Klallam Flag Installed at Port Angeles Schools

The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Flag will now fly with the American Flag at both Stevens Middle School and Dry Creek Elementary School every day. A ceremony took place at Stevens on Friday, June 15, 2018. The students sang while the principal, Mr. Stevens, raised the flag. Afterwards they each received a small tribal flag of their own to keep.

A similar ceremony was held at Dry Creek Elementary on Monday, June 18. All 4th, 5th and 6th grade classes were called into the front yard of the school. The principal, Mrs. Hendricks, spoke, as well as tribal Veterans, Billy Sanchez and Phil Charles, Jr. Students volunteered to sing while the flag was raised.

Both ceremonies were short, but full of pride for everyone involved. This summer new flagpoles will be erected to fly the tribal flag alongside the American Flag.

The sharing of our tribal flag is part of our language program’s 2016-2019 ANA grant “Klallam Everywhere, teaching through technology.” For more info, find us on www.Elwha.org and follow us on Facebook.

Written by Wendy Sampson  More Photos on Page 3.
Dear Lower Elwha Tribal Community,

Usually, all I hear about our housing is negative feedback. Like most of my readers, I too live in a tribal housing unit. I know there is a lot of designated housing, such as Low Income Tax Credit, rentals, home buyers and the apartments. I live in the apartments. I have for the last 14 years. I came in homeless. Thanks to the Lower Elwha Housing Authority, I received an apartment. Things in my life changed drastically. While living here, the biggest thing was my son Nyle was born. I have also been able to take care of my credit history. All this plus more had to happen in order for me to apply, qualify and receive a 184 HUD Home Loan. Yahoo! I now have a new modular home on the assignment that my mother LaVerne Ulmer Hepfer left for me. Which, by the way, I have to pay for by myself and neither the Tribe nor anyone else has helped fund it in any way, shape or form. I say this because I know how the rumor mill is down here at Elwha. That is just the way it is. I haven’t been able to move in because the unit has yet to pass inspections.

Anyway...this is what I am getting at... I wanted to share something else good about our Housing Authority. Last week on Saturday, I had to run an errand and when I returned an hour later to my apartment, the whole lower floor was flooded by about an inch of water. Water everywhere! Great now what? The hot water tank had broken and was leaking profusely from the bottom. I managed to turn the water off. I called James Muck, the Housing maintenance man. Thank God he responded. He called the plumber, Dave Dunmire, who showed up to my place in less than an hour. Dave was on another job but left it to help me. Meanwhile James went to the Housing office and got me a shop vac. While my fiancé Jamie, Nyle and I were cleaning up the water, James ran to town and purchased a water dehumidifier and three fans to help dry the unit out. Dave showed up and assessed the situation, ran to town and purchased a hot water tank. These two guys showed up and took care of the problem. It took a few hours but I was so impressed with how they responded so quickly and got the job done. I don’t know how long or what I would’ve done to clean up and replace things without their help. So, thank you very much to James and Dave. I am so grateful for your response on a Saturday to help my family.

This last month I have been busy attending the Coast Salish Gathering, that I was blessed by being called upon to witness. The meeting was attended by our relatives to the north, the First Nations, Treaty Tribes south of the border and respective Coast Guards of both U.S. and Canada. We talked about increased vessel traffic in our Salish Sea. Tribes and Nations are concerned about spills. If one of these big tankers were to have an accident, it would devastate our whole region. We are worried about the displacement of our Treaty Rights. These vessels also take up a lot of room. When anchored they turn on the anchor and if you set crab gear, they can wipe you out. Same in the net fishery. They can take out a whole gill net, which a number of us have experienced. These things are occurring now. Just think how it will be when the traffic increases by seven fold. Also consider the Separation Zone. We feel that with more vessels on our water, they will need more room to transit. Which means that the Separation Zone will decrease, further taking more of our traditional fishing grounds. The Coast Guards of both nations listened and agreed that protection of our Treaty Rights and First Nation’s concerns were top priority. They will get back to us with some suggestions and ideas. We are going to hold them to it until we get answers to our questions. This is a very serious concern for all of us.

I attended a Treaty Rights at Risk (TRAR) meeting held at the Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 office in Seattle. Tribal leaders and others basically had a meet and greet with the new Region 10 Administrator, Chris Hladick. He seemed to be cognizant of our issues and concerns. At least that is the first impression I had of him. I don’t know if he is going to be a willing participant in our affairs. He is from Alaska and knows a lot about the fishing industry. We talked about the decline in numbers concerning the Orca, the loss of salmon, the loss of habitat faster than we can restore it, the continued loss of habitat due to shoreline armoring, storm water runoff, fish consumption rate and a lot of other important issues. He listened and said he was committed to environmental protection. We set up more meetings to get further into discussions. That is one of the problems with government. Every four to eight years we have to educate people about us, our culture, our environment and our Treaty Rights. We get someone educated, they leave and we have to start all over. But that is how it is and we respond accordingly.

