



January 2024

# Elwha News

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**Once again the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe participated in the Shop with a Hero program. It was another huge success with over 125 children engaged in the process. Thank you very much to Tribal Council for their very generous donation. There were lots of smiling, happy children that day.**



January 2025

Dear Lower Elwha Tribal Community Members,

Happy New Year!! I hope and pray that everyone had a safe and Happy New Year!! It seems that time goes by so fast. Once again the council authorized a Christmas benefit for our members. I hope that you enjoyed Christmas and New Year's. I am proud of how our tribe takes care of our members and each other.

We tribes have another four tough years ahead of us with the new administration. We will have to keep our head down and keep going. We survived the first four years. I am worried about it though. The administration is not a rookie anymore. This administration now knows how to move things in a timely manner and has experience. That can't be good for us tribes. But we are Strong People and will get through this.

You may have noticed all the construction around streams replacing culverts. That's because the tribes sued Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) over fish blocking culverts. The court said WSDOT has to replace fish blocking culverts. Now WSDOT is telling the tribes they can't meet the court mandate regarding the time line to achieve the goal. The reason is the WSDOT claims they have no funds. We tribes are working to ensure the court mandate is upheld or at least figure out and when it can be done. I've attended a lot of meetings over this issue both with the tribes and state, together and separately. Not all tribes are in agreement and it gets complicated. I sit in the construction zones and can't get mad because it is for our salmon.

I have been attending the Region 10

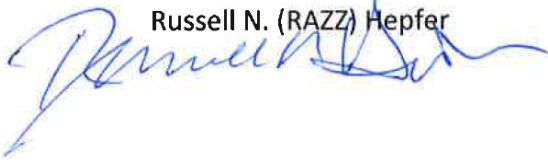
Tribal Operations Committee with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officials. We work on natural resource issues. I represent Western Washington State tribes. From there I am also participating on the National Tribal Caucus. At this level I represent EPA's Region 10 at the national level talking about all the issues in Region 10. Region 10 consists of Washington, Oregon, Idaho tribes and Alaskan Native Villages. Of course I am not the only representative. There are several of us serving on the committees and councils. I take this work very seriously as it affects our tribe.

We have just started the Pacific Salmon and Pacific Fisheries Management Council negotiations. We go through this every year. It takes up to four months to get it done. We tribes have to come to an agreement within ourselves and we have to come to an agreement with our co-managers, the State of Washington. Sometimes it can get quite contentious. Everyone is trying to protect what we perceive as ours. Elwha's fishing fleet used to be large, fishing for Sockeye, Coho and Chum. Now we just fish in the Hood Canal. Imagine that, Chum used to be the gravy fishery in the canal. We would move from the straits to the Hood Canal. It was a fun time of year. Now it is our mainstay. I have been pushing the state to stop harvesting Chum in the canal using purse sein vessels. They go in there and it looks like a city. The state did reduce the number of seiners but I feel that is not enough. When the seiners leave, it takes two to three days for the fish to return. Plus the seiners make sure they are present during the peak of the run. Even the Washington State Gillnetters agree that the purse seiners don't need to be there. I will keep doing what Billy Frank Jr always told us, "Tell Your Story."

Paddle to Elwha 2025 is fast approaching. What an exciting time! We have Sammy Sampson’s land assignment cleared and getting ready to construct a 200 foot by 200 foot steel building. We hired a geotech firm to help determine where the best spot to put the building. To put the size into perspective, the Puyallup tent for last year’s journey was 100 feet by 100 feet. This building will also be used for other tribal events and maybe casino events. I can’t wait to see how it will look. Lower Elwha Tribe takes pride in how our buildings look. I would like to look for funding to have a new administration building. Council agreed to hire a Canoe Journey Coordinator. I am not quite sure where that is at. We had a few that applied but they were nontribal. I suggested that we perform a lateral move from within our employees. Anyway.... More to come.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Thank you for all your support over the years.

Respectfully,

Russell N. (RAZZ) Hepfer  




# Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)

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



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



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

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

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

## A Magical Brunch with Santa *A Festive Affair for the Whole Family*

On Sunday, December 15th, 2024, the community gathered for a truly magical Brunch with Santa himself, held from 10 AM to 1 PM. The event was a celebration of the holiday season, filled with joy, laughter, a sprinkle of Christmas magic and music.



Santa Claus, looking dashing in his red suit and snowy white beard, made a special appearance, with twinkling eyes and a warm smile, he listened intently to each child's Christmas wish as he danced and visited with everyone.

The brunch was delicious and prepared by a team of dedicated volunteers: Warren Stevens, Bucky Johnston, Becca Sampson-Weed, Councilwoman Melissa Gilman, Julie Helgeson, Tammie Stevens, Pebs Wheeler, and many others. The menu featured an array of breakfast favorites, including warm pancakes, crispy bacon, savory sausage, buttery biscuits, potatoes, and drinks.

A special thank you to Santa's elves, Tonya Clark, Keri Ellis, Lorinda Robideau, Kenzie Trantham, Councilwoman Tia Skerbeck, and the countless others who worked tirelessly to distribute toys from Santa's sleigh. Fancy Hamilton, the elf, captured precious moments with her camera for all the families to enjoy. A big thank you to the Recreation Department for their invaluable assistance in the preparation and cleanup of this event.

Special thanks to our volunteers:



Tyler Turrey , Thomas Sheey , Dorene Charles, Michael Charles, Mo Moses, Melaine Wheeler, Ted Bowen, Samantha Acosta, Becky Charles, Sateva Henderson, Brenda Francis -Thomas, Keeoma Messenger, Evelyn Ellsworth, Rayin Blewitt, Nicole Volkmann, Tashena Francis, Jeremy Acosta , and Brad Holloway.

