognized for their efforts: Warren Stevens, Levi Charles, Lonnie Charles, Mitch Boyd and Garnet “G” Charles.
Grand Opening of the Billy Whiteshoes Memorial Park

Over 100 community members gathered for the Grand Opening

Right: Youth Teams from the community were represented and players and coaches proudly wore their uniforms to the Park.

“Firsts” at the Park: 1) First Pitch-Kiana Watson-Charles and Jada Cargo, 2) Around the Bases-Malena Marquez, 3) Slide into a Base-Shania Foster, 4) Soccer Kick-Valerie Charles, 5) Football Throw-Jayceon Tinoco, 6) Basketball Shot-Sebastian Foster.

Thank you Elwha River Casino for the BBQ lunch!
Klallam Language

LEKT Song & Dance Group

Regular Drum Group Practice is held in Elwha on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month (June 13th & June 27th) at the Dining Hall.

Dinner served at 4:30, followed by singing and dancing. Helpers needed for cooking & clean-up. Transportation home available sponsored by the Elwha Transit Program.

Intertribal Song & Dance Practice will be Weds. June 21st in Jamestown. 5:30 Dinner, followed by song and dance practice. This monthly practice is intended to gather Elwha, Jamestown and Port Gamble tribes so we can practice our songs and dances together throughout the year.

CANOE JOURNEY SPEECHES

Canoes are greeted with welcome speeches and songs each year when arriving in Klallam territory. Please join us to create your own canoe journey speech at the June Drum Group practices to get ready for Canoe Journeys in July!

Waterfront Day in Port Angeles

On Sunday, May 21st, the Culture and Language Program hosted an informational booth at the annual Waterfront Day in Port Angeles. This event took place at the PA Harbor hosted by the Port of PA. There were informational booths operated by the Coast Guard, Sheriff, High School ROTC, Robotics Club and more. There were tours of boats docked in the harbor, driving tours of the harbor including the log yards and log loading docks, and there was a walking tour of a local business (Platypus). The LEKT had the Beautiful Sister Canoe present on display with her history explained, as well as a booth with an information board explaining the Klallam use of the PA waterfront both past and present. Many books were on display for those interested in furthering their knowledge, and a history brochure and language flyer were distributed. It was a beautiful sunny day and our staff did an awesome job greeting and teaching many people who stopped to look at the canoe and read the displays. Great Job Culture & Language staff!
Social Services Employment Program

The Employment Program has offered some great workshops to help in learning life skills and job readiness. Recently we were able to offer a budgeting class, job readiness class, a cooking class, 7 Habits of highly effective people, CPR & 1st aid online workshop and a food handler's online workshop. We had many workshops to help with life skills, as well as workshops for certifications that can be added to your resume for job readiness.

Gilman qualified as certified trainers in Positive Indian Parenting. Which is a 10 week class designed to provide a brief, practical, culturally specific training program to explore the values and attitudes expressed in traditional Native American child-rearing practices and then to apply those values to modern skills in parenting. Classes started May 24th.

Please join us in welcoming Allana “Lana” Triece, our new Counselor for the Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program. Lana comes from Edmonds Washington, leaving her friends and family to venture out to further her knowledge and gain more experience in the vocational rehabilitation field. She studied for her undergraduate’s degree in Missouri Montana and is now working on her master’s degree online. Lana enjoys arts and crafts and online puzzles. Lana doesn’t get much time to socialize, but enjoys her two cats. Her favorite journey has been traveling to Italy with her family for Christmas.

TVR Disability Highlight of the Month: Alzheimer’s. Many of us have heard of it. As some of you may know, it is a disease that is usually associated with our elderly. It is an irreversible disease that normally starts out slowly and not noticeable. It will eventually affect your memory, your moods, self-care and your attitude.

As we get older, some of us may joke about how we are forgetting more things than we used to. We may joke about getting Alzheimer’s, but most of us know that this is a serious condition and hope we don’t get it. Alzheimer’s disease can turn a once strong and independent elder into a forgetful and very dependent person. An individual with this disease may easily get disoriented and lost. Care must be taken to restrict their independent movements. Alzheimer’s disease affects over 5% of people over the age of 65 and has no cure. Limited treatments are available to ease the symptoms and to help slow the progression of the condition. As the disease progresses into the later stages, the common solution is to admit the individual into a full care facility. This can be an unfortunate but necessary final outcome to this disease.
Drop-in Culture & Crafts

June 2017 Update by Justine Clifford

The After School Program kids have been making a lot of awesome crafts. We’ve made water color paintings, little greenhouses, Mother’s Day cards and lots of other cool things. I must say the most popular craft was making fidget spinners out of paper. All of the kids had a blast! Please don’t forget to send your kids to the After School Program to enjoy the fun. há?nəŋ cn, thank you.