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Tribal Leaders met to discuss Initiative Measure No 1631, an Act related to reducing pollution by investing in clean air, clean energy, clean water, healthy forests, and healthy communities by imposing a fee on large emitters based on their pollution. Pictures above from left: Theresa Shelton, Tulalip Tribe, Chairwoman Frances Charles, Ramona Bennett, Puyallup Tribe, Fawn Sharp, Quinault Nation.

Tribal Flag from Front Page

Photo Above from left: Klallam Language teacher Wendy Sampson stands with tribal member Veterans and Elders William Sanchez and Phillip Charles. Jr.
Washington Treaty Tribes Win Culverts Case in Supreme Court

On June 11, 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a one-sentence decision in the long-running culverts case, ruling that the March, 2017 decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit was affirmed by an “evenly divided Court.” The affirmed Ninth Circuit decision was a major victory for the Tribes, having ruled that State road culverts that block salmon migration violate the 1855 Stevens Treaties in which the western Washington Tribes (including Elwha in the Treaty of Point No Point) had reserved the “right of taking fish at usual and accustomed grounds and stations.”

The Treaty Tribes have been working since 1985 to find a good test case to establish that the treaties require protection of the fish supply and the habitat necessary to support that supply. After a few years of investigation, in the late 1990s it became clear that the State’s own documentation clearly showed that State culverts have contributed significantly to the decline of salmon populations because many of them block the streams and prevent adult salmon from reaching their spawning grounds and also prevent juvenile salmon from getting out to salt water.

The Tribes filed the culverts case against the State of Washington in 2001. In 2007, Judge Martinez of the trial court ruled that State culverts that block salmon streams do indeed violate the treaties. After various attempts to settle the case failed, there was a trial on what the remedy should be. In 2013, Judge Martinez issued an injunction requiring that by 2030 (17 years) the State must fix all of its culverts that block in excess of 200 lineal meters of habitat. The State appealed to the Ninth Circuit, which affirmed the Tribes’ victory in 2016 and 2017, and now the Supreme Court has affirmed the Ninth Circuit.

An obvious question is what happens next. It’s possible that the State will ask the Supreme Court to reconsider, but that is very unlikely (under the Court’s rules it must do so by July 6). The State has complained that it can’t afford to fix all the culverts as quickly as required by the injunction, so it will have to pursue additional funding from the State Legislature or U.S. Congress. It’s possible that the State will also ask the district court (Judge Martinez) to modify the injunction, so that it doesn’t have to fix the culverts so quickly, but so far it hasn’t tried to do that.

At some point, the Tribes may attempt to apply the Ninth Circuit precedent to other issues involving protection of salmon habitat. This is always risky and controversial, so great care will have to be taken to develop the next test case. Although the Tribes won a victory in the Supreme Court, there was no majority in support of the Tribe; the Court did not write any actual opinion, so it’s unclear how it might rule when similar issues come to it in the future.

As mentioned, the Tribes won because there was a tie vote of 4-4. Ties sometimes happen in the Supreme Court when one of the nine Justices is recused from participating due to a conflict in interest. In the culverts case, Justice Anthony Kennedy had to recuse himself because he was a judge for the Ninth Circuit back in 1985 in an earlier phase of this case. Justice Kennedy has now retired from the Court, so the next time these issues come up, there will be a full Court of nine Justices to hear that case. If the new Justice is unfriendly to Tribes, the result could be different next time. For the time being, though, the Tribes have won a major victory for treaty rights that will eliminate the State’s fish-blocking culverts.

Elwha played a significant role in this victory. Habitat Biologist Mike McHenry was a key expert witness for the Tribes and his testimony was quoted in both the trial court and Appeals Court decisions. The Office of Tribal Attorney assisted in reviewing and editing the Tribes’ Supreme Court briefs and traveled to Washington, D.C. for the oral argument in April, 2018.

Steve Suagee, Tribal Attorney

Vice Chair’s Letter Continued from Page 2

I am very excited about the expansion of our Elwha Food and Fuel. We will have pumps dedicated to our diesel fuel customers, the truckers. This will bring in more fuel tax money. Of course, strings are attached to these funds. It seems that the government still don’t trust us. That’s okay because we don’t trust them. We have to spend the proceeds from the taxes on road and law enforcement related things. First thing that comes to mind is we need to pave our new Head Start parking lot and we need the trail from the hill to Lower Elwha. We should be able to make our roads safer for pedestrians with more lighting. Even with restrictions we can do a number of things. Training for our officers, better equipment and maybe hire another officer. These are but a few ideas. Let me know what you think.

I hope you have a Safe and Happy 4th of July and thank you for reading my letter. As always, please let me know what’s up.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Russell N. (RAZZ) Hepfer
Klallam Language Grammar Book

Now that we have reached the end of the school year, this question was asked by one of my students: How many students have finished the Klallam Grammar book since it has been published in 2015? So I went into Skyward computer program to gather some data and thought that I would share it. The Grammar Book contains 60 lessons with three full stories to transcribe at the end. There is no other group who has managed to accomplish this task.

20 (out of 27) Tribal members (or descendants or community member by marriage) have reached this accomplishment.

Shout out to the following students!!!!