A huge thank you to the Lower Elwha Food and Fuel for providing water and cups.

A tremendous thank you to the Elwha River Casino for assisting Santa in providing such an incredible variety of toys and gift cards for every child, newborn to 18.

So many of the community was a part of this memorable experience and stayed to ensure that everything was cleaned up and put away after the event. Thank you to tribal council for making this event possible.

May your holidays have been happy ones by the time you read this.



### A Successful Holiday Bazaar at the Lower Elwha Tribal Center

The Lower Elwha Tribal Center hosted a successful holiday bazaar on December 6th and 7th, 2024, featuring a total of 40 local artisans and vendors over 2 days. The event was a festive gathering of the community and beyond, offering a unique shopping experience and opportunities to support local businesses.

On Friday, December 6th, a portion of the event included a fundraiser to support Dr. January Austin's medical expenses. The community rallied together to show their support for Dr. Austin, while enjoying mouthwatering Indian tacos, prepared by Brandy and Gina Williams, Thank you to everyone who came out to show their support.

On Saturday, December 7th, the bazaar continued with a variety of vendors offering hand-

crafted items, delicious food, and holiday gifts. The community came together once more to fundraise for youth at Port Angeles High School to attend a trip to Portugal to study environmental science. Biscuits and gravy, fry bread and stew, as well as variety and treats and beverages were sold.

Our Recreation Department, Bucky Johnston, and Mo Moses helped along with other amazing volunteers to help make this event happen. Thank you so much!

Tribal Council, Tribal Administration, and our gracious vendors provided a number of wonderful raffle items for vendors and buyers alike. Congratulations to the winners. A huge há?nəŋ cn to The Warehouse for the donation of a beautiful dining set for our grand prize raffle that was valued at \$1500.00. Congratulations to our grand prizewinner Justine Clifford!

Happiest of birthdays to my favorite child Zoey!! Keep on shining bright my child.... I love you as big as the world and then some!! I hope 14 treats you well because you are doing AMAZING!!



A tremendous congratulations to Ramona Valadez, daughter of Jamie and Steve Valadez. She has graduated with her Masters in



Special Education and Applied Behavior Analysis. We are so proud of you.



*Lower Elwha 1910 Indian Shaker Church*

**January 17, 18, 19, 2025**

**Everyone welcome!**

**Friday:** 6pm Supper  
Shake afterwards

**Saturday:** 5pm Supper  
Shake afterwards

**Sunday:** 10am Sunday Service

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







## LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

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Phone: 360.452.8471

2851 Lower Elwha Road

Fax: 360.452.3428

Port Angeles, WA 98363

### LEKT Facility Reservation Agreement

**Please complete and return this application to the above address. The LEKT facility reservation application and policies and procedures can be accessed on [www.elwha.org](http://www.elwha.org). When applications are received, they will be reviewed and you will be contacted to confirm your reservation. Your reservation will be placed on the LEKT facility reservation calendar. You must be 18 years or older and a member of the LEKT Community to reserve facilities. Reservations must be made within the same calendar year.**

**During Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years’ Holidays, families may only reserve one single day. Not more than one. Families may only reserve one of the following holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year’s Eve and New Year’s during a calendar year, so that as many families as possible can enjoy our facilities during the holiday season. You cannot use extended family to extend reservation days during these peak holiday reservation dates. We appreciate your understanding in regards to this matter.**

**Please note: The Heritage Center is a paid rental site with its own policies and rental applications. For more information see <https://www.elwha.org/departments/social-services/elwha-klallam-heritage-center/>**

Name/Organization Responsible: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of the Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_



### LEKT Facility Reservation Agreement Cont'd

**Tribal Center Dining Hall 2851 Lower Elwha Rd.**

Weekdays 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Weekends-Holidays 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM

**Tribal Center Kitchen, 2851 Lower Elwha Rd.**

Weekdays 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Weekends-Holidays 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM

**LEKT Gymnasium, 2851 Lower Elwha Rd.**

Saturday 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM  
Sunday-Holidays 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM

**Gathering Place/Veteran's Center, 247 NS Klallam Dr.**

Monday- Sunday 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM

**Billy Whiteshoes Softball Field**

Monday-Sunday Dawn to Dusk

**Please Note:** Reservation of some of the above facilities requires you to follow cleanup and special care procedures, which are attached to this application form. You must read and sign to acknowledge that you have read and understand the procedures that apply to the specific facility you are requesting to reserve.

**Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Facilities Hold Harmless Agreement**

**The undersigned, on behalf of himself, herself, or themselves, or his, her, or their agents, hereby agree to defend and hold the LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE and its officials, employees, and agents harmless against any claims and/or lawsuits for personal injury and/or property damage arising out of, or in any way connected with the use of the above described premises.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE

**LEKT Facility Reservation Agreement Cont'd**

**Acknowledgment of Review of LEKT Community Use of Facilities Policies and Procedures**

**I hereby acknowledge that I have reviewed and agree to follow the LEKT Community use of Facilities Policies and Procedures.**

\_\_\_\_\_ (initials)

**Gathering Place Veteran's Center-**

**No supplies are provided by LEKT. You will need to bring your own paper/plastic products. You will need to bring all necessary food including seasonings and oil.**

- Wash all dishes.
- Clean and sanitize sinks.
- Wash and sanitize all used counters, cutting boards and appliances.
- Sweep and mop floor. **Use wet floor signs.**
- Garbage is to be put in bags and placed in the appropriate dumpster outside.
- Check restrooms for cleanliness.
- Check to ensure all stove, oven, and coffee burner is off.
- Secure/lock all doors before leaving the facility.

