



## **News From The Strong People**

## NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR TO "RETIRE"



Scott Chitwood

When Scott Chitwood accepted the job of Fisheries Manager for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, arriving in January 2001, he brought with him more than 25 years of experience working in that field – for the State of Washington, and the Quileute Tribe, Makah Tribe and Quinault Nation. Chitwood began planning his retirement three years ago, when he took the advice of then Human Resources Director Robin Hake, who suggested that his decision to retire not take him or the Tribe by surprise – that it be wellplanned. He knew he wanted to continue working for the Tribe in a part time capacity. He knew he had to begin shifting some responsibility to others on staff. He also intentionally planned to retire at the very end of a fiscal year, so that his replacement would begin work in a new year with a new budget. It was an easy decision to recommend Hansi Hals as the new Director," he said (see story about Hals on page 7). "She's been a part of the management team for many years. She has the experience, and very importantly, she has the desire to take on policy level work as part of her career. The Natural Resources Department Director is an excellent position for her to go into," he said. "As part of this plan I will be a part time staff member with flexible hours, to do whatever work Hansi and the Tribe think will be helpful. My work here has

been very rewarding and I hope to continue contributing in a meaningful way." "The Tribe was looking for a Fisheries Manager, someone well versed in fisheries science but also experienced and knowledgeable about <u>U.S. vs Washington</u>, treaty rights, and particularly the Rafeedie decision. Like the Boldt decision, which upheld the Tribes' right to salmon and steelhead, the Rafeedie decision upheld Washington Treaty Tribes' reserved rights as they relate to shellfish and marine fish. The Jamestown Tribe had begun geoduck, crab, shrimp and intertidal shellfish harvesting in 1995. The fisheries biologist for the Tribe at that time was Brad Sele. He worked to develop and implement many new management plans and fisheries. During that same time I was doing similar work at Quinault with crab, sturgeon, black cod and razor clams. Though Jamestown didn't have the

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## **MEMORIES OF CASCARA BARK HARVESTING**

#### **Allan Lickiss' Memories**

Allan Lickiss remembers that during the summers in the 1950s and 1960s, his family went into the woods to peel Cascara bark. When his father Ivan Lickiss, a welder at the Weyerhauser Sawmill in Aberdeen, WA, went on strike, the family gathered the bark to earn extra income.

"Money was tight, and with five kids and one income, it helped to earn the extra wages in the woods," said Lickiss, who grew up in Montesano, WA. "We helped when we were pre-teens, and then as teenagers, we peeled bark for extra money so we had spending money for things like the drive-in movies."

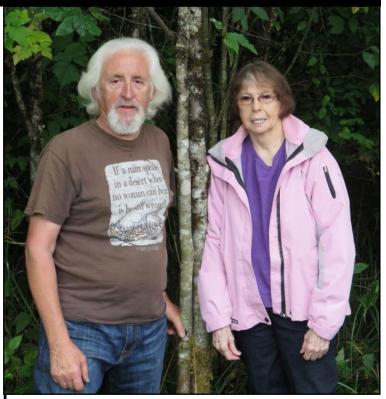
Rhamnus purshiana (cascara buckthorn, cascara, bearberry) is known as chittem and chitticum bark in Chinook jargon. It is a species of buckthorn native to western North America from southern British Columbia south to central California, and eastward to northwestern Montana. The dried bark of cascara has been used for centuries as a laxative, first by Native Americans in the Pacific Northwest, and then by European colonizers.

"We sold the bark to Essex Cascara Bark Corporation, a company that made and sold natural products," he said. "They also bought pine cones, salal, cedar boughs and other things that could be gathered in the woods. They were sort of like a co-op. They are still here in Montesano."

Lickiss is from the Harner/Sparks family; Eva Sparks Harner was his grandmother, and Winifred Harner was his mother. Their large extended family, including Eva and David's 10 children and their families, lived throughout Grays Harbor County, in Aberdeen and Montesano, and he recalls large Fourth of July parties that lasted several days in Oakville, east of Aberdeen.

Allan's cousin Shirley Collins, daughter of Allan's Uncle Fred Harner, also recalls peeling Cascara.

Lickiss and his wife Barbara spent their working years in Maple Valley. Allan was a mechanic for Flow International in Kent, and Barbara worked for 37 years at Boeing Aircraft Company. When they retired, they returned to Montesano.



Allan Lickiss and Shirley Collins leaning against a Cascara tree.