Nizhoni Wheeler
Cory Cooke
Tyra Albaugh-Farris
Paisley Charles
Crystal Dam
Joliene LaChester
Kiana Robideau
Andie Spencer
Cheyanne Wheeler
Peyton Cable
Alan Charles
Gillian Elofson
Jacob Johnson
Bonnie Peters
Oliver Yazzie
Jonathan Arakawa
Mackenzie Ferrel
Dejon Watson-Charles
Gary Johnson
Gabe Ritchie

Submitted by Jamie Valadez

Check out this link for a Radio Interview with Jamie Valadez about Klallam language taught @ Port Angeles High School:

http://knkx.org/post/klallam-language-classes-taught-port-angeles-high-school

Beaver on dike at West Elwha/Place Road:

On Friday May 11th the Lower Elwha Natural Resources department received news of a dead beaver on the dike between Place Road and the mouth of the Elwha River. The death was blamed on a dog and has caused a large public outcry over whether or not to continue to allow dogs on the beach on the western side of the mouth. However, at this point in time there is no proof that a dog was responsible for the beaver’s death. The Natural Resources Department has obtained the beaver carcass and will necropsy it as soon as we are able. In the meantime, should you hear of this beaver’s death, please let people know that we do not yet know the cause of death, and that at present we have no proof that a dog was responsible. Thank you.

Kim Sager-Fradkin, Wildlife Program Manager
I recently returned from a three day work session with the Business Council. We invested a good deal of time in looking back over the last 10+ years at financial performance and strategic planning goals. In both cases, the information was beneficial and shows clear progress. On the last day, we took a little time to dream and, if possible, dream big.

The task assigned was, “Tell me what the Tribe would look like in 20+ years.” Again, nothing concrete here, not binding, just some thoughts from your leadership on what they might like to see.

Fishing and Hunting – In 20 years, we will have a much larger fleet to compete with other Tribes for our resources. We will have abundant resources in fin fish, shellfish, shrimp, and clams. Our U & A will be clearly identified, protected, and accessed by Tribal fishermen, with more days open for harvest. We will also own and operate a Tribal marina. The native runs of king salmon will be restored. Tribal members who wish to fish as a livelihood will be able to make a decent living year round. Likewise, access to traditional hunting grounds will be restored, and the resource managed for increased yields for hunting, and for traditional gathering of plants and materials.

Housing – Middle income housing will be available for Tribal members, as well as resources and work crews to assist with rehabilitation of structure and remodel work. Assisted living facilities will be available for elders, Veterans, or those in need (see Port Gamble model). Older or vacated homes will be reclaimed and use as rental, short term employee housing, or other uses.

Training/Education – The Tribe would operate its own Tribal school, with a focus on environmental stewardship, culture, and standard K-12 curriculum. Using the river restoration as a platform, conduct and host advanced training and education in restoration and environmental management.

Enterprise – The retail site on Hwy 101 will contain a full array of services, from gas and food to tobacco products and marijuana production. It will also provide a restaurant/truck stop, small motel/hotel operation, and other convenience offerings. Downtown development will include a large 4-star hotel, performing arts facility, museum and guided tours for a variety of interest... environmental stewardship, and culture and history. Assistance will also be available to help small businesses, artist and craftsmen in startup, or to promote the sales of Tribally made arts.

Environment – All watersheds under Tribal jurisdiction will be managed to maximize fishers and hunting resources, gathering of materials, and recreational access, while protecting against unhealthy logging practices, wildlife management, or development. Resources taken will be done in a manner to maximize renewability. We will be significantly invested in solar and alternative power sources, and other actions to reduce our combined impact on the environment.

Communication – All households will have fiber optics and full access to modern paperless communication options. Members can participate in meetings through real time streaming video.

Land base – In addition to acquired lands in the downtown Port Angeles area, the land base will be consolidated as much as possible from the west side of Port Angeles to the Elwha River, from the coast to the NPS boundary. Included in Tribal ownership will be the Olympic Hot Springs site, Hollywood Beach, and the beach area at the mouth of the Elwha.

Historic and Cultural Sites – will be memorialized with signage and protected. A “crypt wall” constructed at the Place Road cemetery will accommodate ashes of Tribal Members. TseWhitzen will be protected from further disturbance and be recognized as a sacred site forever, with appropriate signage and controlled access.

Of course not all dreams come true, but reviewing how far this Tribe has progressed, some of today’s dreams will be tomorrow’s reality.

Respectfully,
William (Bill) White
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The staff in the Library would like to introduce you to our new Librarian! Brian comes to us with a strong background working with children and education. Brian is very eager to learn about our community so please feel free to stop by and introduce yourself. Here is a little background from our new librarian.

Brian Freitag is our new Library and Computer Lab Manager! A little background about Brian. He grew up in northern Wisconsin and attended the University of Wisconsin, graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Studio Arts and a Masters of Education Degree before entering Military Service as an officer with the Army. After discharge, he attended college at the University of Las Vegas Nevada working on Graduate Studies in Education and Studio Arts while teaching there. Brian returned to Wisconsin to teach Studio Art and Design, Journalism, Science and English and working with behavioral and academic student interventions within the classroom in public and private school settings. He eventually moved to continue teaching in Kentucky and Southern Indiana before returning to Washington state where he was once stationed in the Army and felt very much at home between the mountains and the ocean. Brian enjoys art, hunting, fishing, canoeing, earth science, music and reading in his spare time.