I have reviewed and agree to abide by these cleanup and special care procedures.

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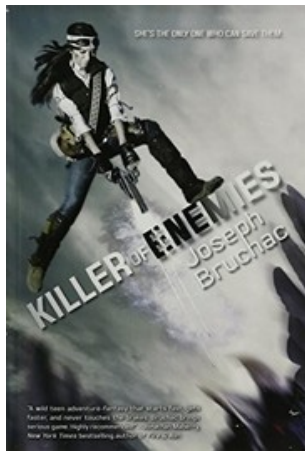
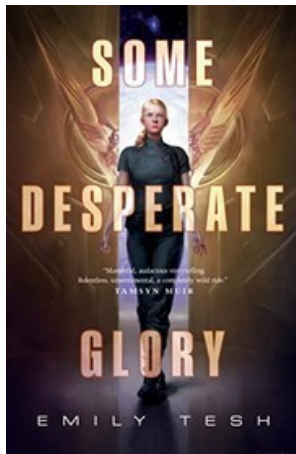
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### January 2<sup>nd</sup> is National Science Fiction Day!

To celebrate, here are a few of our favorite Sci-Fi books:

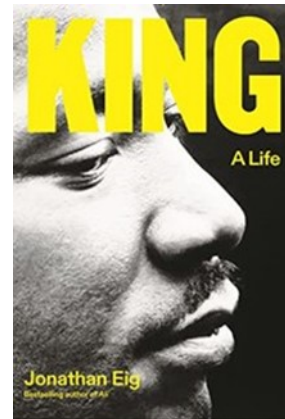
- Some Desperate Glory* by Emily Tesh
- Star Wars: Resistance Reborn* by Rebecca Roanhorse
- Killer of Enemies* by Joseph Bruchac
- Trail of Lightning* by Rebecca Roanhorse



### Celebrate the Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, we are featuring *King: A Life* by Jonathan Eig. "In this revelatory new portrait of the preacher and activist who shook the world, the biographer gives us a view of the courageous and often emotionally troubled human being who de-

manded peaceful protest for his movement but was rarely at peace with himself."



### Weekly Classes for January

We are continuing our weekly class series each Wednesday at 5-6pm in the Library. This month's schedule is as follows: Jan. 8: Career Search Skills; Jan. 15: Introduction to MS Word with Northstar Online Learning; Jan. 22: Programming for Kids: Using Scratch to Create Your Own Video Games (all ages welcome, best for ages 9 and up); Jan. 29: Introduction to MS Excel with Northstar Online Learning; Classes take place on Zoom or in person by request. Please make sure you're following the Education & Recreation channel on LEKT Camp Crier to stay updated on the latest information on class schedules and other goings-on in the Library and Education Department. The Zoom link will also be posted there.



## November Dry Creek Honor Roll

**We want to celebrate the following students Who have 95% or more Attendance for October:**

ELIJAH AUSTIN  
 VIOLET AUSTIN  
 CYRUS BOLSTROM  
 LUCIEN BOLSTROM  
 CIARA CHARLES  
 KATHERINE CHARLES  
 LISA CHARLES  
 MALENA CHARLES  
 O'SHEA CHARLES  
 PHOENIX CHARLES  
 DASAN CHARLES-ELOFSON  
 JAIDYN EASTMAN  
 TEYAH ELOFSON-CROSS  
 JAMES FRANCIS  
 OOSHA GOLDSBURY  
 TJ GOLDSBURY  
 CASEY GOLDSBURY-ROBINSON  
 HUXLEY HEINER  
 LILITH HENDRICKS  
 ROBERT HENDRICKS  
 VIOLET HENDRICKS  
 CHLOE HOLLOWAY  
 RUSSELL JACKSON  
 KAMIA JENNINGS  
 KAYLEE KONOPATSKI  
 BRAVEN LITTLE YOUNGMAN  
 ZAYNE LOK  
 ZYRRIAH LOK  
 KARLEIGH MASON  
 JARISON MOSES  
 GENESIS PETERS  
 RUBEN PETERS  
 MAX SERO

TIADOSA TOM  
 VANNA TOM  
 JAXON WILLIAMS  
 TYDUS WOODS  
 RAYQUAN JAMES  
 NICOLE YAZZIE  
 BRYANT SALUSKIN  
 CHARLOTTE MCGARVIE  
 FRANK BENNETT  
 CHRISTOPHER BENNETT

## November Dry Creek Awards

**We want to celebrate the following students for getting awards for being Responsible, Academic Award for Social Studies, and Kindness:**