### **Shirley Collins' Memories**

Greetings Jamestown Tribal members:

My name is Shirley Ann (Harner) Collins, Tribal Elder, age 75, born October 27, 1941. My father is Frederick Charles Harner, son of Eva Sparks, both enrolled Tribal citizens.

My cousin Allan Lickiss and I were asked to share our experiences peeling bark as a necessary survival task that we learned to do as children, that our father taught us in the late 1940s here in Grays Harbor where we were raised.

When he was out of work, my Dad took us with him out in the hills to peel bark to put food on the table. He made his own handmade "bark pack" from vine maple and eventually taught my three brothers and me to make these packs too. He cut two lengths of maple vines about six feet long each and two inches around and peeled the bark off each, then cut a groove around the end of each, an inch about the ends. Then he bent the poles back into a "U" shape and wrapped wire around the grooves on one end by the pole, over to the other

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# SWEETGRASS HARVESTING by Lisa Barrell

I gathered sweetgrass for the first time with basket weaver Cathy MacGregor a few years ago. We received our permits from Gideon Cauffman, who at the time was Jamestown's Cultural Resources Specialist. The permits are issued to Native Americans through the Nisqually Wildlife Refuge and allow one assistant for each citizen with a permit. To prepare for the gathering, I

watched several YouTube videos on "how to harvest sweetgrass" and I didn't question Cathy when

she said to bring rubber boots. I didn't realize the sweetgrass we were gathering was for weaving and not for ceremonial braiding and burning until we arrived at Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge in Hoquiam and entered the mud flats. To this day Cathy still laughs as she tells this story to new gatherers.

When David Brownell, Jamestown's current Cultural Resource Specialist, asked Cathy and me if we would need permits again this year (since once you're in the database you will continue to get permit renewal notices each year), I suggested we get a Tribal bus and take a group of citizens to gather. Cathy agreed to be the instructor and "suggested" I make the arrangements. We chose a good tide in August and I put a notice in the newsletter.

My May 2017 cedar gathering cohorts from Tacoma included Diane LaPointe (Hall), her daughter April Davis, son-

in-law Johnnie Davis, granddaughter Olivia LaFountaine and friends Rafeeq Gaines -Hunt and Megan Anderson, who were the first to respond. Three generations!! They planned on driving themselves and made arrangements with Jamestown's Higher Education Coordinator, Kim Kettel, to use Enrichment funds for hotel rooms in Aberdeen. (With an anticipated three-hour drive I thought it would be best to get rooms since we were trying to hit a 5:45 a.m. tide. I was not thrilled at the idea of leaving Sequim at 2:30 to hit the tide, so I also used some of my Enrichment funds for a room.)

Other citizens from Port Angeles and Sequim were added to the list. We were also to meet Veteran and Tribal Elder Allan Lickiss (Sparks/Harner) and his wife

Barbara at the Reserve since they live in Montesano. I had met them at Jeremy Monson's "Elders-Meeting-Elders Cultural Gathering" at Lake Quinault back in February and I was looking forward to seeing them again. I realized this was a good opportunity to enjoy a meal together since food always improves a get-together! Thanks go to Barbara for identifying good hotels in Aberdeen and recommending places to eat.

By the time our chosen date of August 18<sup>th</sup> rolled around, we had a few cancellations. That left a few spaces available at dinner, so I contacted citizens in the Montesano/Aberdeen area to see if they would like to join us for





Sweetgrass gatherers spread out across the marsh.



Above, Lisa's sweetgrass after it was cleaned. Below, a basket and a covered abalone shell woven by Cathy MacGregor.



### **PROTECTION AND STEWARDSHIP OF WATER RESOURCES**

#### A Message from Tribal Council Chair/CEO W. Ron Allen

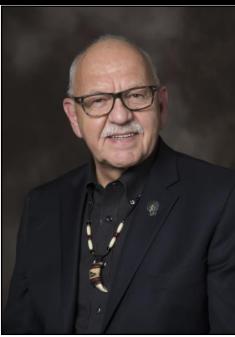
Greetings Tribal Citizens! This month I want to share some thoughts about a State Supreme Court decision referred to as the Hirst Decision (October 2016). It resulted in some recent political consequences that should be deeply concerning to all of us, for our future generations.

This decision (and subsequent decisions) was designed to maintain protection for "senior water rights," and from the Tribal perspective, protecting water needed for our Treaty salmon resources.

In the late 1800's and early 1900's the Washington State Legislature enacted statutes adopting prior appropriation as the standard for the issuance of water rights.