Don’t forget to check out and see what fun stuff is going on at the “Drop-In Program”!

LEKT Summer Library Hours

Open to the Community: 9:00 am-4:00 pm
9:00 am to 12:00 pm: Quiet reading and computer time
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm: Daily activities for kids
Education & Drop in Program

Summer reading program kicks off on June 25th, 2018! N.O.L.S is also kicking off their summer reading program and we have the materials here at your local library!

LEKT Summer Reading Challenge K-12

June 25th—August 17th

How does it work?

1. Sign up at our LEKT Library and receive a free book and your reading log and sticker sheet.
2. You will get a sticker for every 10 minutes you read.
3. Your name goes in the drawing box for every hour you read (up to 10 hours)

DAILY! At the Library: Read 20 minutes and choose a snack.

EVERY TWO WEEKS! A chance to win a gift certificate to Dairy Queen or Dominoes—Two names will be drawn from the drawing box! These names will be returned for the final drawing

Grand Prizes- Two drawings! Win a Kindle Fire or Choose a Lego set , up to $100.00 of your choice of Lego’s!

Congratulations Graduates of 2018! We raise our hands to you and cannot wait to see what the future holds for you!
Head Start & Early Head Start applications are always accepted but it is best to get your application in early and before the policy council selection. The Head Start policy council will select/approve the new HS students so make sure your application is COMPLETE and current.

Reminder: No income verification submitted = INCOMPLETE application. The Head Start student selection (age 3 & up) will be made by policy council by mid August 2018 so have your application complete by July 27, 2018. Late submitted complete applications will miss the selection process by policy council.

We would like to welcome all of the new children that we have in our classes, we are having a lot of fun getting to know all of the children. At this time, we would like to remind parents to send coats and shoes with the children for going outside, we try to go out daily. Just a reminder that class starts at 8:30 am and ends at 4:00 pm, please let your child’s teachers know when they will be out for the day. Also if you have any unused clothes that your children have grown out of, we could sure use pants of both genders. We are excited to get to know our new families.

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
Elwha Youth Coalition

Dear Elwha Tribal Members,

Hello to July, 2018! I hope you all are enjoying your summer and are staying hydrated. We have had a lot of good things take effect in the month of June.

On June 28th, I had the greatest honor of being sworn in as Co-Chairperson for the Elwha Youth Coalition Executive Committee. I will have the honor and opportunity to serve a two-year term. I look forward to working more closely with our Tribal Administrative staff and youth-serving departments and programs within our Tribe. My hands are raised to Former Co-Chairperson, Melissa Gilman, for nominating me and for the Coalition members for having the trust in voting for me into this position.

Since I am writing you all in the terminal days of June, on July 4, 2018, there will be a total of six from Lower Elwha that will be traveling to San Diego, California, for the 42nd Annual UNITY National Conference. We are very excited to be with other young leaders and Tribal leaders from across the United States. I will be in the process of producing a brief report to you all, discussing what has taken effect throughout our time. Our main focus is to represent our people, our Tribe and Community to the very best of our ability.

Once we return from San Diego, we will have two more weeks until canoes arrive onto Hollywood Beach for the Lower Elwha Hosting. I am very certain that this year’s Tribal Journeys will be an astronomical success. I think this year’s amount of attendance will beat the record than the past Tribal Journeys. But it’s not all about how many people attend, it is about the healing which each one will receive during this time.

Well, once again, there is not much more to report other than the three big things I feel that are fundamental. Not only to me, but for our Tribal youth and our Community. I wish you all a great and safe summer, I want to continue to encourage you all to stay hydrated. And, HAVE FUN!! My thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you.

Thank you for your reading my letter.

Respectfully,

Jonathan J. Arakawa
Co-Chairperson
Executive Committee
Elwha Youth Coalition
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe

Elwha Klallam flag flies at Stevens Middle School
Elwha Health Clinic

LEHD Harmony Heroes June 2018

Rosie Boyd
Rosie is a June Harmony Hero because of her great attitude, willingness to listen, and her commitment to her job duties while educating herself to grow professionally. Rosie greets everyone with a smile, works hard, and is a good example for others.

Nick Boss
Nick is a June Harmony Hero because he stepped up and helped with the Lab interface with LabCorp by hanging the labs inside of RPMS and coordinating all the technical stuff that has gone along with the new lab interface. He has shown his willingness to help in a crunch to keep operations running as smoothly as possible.

Thank you for all the hard work you do, Rosie and Nick!

Lower Elwha Health Clinic has received praise for our Medical Assistant, Nick Boss. Nick has impressed patients with his ability to draw blood from “hard-to-get” patients. Way to go Nick!

Paratransit- Elder transports:
There were comments from some Elders that the wheelchair van driven by Peggy was difficult for some of our elderly patients to get in and out of.
Peggy now has a Nissan Rogue to use for transportation. This is a smaller, easier-to-access SUV.