### RESPONSIBLE AWARD:

RYLEE COLWELL

### ACADEMIC AWARD—SOCIAL STUDIES:

EMMA MARQUEZ

### ACADEMIC AWARD—SOCIAL STUDIES:

TYLER ELOFSON-CROSS

### KINDNESS AWARD:

VANNA TOM


### KINDNESS AWARD:

TIADOSA TOM

**LOWER ELWHA GYM**

**EYB - Elwha Youth Basketball  
GYM Opens at 6am Mon-Fri**

**January 2025**

| Sun       | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
|-----------|---|--|---|--|---|---|
|           |   |  | <b>1</b><br>Gym Closed  | <b>2</b><br>Gym Closed   | <b>3</b><br>Gym Closed  | <b>4</b><br>Gym Closed  |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br>6am-830pm<br>Elders Movement 10am/11am<br>ASP 230pm<br>EYB 4pm<br>Adult Basketball 630pm  | <b>7</b><br>6am-830pm<br>Chair Volleyball 12pm<br>ASP 230pm<br>Pitching 5pm<br>PA Rams Basketball 630pm  | <b>8</b><br>6am-830pm<br>Elders Movement 10am/11am<br>ASP 230pm<br>EYB 4pm<br>Adult Basketball 630pm  | <b>9</b><br>6am-830pm<br>Noon Hoops 12pm<br>ASP 230pm<br>Pitching 5pm<br>EYB Training 630pm  | <b>10</b><br>6am--830pm<br>Elders Movement 10am/11am<br>ASP 230pm<br>Black Light Family Night | <b>11</b><br>10am-6pm<br>Large Games 11am<br>Nintendo Switch Games 3pm              |
| <b>12</b> | <b>13</b><br>6am-830pm<br>Elders Movement 10am/11am<br>ASP 230pm<br>EYB 4pm<br>Adult Basketball 630pm | <b>14</b><br>6am-830pm<br>Chair Volleyball 12pm<br>ASP 230pm<br>Pitching 5pm<br>PA Rams Basketball 630pm | <b>15</b><br>6am-830pm<br>Elders Movement 10am/11am<br>ASP 230pm<br>EYB 4pm<br>Adult Basketball 630pm | <b>16</b><br>6am-830pm<br>Noon Hoops 12pm<br>ASP 230pm<br>Pitching 5pm<br>EYB Training 630pm | <b>17</b><br>6am--830pm<br>Elders Movement 10am/11am<br>ASP 230pm<br>Teen Night               | <b>18</b><br>10am-6pm<br>Movie Day TBD 3pm  |
| <b>19</b> | <b>20</b><br>Gym Closed   | <b>21</b><br>6am-830pm<br>Chair Volleyball 12pm<br>ASP 230pm<br>Pitching 5pm<br>PA Rams Basketball 630pm | <b>22</b><br>6am-830pm<br>Elders Movement 10am/11am<br>ASP 230pm<br>EYB 4pm<br>Adult Basketball 630pm | <b>23</b><br>6am-830pm<br>Noon Hoops 12pm<br>ASP 230pm<br>Pitching 5pm<br>EYB Training 630pm | <b>24</b><br>6am--830pm<br>Elders Movement 10am/11am<br>ASP 230pm<br><b>Inter Tribal</b>      | <b>25</b><br>10am-6pm<br>Board Games 11am<br>Mario Kart Tourney 3pm                 |
| <b>26</b> | <b>27</b><br>6am-830pm<br>Elders Movement 10am/11am<br>ASP 230pm<br>EYB 4pm<br>Adult Basketball 630pm | <b>28</b><br>6am-830pm<br>Chair Volleyball 12pm<br>ASP 230pm<br>Pitching 5pm<br>PA Rams Basketball 630pm | <b>29</b><br>6am-830pm<br>Elders Movement 10am/11am<br>ASP 230pm<br>EYB 4pm<br>Adult Basketball 630pm | <b>30</b><br>6am-830pm<br>Noon Hoops 12pm<br>ASP 230pm<br>Pitching 5pm<br>EYB Training 630pm | <b>31</b><br>Elders Movement 10am/11am<br>ASP 230pm<br>NERF Night                             |  |



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Here is some photos from the USA BMX Grands awards ceremony. Pictured in 2 of the photos are Chloe Holloway, Sean Coleman, Kylan Weitz and Teyah Elofson-Cross. The other photo is Chloe Holloway and B.A. Anderson the head of USA BMX. Chloe was the #2 fundraiser for the entire country. She raised over \$5200 in honor of her late grandmother Ramona Sampson. Putting her total of funds raised for the last 2 years at just under \$10,000. The money raised goes to the lymphoma and leukemia society to help fund cancer research. Chloe is thankful for the support she gets from her community. She could never achieve goals with each one of you. She is proud to be Klallam from Elwha. She is proud to help fight against cancer. Look out for next year's fundraising efforts to start in the new year. Again thank you all.



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| 5<br> | 6<br>9-12pm Gift making  | 7<br>9-12pm Gift making<br>3-7pm Wool woven skirt class     | 8<br>9-12pm Gift making  | 9<br>9-12pm Gift making<br>3-7pm Wool woven skirt class  | 10   | 11  |
| 12<br>9am-3pm Wool woven skirt class   | 13<br>9-12pm Gift making | 14<br>9-12pm Gift making<br>5-7pm Drum Group in Dining Hall | 15<br>9-12pm Gift making | 16<br>9-12pm Gift making<br>3-7pm Wool woven skirt class | 17   | 18  |
| 19   | 20                       | 21<br>9-12pm Gift making<br>3-7pm Wool woven skirt class    | 22<br>9-12pm Gift making | 23<br>9-12pm Gift making<br>3-7pm Wool woven skirt class | 24<br>5:30pm Dinner in Dining hall<br>next week's Layem Song and Dance Practice @ Gym  | 25  |
| 26   | 27                       | 28<br>9-12pm Gift making<br>5-7pm Drum Group in Dining Hall | 29<br>9-12pm Gift making | 30<br>9-12pm Gift making<br>3-7pm Wool woven skirt class | All classes will be located at the Culture Club 322 Stratton rd.  |     |



**Elwha Drum Group**

**Song & Dance Practice**  
**Jan 14, 2025**  
**5:00pm**

For more Info Contact:  
 harmony at [harmony.arakawa@elwha.org](mailto:harmony.arakawa@elwha.org) OR  
 Karrin @ 564.215.1490

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# Song & Dance Practice

Join us 1/24/2025 for Drum practice at 5:30 PM  
 Dinner - Elwha Dining hall practice to follow in Gymnasium

Whether you're a seasoned performer or a curious newcomer, all are welcome to participate in this lively and engaging practice.