Prior appropriation water rights is the legal doctrine stating that the first person to take a quantity of water from a water source, who puts that water to a beneficial use, has the right to continue to use that quantity of water for that purpose.

Subsequent water users have a junior water right as compared to the earlier water user; the first has a more senior right to the water than the latter. If



for some reason water becomes limited, the junior right holder must give deference to the senior right holder.

The State of Washington implemented a rule in January of 2013 setting instream flows in the Dungeness and other local streams. These flows are the water right for our fish and wildlife resources. No "new water users" beyond January of 2013 may impact these instream flows to the point these senior water rights are impacted.

The State of Washington recognizes the federal water rights held by the Tribe and the U.S. Government. No one has a water right more senior than the Tribe. Because those rights have not yet been quantified, the fact that there is a water right is often referenced but the amount of water is not.

Unfortunately, some, including the building industry and realtors, are alarmed that these court decisions may stunt development and reduce job opportunities. They and other similar coalition interests are actively lobbying our State Legislators and Governor to pass legislation that will overturn these water management practices and policies. They are making bold and inaccurate statements on the potential impacts of senior water rights on our communities and economies. They are aggressively creating an alarming perception. We, the Tribal leadership, do not agree with them.

I agree with Lummi Chairman Tim Ballew who recently wrote a letter to the Seattle Times stating why a "Legislative Fix" is not necessary. The State Supreme Court decisions simply require new growth and development to take into consideration the status of ground and surface water resources, and if development is allowed, it must be metered and controlled so as to not adversely impact senior water rights.

For those who have been watching, the State Legislators and Governor have been working hard at negotiating the new State Biennial budget and its accompanying Capital Budget. They passed the Bi-Annum budget after numerous additional sessions, but the Senate Republican party is holding the Capital Budget hostage unless it gets "Hirst Fix" legislation. This is an unprecedented political tactic and is unreasonable with respect to the impact to the many needs for capital investment across the state.

The resolution for guidance to implement the Hirst decision is something that merits discussion and possibly legislation to assure that how it is implemented is consistent across the state. But, this process should not overlap with other budget matters of the State. Schools and other community projects should not be penalized over a topic that has nothing to do with them.

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# EDA UPDATE

The Jamestown Economic Development Authority was grateful to have Mason Coppage (Cook/ Kardonsky) serve as an intern as part of the Tribe's Teen Career Exploration Program. Mason got more than he bargained for because one of the EDA's team members went on vacation for a couple of weeks, so Mason actually carried out critical job functions within the office for an interim period of time. He had to learn new computer programs, exercise customer service skills, and communicate with various stakeholders across the community. Through it all, Mason maintained a positive attitude and proved himself to be an incredibly valuable member of the EDA team. Ben Neff, Operations

# **OUR NEWEST ELDERS**

In order to recognize and congratulate those Tribal citizens who have become Elders this year, we list below all of those who have turned 55 during the first 9 months of 2017. Congratulations to these Junior Elders!

- John Adams, February 21
- Debra Benson, March 12
- Theodore Woodard Jr., May 16
- Dawn Callea, May 27
- Cheryl Shelafoe, June 3
- Sheila Strong, August 4
- Julia Grinnell, August 18
- Karle Keogan, August 30

Manager for the EDA stated, "Mason gained valuable experience that he can add to his resume and we received some great help with some of our daily duties and current projects. The Teen Exploration Program was a win-win for everyone involved."

> Pictured: Ben Neff and Mason Coppage commemorating Mason's 2017 internship at the EDA.

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Jamestown has been a developer as part of our Self-Reliance goal and it includes building new homes. Our efforts in these projects have always operated under the principle of growth with respect to good water use and stewardship.

We are proud of our Treaty rights, heritage and how we have united for a common community cause; it is the foundation for our future seven generations. It is based on being inclusive and good stewards. We here at Jamestown must find ways, in collaboration with our sister Tribes and community partners, to calm the waters of the general public. We must assure them that we are partners in the management of our precious water resources. The notion that it is infinite is incorrect. We must protect our water resources both for our salmon and for community growth opportunities.

Please do not hesitate to call any of the Council members or me at (360) 681-4621 or e-mail me at <u>rallen@jamestowntribe.org</u> if you have any questions or need clarifications.

God bless,

JAMESTOWN S'KLALLAM TRIBE



## **DIDRICKSON AWARDED LONGHOUSE SCHOLARSHIP**

Robin Didrickson has been awarded the 2017-2018 Peninsula College Longhouse Scholarship, which covers tuition and fees for the full school year. She is starting her fourth quarter in the Addiction Studies program, working toward her Associates of Applied Science degree.