We want you to know more about our activities ad our schedules. We don’t mind at all. Look for updates about our meetings, partnerships, and projects.
Elwha Health Clinic

Community Garden Clean Up

Thank you to the hard working volunteers who came to the Community Garden Clean Up on June 21st! Everyone worked really hard to get the beds and paths in the greenhouse all cleaned up and ready for planting!

The garden is in need of community involvement to keep the garden up! If you are interested in being a part of the garden as a member of the planning team or even being interested in volunteering, please contact Marissa Pratt: Marissa.pratt@elwha.org or 360.452.6252 ext. 7652 or Jody Potter: Jody.Potter@elwha.org or 360.452.6252 ext.7650.

“This project is funded in part by a grant from the Notah Begay III”

Lice Kits Available at the Health Clinic

If you have been struggling with lice in your household, you should make an appointment at the Lower Elwha Health Clinic. Lice is not something you have to deal with alone. The Health Clinic has a wealth of knowledge. Super lice has been emerging more in the community. There is a prescription shampoo available to get rid of the super lice that can only be given when confirmed at the health clinic. You don’t want to over-treat children for lice. Lice shampoo should never be used unless there is an infestation. Do not ever use any kerosene or gas to try to rid any-one of lice because it is dangerous and does not work. The Health clinic has a lice kit available when an employee has confirmed there is lice. You can ask any staff member you feel comfortable with to check you or your child for lice.

There is an available lice kit which includes:

- Metal lice comb
- Rid-X
- Tea-tree oil
- Hair detangler
LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM SONG & DANCE GROUP

Regular Song & Dance Practice 7/10/18, 4:30pm in Dining Hall

Light snacks served at 4:30, followed by singing and dancing. Helpers needed for food prep & clean-up. Transportation home available-on rez only please

Canoe landings & Welcoming in Klallam Territory

Please join in to welcome canoes with and songs & Klallam language speeches.

7/19, Thurs - Pillar Point 7/20, Fri - Port Angeles 7/22, Sun - Jamestown
July 23, Mon-Port Townsend 7/24, Tues-Port Gamble

Transportation Available for youth, adults & families. These are all day events. Please pack a lunch. Limited Seating. Contact Wendy Sampson 775-9434 to reserve your seat.

Summer Drop-in Culture Program

July 2–August 10, noon-4pm

*Mondays @ Veteran’s Center (Upper)
*Wednesdays @ Tribal Center -room across hall from gym (Lower)
*Fridays-Fun Field Trips (permission slips will be required)

Kids free to come and go as they please. No food or rides provided

Contact Justine Clifford at (360)452-8471 ext7423 for more info

Look for our Ad & application in the August Newsletter for the supervised 2 week Klallam Language Summer program
# Klallam Language Immersion Culture Class

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**— August 2018 - Rattle Making —**

Space is limited, sign up required. Prior class participants will receive first priority. Dates TBA

**— September 2018 - Drum Making —**

Sign up required. Prior class participants, that did not attend prior Drum Making Class, will receive first priority. Dates TBA

For information contact Harmony Arakawa at:
(360) 452-8471 ext. 7422 or harmony.arakawa@elwha.org
End of the School Year BBQ

This year’s Elwha End of the School Year BBQ was one of the best yet! Thank you to our Planning Team: Jason Wheeler, Jared Moses, Aleilah Lawson and Lola Moses. Big Shout Outs to our main sponsors: Elwha River Casino, Elwha Recreation, Lower Elwha Clinic, Elwha Police Department, Elwha ICW and Lower Elwha Family Advocacy. Thank you to Evergreen Meats for their donation that added more hamburgers to our amazing BBQ. Thank you to our anonymous donation of beverages for all of our guests. Thank you to our event photographer Johnni’s Hobby Photography. Thank you to our volunteers that helped make this year’s BBQ magical and fun for all ages: Sara Wadley, Betsy Simpson, Chef Mike Watson, Samantha Acosta, the DJ Nizhoni Wheeler, Class of 2018 Keynote Speaker Cheyenne Wheeler, Becky Charles, Sherry Curran, Nylene Charles, Lynn Risenhoover, Whinna Robideau, Jessica Wright, Rylan Frazier, Melaine Wheeler, Dunk Tank Candidates: Chief Jeff Gilbert, Sergeant Black Crow, & Beatriz Arakawa. Thank you to the Lower Elwha Tribal Council and to Razz, George and Gator for stopping by enjoying some time with the community and families! Thank you to our Elwha Veterans that came to celebrate. Thank you to the 300 plus guests from Elwha that came and had a fabulous time! Thank you to Dry Creek staff that attended, this was the first time having staff come and celebrate with us: Ms. PB, Principal Brittane Hendricks, teachers Carrie McCabe and Angela Sickles, and our very own Miss Marci Laungayan!
This year for the first time ever we were blessed with 4 GRAND prizes: A large Swimming Pool (anonymous donor), a Boy’s bike with helmet, and a girl’s bike with helmet donated by Chief Gilbert, and a Nintendo Switch sponsored by Elwha River Casino. We played some fun games, we had a photo booth, water balloon war, Mike fixed amazing BBQ food, we had a dunk tank sponsored by Elwha Police Department, we had information tables, and we had 2 keynote speakers: Beatriz Arakawa from Lower Elwha Family Advocacy and 2018 PAHS Graduate Cheyenne Wheeler. Thank you to all of the families and adults that came and participated, it was fun to watch all of you do some of the games. Thank you to everyone that helped set up and that helped clean, these events cannot happen without all of us contributing in some way! Have a fabulous summer!