For more info contact *Harmony* via email at [harmony.arakawa@elwha.org](mailto:harmony.arakawa@elwha.org) or reach out to *Karrin* by texting 564.215.1490. Come ready to move, sing, and have fun!

HAPPY 13<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY  
 MAKAI J, LOVE MOM  
 HAPPY 15<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY  
 ELVIRA, LOVE AUNTIE  
 ROSIE



**Happy Birthday Nana!**



**We love you sooooo much!**





**Elwha  
Drum Group**

Join us 1/28/2025  
Drum practice  
at 5:00 PM  
Elwha Dining Hall

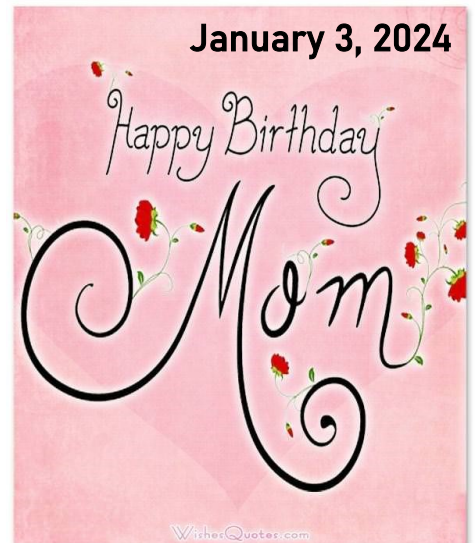
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Karrin @ 564.215.1490

Whether you're a seasoned performer or a curious newcomer, all are welcome to participate in this lively and engaging practice.

**January 25, 2024**



I love you Elvira !  
Love Gramma Pebbles



Love you so much !!  
Love Pebbles

**January 6, 2024**

Happy Birthday Diana !  
Hope you have the best day !

Love Mom

**January 11, 2024**

Happy Birthday Makai  
Stinky Butt !! Love you kiddo !!

Love Gramma Pebbles

**January Boys !**

Happy Birthday to Nando, Omari and Ziggy !!  
Hope you have the best day ever ! Love you guys so MUCH !!

Love Auntie Pebs

Don't miss this new opportunity with LEKT Natural Resources & NOAA's Northwest Fisheries Science Center to learn and gain career skills:

## Youth Fisheries & Science Outreach Education Program!

# OPEN INTERVIEWS



Mon. & Tue.  
**January 6 & 7**  
**4 PM - 7 PM**  
Heritage Center

### Two Positions Available

For LEKT youth ages 16-25 pursuing work experience in natural resources

**January -March**  
10 weeks; 2 days/week

up to \$2700 stipend available for completion of training and end-of-term outreach project



Gain hands-on fisheries field skills, practice fish identification,

**AND**

learn how to create media content or an educational resource about your experiences!

Fill out the application form and upload a resume or cover letter using the QR code below. **If you don't have these, show up anyway!** We will help you build them and fill out the form. Hope to see you there!



**Questions? Contact**  
McKenzi Taylor 360-704-0861  
or Chelsea Korbolic 805-235-3571







January 2025

Hello, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Community members and Readers!

Happy New Year! I hope this New Year brings you more greatness in life.

Here are January's events with the Lower Elwha Family Advocacy Program:

Soup for the Soul Support Circle for victims/survivors: 1/28/2025 11:00am – 1:00pm.

Elders' Regalia Making/Sewing Class: Tuesday 1/28/2025 and Thursday 1/30/2025 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

#### 2024 Highlights:

2024 was one of many busy years for staff as they continue implementing the OVW FY2022 grant for the second year while gaining and losing staff. LEFA staff have provided multiple community events and awareness/outreach to inform and educate individuals about the LEFA program services, gave tools to stay safe, connected and engaged. Below are highlights:

About 11 newsletter articles. Thank you to Chrissi Ducotey for accepting, editing and publishing my articles.

**February** – National Teen Dating Awareness Month – Teen Dance ““Night Under the stars - ʔáwəł tə tíyaʔtáwsənaʔ” with middle school students.

**April** - National Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Staff tied teal ribbons at LEKT facilities, garbage picked up from Elwha River Casino to Tribal Center; gave away vegetable seeds to commemorate the World Earth Day

awareness; Special Teal drink at Cedar Box as promo and awareness.

**May** - Remembered MMIWP with awareness walk and ceremony in honored of few family members of MMIWP.

**June** - Assisted at Pride Walk – LGBTQ+ event. Two staff attended the Inter-Tribal Working Group meeting in Tulalip, WA. Outreach at End of School Barbeque.

**August** – Beatriz attended and provided outreach at Quileute New Beginning Take Back the Night DV/SA awareness.

**September** – participated in “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” with Healthy Families of Clallam County. One staff attended the MMIWP summit in Ferndale, WA; other staff participated at the 2024 Annual WSCADV – Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence Conference in Yakima, WA, where she was elected as a Board of member of WSCADV. The WomenSpirit Coalition donated worth of \$5,000 for events and victims' emergency supplies.

**October** – “Breaking the Silence – [čəʔxʷáyú st cə səmíxʷtxʷ](#) “of Domestic violence awareness walk was facilitated with partners. Becca, Nancy, Jimmy and Beatriz received awards from WomenSpirit Coalition.