"I am starting a new family cycle. I am going to college. My daughter has gone to college. I want to show my granddaughters that they also need to go to college," said Didrickson.

Didrickson was hesitant to begin college at her age, but Higher Education Coordinator Kim Kettel and Scholarship Advisement and Job Training Coordinator Heidi Lamprecht encouraged and supported her.

"Without the Higher Education staff at the Tribe, I would not be where I am," she said. "Kim encouraged me to take one class the first quarter. I was nervous, but I thought 'If she believes in me, all I need to do is just show up." Didrickson got an A in the class and then decided to continue as a fulltime student.



Higher Education Coordinator Kim Kettel, Tribal citizen Robin Didrickson, and Scholarship and Job Training Coordinator Heidi Lamprecht have worked as a team to foster Robin's education.

"In the past 3 quarters, I have begun looking at school as my job. I have learned to study, and I have learned to ask for help," she said, adding that last quarter, worried about the English class that was challenging her, she advocated for herself and got a fulltime tutor to help her pass the class. It was hard for her to ask.

"I thought they would say "at her age, she doesn't already know this material?" But no one ever made me feel old or stupid," she said. "And by the end of the quarter, younger students were asking for my flash cards, because I always sat front and center, so they knew I was paying attention!"

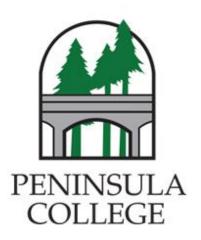
Even the Tribal Library staff helped Didrickson. "I would go to the Tribal Library, and they really were the first people who helped me learn to write an essay," she said. "I used every Tribal resource available to me." The Peninsula College Longhouse Scholarship was established in 2012 to reflect the College's commitment to further grow and nurture the mission of the Longhouse, and to support the academic success of Tribal students. Kettel explained that each year, the Peninsula College Longhouse Scholarship is offered to the local Tribes – the Port Gamble and Jamestown S'Klallam, Lower Elwha Klallam, Hoh, Quileute and

Makah Tribes. Each recipient is chosen by their own Tribe. "Peninsula College has strived to empower Tribes with this scholarship, making us the decision makers about who meets our own eligibility requirements. Our Higher Education committee selected Robin. We have been looking at her amazing grade reports, and she was the committee's choice, hands down," she said.

This scholarship award makes Didrickson a little nervous. "So many people have confidence in me now," she said. "I am going to do this!"

She plans to finish her degree in about a year and a half. It will culminate with an internship, which she hopes to do at an in-patient addiction treatment facility. Didrickson is the daughter of Barbara Shearer, granddaughter of Dorothy Allen Marsden. She is the mother of Tasha and Taya, and grandmother to Taya's three girls.

Congratulations, Robin!



# WELCOME HANSI HALS, OUR NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR

Welcome Hansi Hals, longtime Jamestown S'Klallam Natural Resources employee, to her new position as Natural Resources Director, starting on October 1.

Hals was promoted from Environmental Planning Manager, a job she has held for 10 years (since the retirement of Lyn Muench). In that role, Hals has overseen the Tribe's water quality program, provided technical support to the Habitat program and environmental review of Jamestown-developed and outside projects that may impact Tribal Treaty Resources, always looking to protect resources and prevent impacts to Tribal resources.

Hals has worked for the Tribe since 1999, starting as a contract Restoration Planner when her children were young. In June 2017, her youngest, daughter Lael, graduated from high school, and Hals felt that the time was right to take on more responsibility. In anticipation of this, for the past year, Hals has had the benefit of job shadowing current Natural Resources Director Chitwood, attending meetings, and being included in email discussions on topics that would become her purview upon his retirement.



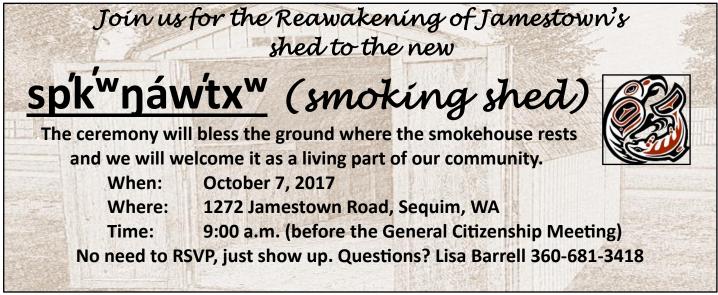
Hansi Hals, Natural Resources Director 360-681-4601 hhals@jamestowntribe.org

"I hope to bring these strengths to my new position: a knowledge of our primary focus basins including the Dungeness, Jimmycomelately, and Sequim

Bay; good working relationships with our partner organizations; and a familiarity with local, regional, state and federal programs and processes," she said, adding that she looks forward to gaining new knowledge and skills as a result of the enlarged scale of her new position.