Lola Moses
End of the School Year BBQ
Employee Turnover at the Lower Elwha Health Clinic (LEHC)

Some may have noticed that there are frequent staff changes at LEHC. This can be scary for patients. Our health needs are important to all of us and we want to feel secure that those needs will be met. Here are some facts:

LEHC is a rural clinic, with a big provider shortage, but we are not alone. In fact, provider shortage is affecting patients everywhere across the United States. This is a problem we would face even if we were living somewhere else or being seen at a different clinic.

Our resources are not always enough to meet our growing needs. IHS is chronically underfunded. IHS receives a set amount on money each year to take care of all Native American people. This does not take into account the varying needs of millions of people. We can only offer wages that are realistic for our Tribe, while also making sure our tribal members’ medical needs are being met throughout the year. Depending on individual goals, financial needs, family obligations, etc., it may make sense for an employee to accept employment elsewhere.

Life changes happen to all of us. Sometimes, circumstances make it necessary for our employees to move on. We understand and respect that. We are committed to notifying our patients when these things happen to ease the transition for everyone.

We have contracts to hire two locum tenens. A locum is a provider who temporarily fulfills the duties of another. For example, a locum tenens physician is a physician who works in the place of the regular physician when that physician is absent, or when a clinic is short-staffed (such as having a provider away on maternity leave). We are ironing out some details and will have 2 locums starting in early July.

WIC Announcement

Saar’s Super Saver Foods
now accepts
Lower Elwha WIC Program checks.
Call the Lower Elwha Health Clinic
WIC Office to see if you qualify for the WIC Program.
For more information call Birdie at
360-452-6252 Ext. 7631
Roberta Kimberly
What We Can and Cannot Do
By Sydney Soelter, LEHD Mental Health Manager

Recently it has come to my attention that there is some confusion about what the Mental Health staff will and will not do to be helpful in the LEKT community. Some of this confusion is based upon misunderstanding, and some is based on misinformation. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the role and responsibilities of mental health counselors.

Q: Why do the LEHD mental health counselors not go to the schools?

A: LEHD Mental health counselors do go to the schools, under certain circumstances.

Most schools have their own counselors. Part of the job of those school counselors is to identify students in need and help them access resources. All of the school counselors in the Port Angeles school district are aware of how to refer clients to Lower Elwha Mental Health. Additionally, Dry Creek, Stevens, Lincoln and PA High schools all have dedicated Native American student interventionists. These professionals are there to provide additional support to Native students and are ready and willing to jump in and help. They often have well-established relationships with the students (a grateful nod to Marci Laungayan, Jessica Elofson, and Reba Cornelson), and are a valuable resource to the school and the LEHD mental health counselors.

If an LEHD mental health counselor determines that a school based intervention is needed for an established client as a part of their overall treatment plan, the counselor may go to the school to work on that goal with the client. The when and how to employ this treatment option is determined by the counselor, the client/guardian, and relevant school staff.

There are limitations to what mental health counselors are able to do, as defined by law, financial reimbursements, program operations, and professional ethics:

1. We cannot provide any treatment to a child under 13 without explicit permission in writing from a parent or guardian. For students over 13, counselors occasionally do outreach in the schools to help establish service or do safety planning for eligible clients.

2. Schools often do not have a dedicated space for a therapist to work. I personally have met with kids outside, in staff lounges and in broom closets on school grounds. These environments are not private or professional, and are prone to frequent interruptions by others.

3. School based service is not reimbursable by Medicaid, which the majority of our young clients have. LEHD mental health counselors can and will do “free” service sometimes, but it is not a regular part of our service model.

4. Confidentiality is the cornerstone of mental health therapy. When working in a public environment such as a school, we cannot guarantee our client’s privacy from school personnel or other students.

5. Travel to schools takes counselors away from their work flow in the office. The counselors at LEHD are busy, and the demand is high.

This article will be continued in next month’s edition: Mental Health services to the community.
## July 2018 Summer Food/Elders Nutrition Program Menu

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Elders’ Services

As the new Elder’s coordinator, I had the opportunity to travel with a group of elders to the Tulalip Tribe’s Elder’s Luncheon on June 14, 2018. There were a total of 1,182 Elders that attended this event. Tribes attended from all over the Pacific Northwest, from the Yakima Valley to the local Colville tribes. We were one of many! On our travels, we got to share lots of good laughs and listened to each other’s life story of the surrounding areas as they were growing up.

Those who were able to attend included:

Cheryl Langland
Bob and Janet Francis
Charlene Hawk
Gordon Charles
Ruth Charles
Ray Bennett
Sean Charles
Janice Sampson

For more information, or if you have questions about the Tribal Elders’ Program, please contact:

Leona McKinnon
Elders Services Coordinator
Social Services
360-565-7257

Photo Above: Tribal elders gathered at the Elders Luncheon hosted at the Tulalip Casino & Resort.