2017 Summer Food Program

Summer Food Program starts June 21, 2017 to September 1, 2017. *No lunch on 7/3 & 4/2017 in observance of Independence Day

Available to youth 18 and under

Monday—Friday from 12:00—1:00 PM

@ The Tribal Center Dining Hall

2851 Lower Elwha Road Port Angeles, WA 98363
Elwha Reward members earn 400 points and receive one (1) duck per day, for your chance to win free play, Leftie tickets, Golden passes or Elwha River Casino swag beginning Thursday, June 8th while supplies last. The final drawing for race ducks will be Tuesday, June 27th @ 6PM for your chance to win $1,000.

Tournevent of Champions

After last year’s extremely exciting Tournevent we are excited to send two more Elwha Rewards members to Vegas to compete in the one million dollar tournament! Please visit the Player's Club for details about participating!

Summer

As summer approaches the Elwha River Casino is very excited for our upcoming events and promotions including the return of Peninsula-opoly! Stop by the casino to find out more!
# Klallam Language Immersion Class

**June 2017 - Fish Preparation**

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Join us in the Dining Hall from 5-7pm.

Every Thursday & Friday for the month of June.

**July 2017 - Drum Making**

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5-7 pm every Monday and Friday in July.

Rides home provided (on reservation) by Elwha Transit.

**CREDITS AVAILABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!!**

**EARN TANF HOURS**

Sign up in the language building or contact Harmony Arakawa / Ashley Pitchford.

Everyone is encouraged to come.
Contact us at 452-6252 for reservations and for more information.

Men’s Health Day
June 12, 2017
Lower Elwha Health Clinic
8:30 AM to 12:00 PM

We care about you and your health.

Come and let us listen to your heart.

Learn about colon, prostate, testicular cancer from Dr. Lawrence Lyon. Learn about your heart and cardiac issues.

We can check your vitals, and provide a FIT test. Get a screening done at the dentist for Oral Cancer and get your dentures cleaned.

We will give out several Door Prize Drawings and healthy good food.

Need a ride call Roberta Kimberly at 452-6252 ext. 7631

EARLY DETECTION IS THE BEST PROTECTION

Sponsored by the Elwha River Casino
Elwha Housing Authority

The first round of this year’s spring cleaning (free dump) funds went extremely fast. We will begin another round right before canoe journeys. This is a great time to get your yard and home looking good again. We have noticed many homes with junk vehicles that need to be removed immediately. We have Junk Vehicle Affidavit forms at our office if you don’t have the title.

Remember if you’re in a rental unit and you want your yard mowed you must clean your yard of any garbage, kid’s toys, etc. Your lease states that residents are required to keep the inside and outside of their homes in a clean and sanitary condition.

You may have noticed ants around your home which can cause damage. You may want to consider purchasing a bug killer to prevent them from entering your home. You can purchase products at Wal-Mart or similar stores for approx. $20 or less. There are environmentally friendly products available.

Reminder: You need to update your waiting list application annual. Also if you have a change of address, phone number, household composition or income you must notify us. This is a requirement in Mutual Help, Tax Credits and Rental lease agreements.

Check that your ventilation devices (Aldes unit) are working. If they are not working you will get mold. How you can clean up and prevent mold:

*Scrub mold with water and detergent
*Run bathroom and kitchen vents while bathing and cooking.

*Vent bathrooms and clothes dryers to the outside.
*When first turning on home or car air conditioners, leave the room or drive with the windows open for several minutes to allow mold spores to disperse.
*Cover window wells if they leak to prevent moisture from building up indoors.
For more information on mold and ways to clean up a mold problem safely in your home, go to www.epa/mold. Sara Moore

Staff Birthday List for June 2017

3rd-Vince Doebbler
3rd-Mary Klock
4th-Andrew Sampson
7th-Jeff Gilbert
10th-Rick Pennington
11th-Dawn Travelstead
12th-Corina Bolstrom
17th-Tanner Loresh
24th-Rick Eubanks
26th-Janet Cameron
29th-Jim Bolstrom

Happy Birthday
Service Logs for Law & Order | Total
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911 Hang-Up | 3
Abandoned Vehicle | 2
Alarm/Alarm Check | 5
Animal Calls | 4
Arrest Warrant & Attempts | 4
Assault | 2
Business Check | 99
Citizen Assist | 3
Citizen Contact | 14
Civil | 6
Community Oriented Policing | 35
Court Paperwork/Service | 18
Courtesy Transport | 2
Custodial Interference | 1
Disturbance | 4
Drug Violation | 2
DUI | 1
DV | 2
Erratic Vehicle | 3
Explosion | 1
Follow-Up | 21
Found/Recovered/Lost property | 1
Frequent Patrol Request | 3
Junk Vehicle | 1
Misc. Info/False Reporting | 4
Other Agency Assist | 25
Poss. of Stolen Property | 1
Prisoner Transport | 5
Report of open door/window | 2
Sex Offense/Monitor | 2
Search and Rescue | 1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle | 5
Theft | 2
Traffic Control/Emphasis/Hazard | 7
Traffic Stops | 21
Vehicle Accidents | 2
Vehicle Lockouts | 5
Welfare Check | 9
Total | 328

Officer Jimmy Johnson receives Officer of the Year Award

Officer Josh Woods received his Port Angeles Police Department Cross-Commission from Port Angeles Police Chief Brian Smith. Officer Woods is now able to enforce State law in the city at the direction of a Port Angeles PD supervisor. There has always been an excellent working relationship between the two agencies.