**November** –Honorable Chairwoman Frances Charles gave Beatriz permission to provide testimony at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation on November 19-21, 2024 at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**December** – It is a short work month but staff was busy assisting victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking with their emergency needs. Beatriz attended the Inter-Tribal Working Group Training/meeting in Columbia, South Carolina with the help of National Advocacy Center

and LEKT.

**From June to December**, staff provided and facilitated many outreach/awareness activities, such as: LGBTQ+ Two-Spirit and Their allies support group, earring beading, canoe key holder, wool weaving, painting, wind chime, dream catcher, regalia making/sewing class, and soup for the soul support group.

My sincerest and heartfelt THANK YOU to all of you partners, collaborators, participants, and victims/survivors. I'm grateful to the Tribes: Jamestown, Makah, Quileute, Hoh, and Port Gamble; LEKT: Business Committee Councils, Chief Executive Office, Police, Social Services, Clinic, Court/Justice, Elwha River Ca-

sino, Elwha Food & Fuel, Natural Resources, Heritage Center, Grant Planning, Maintenance/ground crew, Recreation, Culture, Education, Klallam Counseling; Healthy Families, Mariposa house, Quileute New Beginning, Peninsula Daily News, City of Port Angeles, WomenSpirit Coalition – WA State Native American Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, WSCADV – WA State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Resilience Project of Clallam County, and many more.

LEFA staff will be looking forward for more activities with you to support our mission.

## LOWER ELWHA FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM

We help Tribal and Community Members with:

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

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

 **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!**

### Additional 24/7 Resources

*Healthy Families of Clallam County: 360-452-HELP/4357*

*National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE/7233*

*StrongHearts Native Helpline: 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483)*

*Peninsula Behavioral Health: 24/7 Crisis Support Call: 1-888—910-0416*

*Elwha SART: 360-452-6252 ext. 1; after hour: 541-526-9256*

*National Truck Emergency Road Service: 866-237-7203*

*AAA Roadside Assistance: 800-AAA-HELP*

*Emergency: 911*

**Happy New Year! Stay Safe, Warm, and Connected!**

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**Happy New Year from the Lower Elwha Housing Authority staff!!**

**Christmas may be over, but winter will be around for a few more months. Winters can be unpredictable, so be prepared for the coming cold!**

- If you have a fireplace or wood stove check your dampers to make sure they open and close properly. When not in use, keep the damper closed to prevent a draft and heat loss.
- Test smoke and carbon detectors before firing up the wood burning heat sources and change batteries if needed.
- Clean up around the exterior of the house, remove any brush and wood near the house to prevent rodent infestations, mice will be looking for a nice place to stay warm and dry.
- Disconnect hoses from exterior faucets and cover with an insulated faucet/spigot cover.

**Reminders:**

- ♦ **Recertifications should be completed 60 to 120 days before due date and are a requirement of your lease agreement!!**
- ♦ **Don't forget to update your waiting list file annually.**
- ♦ **Remember to notify us if you change your phone number because communication is essential.**

L.E.H.A. tenants can call 360-912-1108 to report maintenance EMERGENCIES.



★ Hello ★  
WINTER



November 2024 Newsletter

**Klallam Strong: Nutrition & Diabetes Newsletter**

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

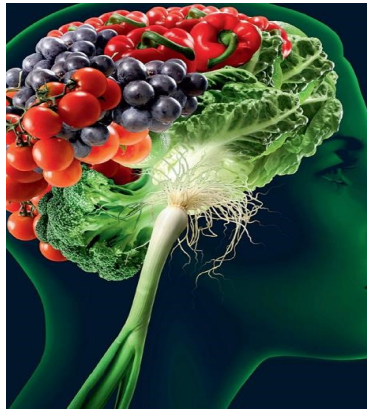
In this issue:

- \* Lowering of blood sugar
- \* Did you know?
- \* Food & Mood

**Can food lift your mood?**

Holidays can be a stressful time. Studies show that people who eat a healthy diet were less likely to have depression symptoms. This includes:

- Omega 3 fatty foods/ shellfish
- Whole grains
- Nuts
- Fiber from fruits and veggies
- Adding 'good' bacteria: kefir, yogurt, sauerkraut, garlic and onions.

**Did you Know?**

**Drinking green tea daily may lower your risk of developing heart disease and stroke.**

**Green tea has great antioxidant properties. Enjoy 1-2 c. a day.**

**Ways to Lower Your Blood Sugar**

1. Are you taking your medicine/insulin at the right time? Fast-acting insulin should be taken 15 minutes before the meal and your oral meds at the meal.
2. Exercise. Can lower blood sugar 30-50 points in just 10-15 minutes. Exercise makes your muscles more sensitive to insulin and burns carbs.
3. Stay hydrated with water. Blood sugars >200 can cause dehydration.
4. Choose lower glycemic foods such as oatmeal, beans, whole grains instead of white flour processed food items.
5. Eat foods high in Magnesium: dark leafy green, whole grains, fish, dark chocolate.
6. Eat foods high in Chromium: egg yolk, whole grains, nuts, green beans, broccoli

Check your blood sugars. "What gets measured gets managed".

If you would like a nutrition session, please call me @ 360-912-1500.



## The Heritage Center Presents:

Upcoming classes and workshops. Scan the QR code to join the interest list! - We'll work together to find a class that fits your needs.