Photo Left: Elders attended the lunch and program: Cheryl Langland, Gordon Charles, and Elder Services Coordinator Leona McKinnon.
Klallam Language & Culture After School Program

July 2018 Update by Justine Clifford

Sadly, After School Program (ASP) has come to an end. Our staff had a great year with all of the students we got to work with. We look forward to seeing you around this summer! Also, we will be contacting parents soon for a field trip for ASP students to celebrate all of the hard work we have done at ASP this last school year. I will keep you informed of upcoming activities. həʔnaʔ čn

Elwha Dental Services

What is a Dental Health Aide Therapist?
There is an exciting, new opportunity for individuals wanting to work in the Dental field. Dental Health Aide Therapists (DHATs) are part of a dentist-led team and are considered a mid-level provider much like a physician's assistant. Dental therapists were first introduced to the United States over 10 years ago by a consortium of Alaska Native tribal health organizations. Thanks to their leadership and courage, over 40,000 Native Alaskans now have access to regular dental care for the first time. DHATs are recruited from their communities and go back to serve their communities. Currently, the Native Dental Therapy Project is working hard to bring DHAT education to Washington State. There are currently four native students from Washington State enrolled in Alaska set to graduate next year and return to their communities in Swinomish and Lummi.

DHATs are highly-trained primary oral health care providers. Part of a dentist-led team, they have a narrow scope of practice, focusing on routine and preventive services.

DHAT training includes:
- Comprehensive and rigorous coursework
- 3,000 hours of clinical training
- 400 hour dentist-supervised preceptorship

Dental Health Aide Therapists:
- Educate patients about oral health and prevention
- Perform dental evaluations
- Give fluoride treatments
- Place sealants
- Clean teeth

Tribal communities need the reliable, culturally competent care DHATs offer:
- DHATs expand access to consistent, routine, high quality oral health care
- Grow the number of AI/AN oral health care providers available to tribal communities
- Create a more efficient and effective oral health team that brings care where it is needed most
- Establish cost effective solutions to oral health challenges in tribal communities

What are the requirements to go to school to be a DHAT?
Minimum requirement is a high school diploma or GED. The Elwha Dental Clinic is currently working on possibly hosting a preceptorship for a newly graduated student and creating opportunities for others in the future. Most are recruited from their communities and go back to serve their communities. Tribes deserve the reliable, culturally relevant care that DHATs offer. The Native Dental Therapy Initiative is working to ensure this solution is available to all Tribes in the Portland Area.

Wendy Walsh
Klallam Language Immersion Class

Klallam Language Immersion Tea Gathering Class

Translate each sentence, then turn this sheet in to Harmony Arakawa at the Tribal Library to redeem a prize.

1. (2pt) 全媒体 cn: __________________________

2. (2pt) nui?it cn cə tîy: _______________________

3. (2pt) nisékə u či tîy _________________________

4. (1pt) xácht caʔn. I'm going to _______________ it.

5. (1pt) I'm going to dry it: ____________________

6. (2pt) I'm in the woods: ______________________

This month at Klallam Language Immersion class, we focused on gathering medicinal tea with Linda Weichman. Prince’s Pine, Oregon Grape, Devils Club and Wild Blackberry leaves are a few things we’ve harvested as we trekked through the čăʔqʷ. Linda, our instructor, taught us which plants were good for picking year round and exclusively during summer, she explained how to prepare them and what their good for. After gathering and drying these medicinal plants, we packaged them into tea bags and distributed them to the elders program and canoe journey goers.

Evergreen tips: boiled as a tea and eaten as a palette cleanser, it’s rich in Vitamin C

Devils Club: Good for Arthritis and Rheumatism, Infusion or decoction of inner bark and sometimes roots, inner bark used in bath/steam bath

Nettle: the young shoots were steamed and eaten or boiled as tea, it is rich in calcium, iron, chlorophyll and amino acid.

If you are interested in a list of plants for tea and its usage please contact Harmony Arakawa at 360.457.8471 ext 7422 or email at harmony.arakawa@elwha.org
Emergency Management

Fire Season

Summer is here and along with it comes fire season. The prediction for Washington, including the west side, is for significant fire danger. Although wildfires are not as common here as western Washington they are still a threat.

Some things you can do to reduce threat around your home –

- Create a 30 foot safety zone around the house by removing flammable vegetation and yard debris
- Keep debris and wood piles at least 50 feet from your house.
- Store all flammables in metal containers and away from your home.
- Use non-flammable material for ground cover instead of wood chips or bark

Update on Active Shooter Training

Active shooter training has been given to Klallam Counseling, Child Care and Head start. Approximately 30 employees have taken the training so far. Unfortunately, this sort of training is necessary in this day and age.

The active shooter training is scheduled for the Clinic Staff in August and I will be working with department directors to cover all the remaining staff. A huge thank you to Corporal David Dombrowski of the Port Angeles Police Department for conducting the initial session.