"In my new role, the lens moves out a little further; the scope widens. More of my job will be at the regional level (with the Puget Sound Partnership), working in collaboration with other Treaty Tribes, and Washington State comanagers. The fisheries and harvest management aspects of the job are relatively new to me, and I am asking a lot of questions and learning from Scott and other staff," she said, adding that there are 24 staff members in the Natural Resources department. She also plans to meet with each of those staff members to get their unique perspectives on challenges and possible improvements to their job functions, and to the department's positive impacts on Treaty resources.

"The bar is high for our Natural Resources department, and I intend to maintain that, despite hard times with the federal and state budgets," she said. "We have stable, top-notch staff, and very supportive leadership from Tribal Council and the Natural Resources Committee."



# **FREEING EAGLE CREEK**

Ever since the Tribe purchased the 74.6acre property at the northwest corner of Highway 101 and Diamond Point Road in 1995, it has had areas that appeared to be wetlands. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that what was once a freerunning Eagle Creek had been dammed by a previous owner to create a farm pond with an 18" pipe releasing the water at the north end; the creek runs under Highway 101 prior to reaching the Tribal property; and that during the rainy season, the ditches on the south side of the highway fill with water from Eagle Creek.



Several things became clear. First, that the The human-created farm pond created by damming Eagle Creek

dam on the Tribe's property is not properly directing water into its dedicated pipe, but has instead created a secondary stream heading west and flooding the Tribe's property. Second, that the culvert built by the Washington State Department of Transportation to carry the creek under the highway is insufficient for the volume of water that flows during the wet season. And third, that because of the undersized culvert, sediment has built up in the creek, creating an alluvial fan that has spread the flow out of the channel into the drainage ditches on the south side of the highway, which can barely hold the water that flows west (downhill past Sunshine Lavender Farm to Guiles Road) through them, sometimes creating whirlpools from the sheer volume flowing in. "The dam cannot even accommodate the fraction of the flow of Eagle Creek that makes it under the highway to the pond," said Randy Johnson, Habitat Program Manager for the Tribe.

In order to correct the flooding problems, this project must be done in phases. The Tribe, working with Jamestown Excavating from a plan approved by the Army Corps of Engineers, will create a meandering stream channel that runs from the farm pond 1,900 feet to the valley floor. When that is complete, they will breach the dam to allow the pond to drain (and drop in depth by about 9-feet) so that the water can flow freely from the culvert through the stream bed. This phase is expected to begin in October of this year, and take about 8 weeks to complete. It will be funded by the Tribe at an estimated cost of \$150,000-\$200,000.

"This will eliminate the safety hazard of an old dam that might have failed at any time, and make it possible for the State to fix the undersized culvert under the highway," said Johnson, adding that as a result of the recent court decision directing the State to remove fish barriers, the new culvert will be built to fish passage standards. Once the culvert has been enlarged, the entire volume of Eagle Creek will be able to flow under the highway onto the Tribe's property. More work will then take place to shift the Olympic Discovery Trail (now being created along the south edge of the property along Highway 101) onto a 45-foot bridge that will cross the newly freed creek.

#### DEADLINES FOR JAMESTOWN HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS (for enrolled Tribal citizens)

Winter Quarter/Spring Semester - Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>

Spring Quarter - February 15<sup>th</sup>

Summer Term - April 15<sup>th</sup>

Fall Quarter /Fall Semester - June 15<sup>th</sup>

For information on Higher Education funding, contact Kim Kettel at 360-681-4626 or kkettel@jamestowntribe.org

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exact same fisheries as Quinault, there was enough crossover for me to know what to do and how to proceed," he said. "Protecting treaty rights is a universal task for all 20 Treaty Tribes in Western Washington. Though the specifics change, the bottom line is preserving the treaty right, managing, sharing harvest, protecting and recovering fish and shellfish populations, and having enough resource to provide harvest opportunities for Tribal citizens."