Glen Roddenbuck

Arrests for April
Grant Eastman/Possession of Marijuana
Katherine Johnson/Tribal Warrant
Taber Green/Domestic Disturbance
Systems of Care Corner

The Systems of Care Team (SOC) collaborated with the Recreation Program, Mental Health, Tribal Youth Program, Klallam Counseling Services and Elwha Youth Coalition for May’s National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Month. Activities included movie nights every Friday with messages of mental health awareness, from 6pm-8:30pm in the Gym at the Tribal Center.

To support our LEKT community, our SOC staff has attended training during the month of May that include: Domestic Violence and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), the Amazing Adolescent Brain: Opportunities and Vulnerabilities, and Mental Health First Aid.

Upcoming Events:

**End of the School year Celebration:** June 20\textsuperscript{th} at the Tribal Center from 2pm-6pm. Please contact Lola Moses for more information Phone: 360-565-7257 Ext.7701

**Peer to Peer counselor training with Washington State University Representatives:** July 10\textsuperscript{th} -14\textsuperscript{th} 9am to 4pm at the Heritage Center. Light breakfast and lunch provided. Seats are still available. Please contact Nancy Hamilton for more information Phone: 360-565-7257 Ext.7668

**Mental Health First Aid training:** Mid-September

Space is available for 15 Lower Elwha community members and 15 LEKT service providers. The training will support our community, and provide information and awareness.

If you have any questions, please contact SOC staff by phone, e-mail, or in person at Social Services. Our Team can be contacted by phone at 360-452-8471 Ext.7661

Klallam Counseling Gains Another Certified Staff Member

Jessica Peterson of Klallam Counseling has completed her 2500 hour internship as a Chemical Dependency Professional Trainee. She was able to take and pass her Department of Health test and as of May 19\textsuperscript{th} she is certified with the State of Washington as a Chemical Dependency Professional.

A 2500 hour internship, education in Addiction Studies, and a Department of Health license is a requirement of Klallam Counseling to work as a CDP in our agency.

Interns put in a lot of work and come fresh out of college with a huge learning curve. That 2500 hours are hands on learning with everything done being supervised by someone who has been in the field for an extended length of time.

Congratulations to Jessica Peterson on this huge accomplishment?

*Jaymie Doane*

Klallam Counseling Services
Announcements

TRIBAL ENROLLMENT

Located in the Tribal Center Rm 1. Please contact Marilyn Edgington at 360 452-8471 ext.7444 for information regarding Enrollment and Tribal IDs.

I am happy to announce my youngest graduate from high school, Brandon A. Rapoza. Brandon is a descendant of Pete and Lena Charles, both of Lower Elwha Klallam tribe, and grandchild of Gloria E. (Charles) Rapoza, current & oldest member of our tribe. Brandon was raised in a solo-parent household but as we all know it takes a village to raise a child. Brandon excelled as an honor student while attending Chief Sealth International High School and went on to study at South Seattle College in his senior year in the Running Start Program. Although he was accepted to advance his education by a few universities in WA and Montana, we agreed he would complete this program an additional year to receive his Associates Degree and then move onward to a four-year. Brandon has many endearing qualities. I can emphasize he is a caring person, confident, intelligent young man who walks to the beat of his own drum. I love him dearly and I am a very proud mother. Congratulations my son!

With much love, Mom
(Rose Rapoza)

Dear Community: I am continuing to see clients in my home at 407 Charles Road. I also do home visits, Juvie, convalescent homes and the hospital and crisis calls. You may call me for any of these visits at 360-460-5963. I can take Medicaid, Regence, Aetna, Premara, Veteran’s choice and sliding scale. I will see clients for living skills improvement, domestic violence, couple’s counseling, family counseling and those with PTSD, anxiety, depression, reconciliation. Call me, I enjoy seeing people in our community and those from neighboring communities.

We plan to have Interfaith the 8th and 22 of June at the Lower Elwha Elder’s Lounge, starting at 7:00pm-8:30pm. Snacks and fellowship follow. We need to be United in everything we do and praying and worship of our Creator is very important! If you want prayers said and find you cannot attend feel free to call or text 460-5963 and they will be offered on your behalf. Or join in in worship in your home, but whatever you do join us.

On the first Friday of June I will host a Fireside at my home, 407 Charles Road, starting at 7:00pm-8:30pm. The first Fireside will include a video with a discussion following. You all are cordially invited. Snacks will be provided.
Roberta Charles
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ELWHA NEWS
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
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“THE STRONG PEOPLE”

The Elwha News is a monthly publication of the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe to inform, educate and stimulate interest in the Tribe and community affairs. It also raises awareness and respect for the Reservation and its resources. For news articles, please send to the address below by the 18th of the month.
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Coming Events:

June 9: Head Start Graduation, Tribal Gym
June 12: Men’s Health Day @ Elwha Health Clinic
June 16: Port Angeles High School Graduation
June 20: JOM Tribal Graduation Dinner
June 21: Youth Summer Food Program Starts