Glen Roggenbuck
Emergency Management

Corporal Dombrowski is pictured speaking with Elwha Counseling Staff during the training session.

Wednesday, July 11, 2018, 6:30pm

CERT: Community Emergency Response Team
Meeting and Slide Presentation of NW Pacific Coast earthquake and tsunami preparation planning.
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**Arrests for May**
Marlin Manuel- Violation of Court Order
Donna Sero- Violation of Court Order
Dylan Bennett- Violation of Court Order
Leo Sawyer-Lucas-Driving While Intoxicated

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**Fireworks Safety Tips for Families**
- Fireworks can result in severe burns, blindness, scars and even death.
- Fireworks that are often thought to be safe, such as sparklers, can reach temperatures above 1000°fahrenheit, and can burn users and bystanders.
- Families should attend community fireworks displays run by professionals rather than using fireworks at home.

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Celebrate safely on The Fourth of July
## Tribal Members Birthday List for July 2018


### Staff Birthday List for July 2018

Social Services Employment Program

Happy Summer All! Please remember school is out and we need to watch for the young ones out having fun in the sun!

Remember that 10 minutes a day spent with your kids makes a great difference in how they will view the world, show them what is important and spend at least 10 minutes a day playing with them with no interruptions.

**Summer Food Program:**

**Summer Food program** 12noon to 1pm youth age 1 to 18 are welcome to come to the dining hall for a free nutritious lunch with the summer food program. We are excited to be able to provide a space for youth and elders to share a meal together. *closed July 4th & 5th in observance of Independence Day.*

**June Highlights of the Month:**

Jacqueline Wilson is a new employee at the Lower Elwha Food and Fuel. Daniel “Sonny” Bennett has been flagging for Clallam County. Juliette Charles-Elofson has completed her online scuba diving course and is well on her way to becoming a certified diver! Help us congratulate these hard workers when you see them.

**2018 July TANF Calendar**

July 4th & 5th Offices are closed in observance of Independence Day.

July 16th to 19th TANF staff will be out of the office attending Annual Tribal TANF Institute.

**Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program**

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

Learning disabilities are one of those serious matters that affect our children. These disabilities are not immediately noticed, but can be seen over time. There are many learning disabilities, but we will concentrate on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) for this article. Once referred to as Attention Deficit Disorder, or ADD, this disability shows itself in three ways. Inattention, Hyperactivity or a combination of both.

Inattention is sort of self-explanatory. However, this also includes avoiding schoolwork, many simple mistakes, quickly losing interest in school activities, losing track of what they are doing or frequently losing homework.

Hyperactivity can be described by someone that suddenly blurs out a comment during a school lecture or quiet time, someone who constantly talks, can’t sit still, interrupts others and unable to do tasks quietly.

Certain factors can result in a child developing ADHD. These include; exposure to toxic chemicals during a young age, smoking, drinking or drug use during pregnancy, injuries to the brain, low birth weight or it is hereditary. Watch your children in their daily activities and take the appropriate action if you suspect something. Their future depends on you.

Questions or registration- Please contact Melissa Gilman 360-417-8545 Ext 2912

or Email Melissa.gilman@elwha.org
Congratulations to:
John Salvador Coleman-Daniels Jr.
Monterey Trail High School
Elk Grove, CA
High School Graduate
Class of 2018
Valerie Ramirez

Congratulations, Nick Runningwolf!
On completing his online training in Dental Assisting at Olympic College! Well, done!

Social Services-Family Advocacy

I want to send my sincere THANK YOU to each and everyone of you who helped me with the 1st Community Action event, the 5th Planting Seeds of Hope event, the 5th Resource Fair, and the last Community Family Night.

Special thanks to our honorable Council Members for their continued support, Social Services director Kelly Bradley and staff, Task Force team, Elwha Health Clinic, Law Enforcement department, Marissa Pratt, Jody Potter, Roberta Kimberly, Luana Arakawa, Mark Charles, Lorna Mike and grandchild, Lola Moses, Warren Stevens, Jason Wheeler and son, Jared Moses, Mo, Enrique Flores, Kodi Luvaas, Dorene Charles, Jonathan Arakawa, Lori Arakawa, local providers and agencies, Accounting department, Jennifer Hutto, Bonnie Peters, my children, and those I may have not mentioned. If I missed your name, my apologies. I am greatly appreciative of all the help I received prior, during and after the events.

Sincerely,

Beatriz Arakawa
Program Manager and Victim Advocate
Lower Elwha Family Advocacy Program-Social Services Dept.
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
3080 Lower Elwha Rd. Port Angeles, WA. 98363
Office: 360-565-7257 ext. 7453; Cellular Hotline: 360-460-1745 and 360-775-9346
E-mail: Beatriz.arakawa@elwha.org
"Catherine recently graduated with her Bachelors of Science in Native Environmental Science from Northwest Indian College with honors. We couldn't be more proud of you. Your accomplishment is and will continue to be an inspiration for your family for years to come." Family & Squad
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Monday July 2
10:30am-7pm
Tuesday July 3
9am-7pm
Wednesday July 4 & Thursday July 5
Gym Closed

Youth trips and activities schedule will be out later today!