### **Coming up in 2025!:**

- What is credit? How to effectively boost your score and why it matters. First Fed experts will be onsite teaching the best in credit management.
  - Cooking Classes with Toga
  - High School & Beyond Workshops and Creating Your Scholarship Notebook
  - Hiring events with NOAA and the WA Department of Corrections
  - Food Handler's Permit Classes
  - Collaborations with Culture and gift-making for Journeys 2025
- ... and so much more! Stay tuned for dates for these and more exciting learning opportunities.

### **Work Readiness Workshop**



Our Essential Pre-Job Search Skills Workshop is designed to provide you with everything you need to know and have in your possession before you begin looking for work. This workshop will help you build a strong foundation, boosting your confidence and readiness to tackle job applications and interviews.

### **Job Search Strategies**

Create a plan for your job search. In this session you will plan your job search, schedule your week to be more effective, develop your own "elevator speech" and learn how to effectively utilize your job search network through using internet and networking skills.





# INDIAN SHAKER CHURCH



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**January 2025**

Dear Community Members,

This letter provides a courtesy list to the opening weekends of churches in Washington State.

**Below are the weekends when churches are open:**

| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| La Push         | Queets          | Lower Elwha     | Taholah         |
| Concrete        | Tulalip         | Swinomish       | Lummi           |
| Malott          |                 |                 | Nespelem        |
| Satus           |                 |                 |                 |

**Others:**

Mud Bay & White Swan open every Sunday for 10 AM Sunday Service.

**Announcement:** As announced in the January Tribal Newsletter, **Lower Elwha** will be open **January 17, 18, 19, 2025**, at the **Veterans Center**.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our Church Leadership (*contact information provided above*). God bless you.

# Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Vocational Rehab

Employment Services For Natives With Disabilities

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**ENROLLED NATIVE AMERICANS WITH DOCUMENTED DISABILITIES MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE SERVICES AND FUNDING TOWARD VOCATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL GOALS.**

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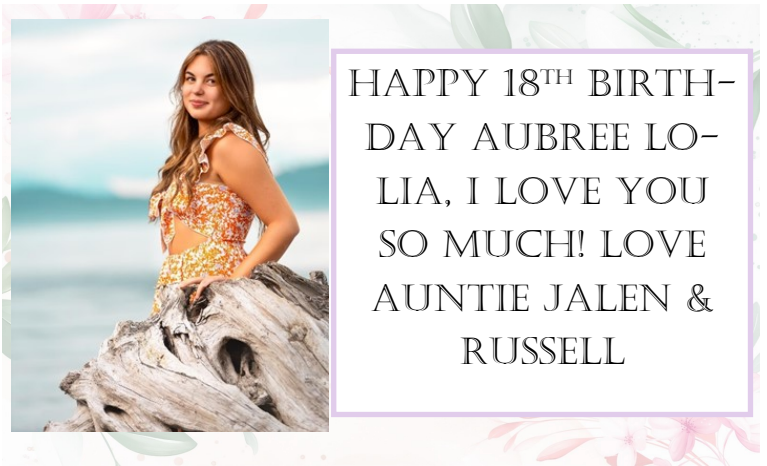
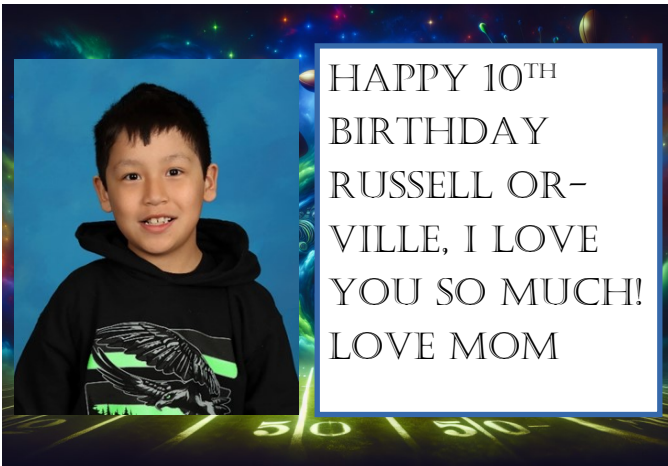
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“So proud of you, Joaquin Robideau, for passing the state and national REALTOR® exam! Your hard work and dedication have paid off, and we are excited to see all the success and opportunities that lie ahead in your real estate career. Congratulations on this amazing achievement!



Love Mom and Dad and our whole family



### WINTER DRIVING TIPS

### WHAT TO CARRY IN YOUR CAR

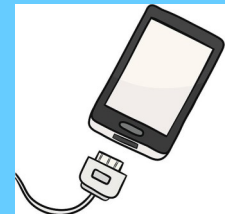
Because you never know when you will encounter winter weather or emergency road closure



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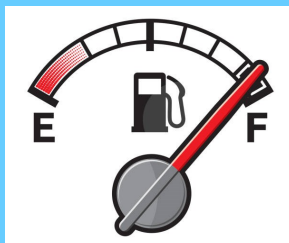
FLASHLIGHT  
(CHECK BATTERIES)



CELL PHONE CHARGER



ICE SCRAPER



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WATER AND SNACKS

| <b>2024 Service Record</b>         | <b>Nov</b> |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| 911 Hang-Up                        | 4          |
| Accident-Vehicle                   | 7          |
| Alarm/Alarm Check                  | 4          |
| Animal Calls                       | 8          |
| Boating Activity/Hunting           |            |
| Business Check                     | 168        |
| Citizen Assist                     | 9          |
| Citizen Contact/paperwork /service | 16         |
| Civil                              | 1          |
| Community Oriented Policing        | 26         |
| CPS/APS                            |            |
| Disabled Vehicle                   | 3          |
| Disturbance                        | 4          |
| Drug Violation                     | 2          |
| DV                                 | 1          |
| Follow Up                          | 9          |
| Fraud                              |            |
| Harrassment                        | 2          |
| Kidnap                             |            |
| Malicious Mischief                 | 1          |

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Mental/ITA                            | 3          |
| Misc. Info/False Reporting            | 1          |
| Other Agency Assist                   | 9          |
| Patrol Request                        | 45         |
| Prisoner Transport                    | 4          |
| Report of Open Door/Window            | 5          |
| Runaway                               |            |
| Stone Garden                          | 23         |
| Suicide/Suicidal                      | 1          |
| Suspicious Person/Vehicle             | 8          |
| Theft                                 | 3          |
| Threats                               | 1          |
| Traffic Stops/Control/Emphasis/Hazard | 24         |
| Trespass                              | 2          |
| Unattended Child                      |            |
| Unwanted Person                       |            |
| Violation of Court Order              |            |
| Vehicle Accidents                     |            |
| Welfare Check                         | 5          |
| Warrant Attempts/Arrests              | 2          |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>401</b> |



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO  
 ELVIRA (1/25) AND  
 NANDO (1/15)  
 LOVE YOU GUYS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR FAMILY:  
 OMARI (1/2), NANA (1/3), DIANA (1/6), MAKAI “BOOTY BUTT” (1/11),  
 ZIGGY (1/21), RUSSELL (1/24)  
 LOVE YOU GUYS! MELAINE & KIDS

| Date     | Resolution Number | Title   | Vote |         |         |
|----------|-------------------|---|------|---------|---------|
|          |                   |   | For  | Against | Abstain |
| 10/29/24 | 151-24            | Approving Interagency Agreement between the State of Washington, Department of Natural Resources and LEKT for Planting materials Funding for Elwha Revegetation | 4    | 0       | 0       |
| 10/29/24 | 152-24            | Approving Agreement No. WCC-24083 and WCC-24026 between the State of Washington, Department of Ecology and the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe                        | 4    | 0       | 0       |
| 10/29/24 | 153-24            | Approval of Professional Services Contract with Cascadia Renewables for Solar Plus with a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity                                  | 4    | 0       | 0       |
| 10/29/24 | 154-24            | Washington State Department of Health Workplace Safety for Workers Affected by Climate Change Grant Application   | 4    | 0       | 0       |
| 11/5/24  | 155-24            | Approval of \$49,472.95 Budget Modification of Funding from Year Four to Year Five 90C1010030 for Early Head Start and Head Start Program                       | 4    | 0       | 0       |
| 11/21/24 | 158-24            | Approval of Judicial Services Agreement with the Northwest Intertribal Court System of Judges Pro Tem   | 4    | 0       | 0       |
| 11/21/24 | 159-24            | 2024-2028 Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy   | 4    | 0       | 0       |
| 11/26/24 | 161-24            | Approval of \$2,032,964 Application for a new 5 year grant cycle for grant 09C1010030f for Early head Start and Head Start Programs                             | 3    | 0       | 0       |
| 11/26/24 | 162-24            | Approval of Port Gamble Bay Trustee Council Resolution No. 9  | 3    | 0       | 0       |
| 11/26/24 | 163-24            | Approval of Tribal Early Learning Fund Grand Application of \$150,000 Supplemental Funding for Early Head Start and Head Start Programs                         | 3    | 0       | 0       |
| 11/26/24 | 164-24            | Approval of Services Agreement with the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) with a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity                           | 3    | 0       | 0       |
| 11-26-24 | 165-24            | Approval of Change to Group Health Employee Plan Third Party Administrator and Health Insurance Provider to HMA and Regence Effective 4/1/2025                  | 3    | 0       | 0       |
| 12/9/24  | 166/24            | Approval of Agreement between Threat Locker, Inc. and the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe dba Elwha River Casino  | 3    | 0       | 0       |
| 12/9/24  | 167-24            | Approving Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of Real Property in Port Angeles  | 3    | 0       | 0       |

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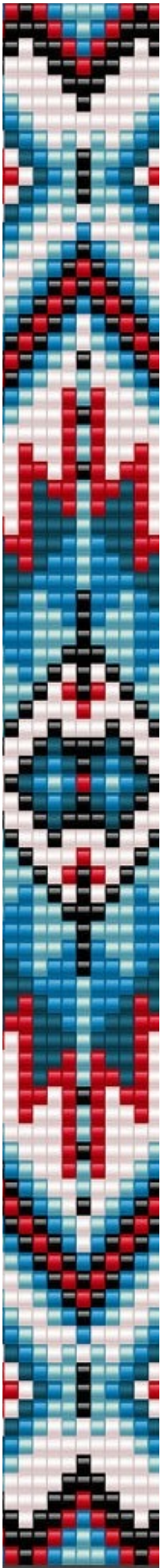
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## Dates to Remember:

- 1/6—1/7 NOAA Hiring Event
- 1/8 Career Search Skills Workshop
- 1/10 Black Light Family Night
- 1/14 Drum Group Song & Dance Practice
- 1/15 Introduction to MS Word Class
- 1/20 Martin Luther King Jr Day
- 1/22 Create Your Own Video Game Class
- 1/24 Intertribal Song & Dance Practice
- 1/26 Treaty Day
- 1/28 Drum Group Song & Dance Practice
- 1/28 Elders Regalia Making Class
- 1/28 Soup for the Soul Support Group
- 1/29 Introduction to MS Excel Class
- 1/30 Elders Regalia Making Class
- 1/31 NERF Night

welcome  
\*\*2025\*\*

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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 third Friday of the month.

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