Two issues came to the fore immediately upon Chitwood's start at the Tribe. First, the Fish and Game Committee (now called the Natural Resources Committee) had not been meeting regularly. He enlisted the help of a key member of the Committee, Marlin Holden, recently retired from a career with Washington Department of Corrections. Quickly, the pair got the committee meeting again starting with annual salmon management plans and then expanding from there. The Committee has become a critical component of the Tribe's policy decision making.

"Now, with two Council members on the committee in addition to esteemed Tribal Elders and several fishers, the committee has a broad range of experience and the committee is highly effective," he said.

Second, Chitwood began engaging in the "consortium approach" to harvest management, with much of the "incommon fisheries management work" being handled through the Point No Point Treaty Council, which worked with, and on behalf of the Jamestown, Port Gamble, Lower Elwha and Skokomish Tribes.

"Though that group is not the same as it was in 2001, (Skokomish and Lower Elwha have since left the Council), those early years provided me with a good basis for understanding the model. Staff at the Point No Point Treaty Council are highly qualified and serve the member Tribes well. Today, the Jamestown Tribe and Port Gamble Tribe work closely on a wide range of fin fish, shellfish and wildlife issues. We also manage jointly with Lower Elwha and Skokomish throughout the Point No Point Treaty area, on issues that must be handled in partnership." Work aimed at the Jimmycomelately Creek and Estuary Restoration project was well underway in 2001. Chitwood saw a need to assess the productivity of steelhead and coho in that creek and the annual smolt assessment operation, now conducted in multiple streams, was born.

"Supplementation of Summer Chum combined with rapidly improving estuarine and freshwater habitat were the key to increased adult returns to the 'Jimmy.' We wanted to ensure that when these efforts came to an end, the population would do well in its newly restored habitat. Today the annual return of Jimmycomelately Creek ummer Chum return averages about 4,000 adults. This population is one of 8 that make up the Hood Canal/Strait Summer Chum ESU (Evolutionarily Significant Unit) which is listed as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act. We believe these fish might be a candidate for 'de-listing' in the next 5 to 10 years."

In the fall of 2003, Chitwood had just returned, greatly refreshed, from a long vacation taken in celebration of his 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and then Natural Resources Director Ann Seiter asked him to consider taking on the directorship, as she wanted to move to part-time work.

It didn't take Chitwood long to accept. Having worked for Tribes since 1979 he knew Jamestown and the solid reputation the Tribal government had. He knew the area having spent almost all of his career on the Olympic Peninsula. He was given the latitude to develop a new Natural Resources Department structure. He organized the department into Shellfish, Habitat and Environmental Sections, each under a manager (Kelly Toy, Byron Rot, and Lyn Muench), with Chitwood continuing to handle a host of harvest management duties. This approach has served the Tribe for 14 years.

"We have had a fabulous group of people working in our department, with a higher level of passion and drive than I have seen anywhere else. My career moved into policy implementation, program administration and organization oversight, while the section managers, who had been crafting their skills in specific fields for a long time, continued to do what they did best," he said. "We have been able to find people with tremendous ability and high standards as others have left," he said of current Habitat Program Manager Randy Johnson, who replaced Rot, and Environmental Planning Program Manager Hansi Hals, who replaced Muench. "I consider myself and the Tribe very fortunate to benefit from the talents and expertise of all of our Natural Resources staff," he said.

In his semi-retirement, Chitwood and his wife Louise both plan to work part time, do some traveling, spoil the grandkids and ramp up the activity level for a variety of hobbies and interests that have taken a back seat for quite a few years. Easing into full retirement might take a few years, he said.



Allan Lickiss and his cousin Shirley Collins (both of the Sparks/Harner family) in the forest with Cascara trees. Allan is wearing a "barkpack" similar to the ones their parents used to make for them our of vine maple and wire, to carry bark.

### GOOD MONEY BY DAY SPENT IN WOODS: Peeling time, which is opening now, will not close until next August

#### Aberdeen Herald, May 5, 1916

The delightful weather with which May is opening carries an invitation to the woods. For the next four months the small boy can take his outing Saturday and make good money peeling cascara bark from the trees which grow thickly in many sections of Grays Harbor. There is good profit, too, for the adult in putting in a day at getting cascara bark. According to a bulletin of the forest service, a steady demand for this bark for medicinal purposes, both In the United States and in Europe, exists. Before the war most of the exported product went to England and Germany. The cascara bark industry began, it is asserted, in California about 1865. The tree from which it is obtained is variously known as cascara, chittim, and bearberry. The peeling season opens in April and closes when the bark begins to tighten In August. The bark is taken off the tree in as long strips as possible, spread on canvas or other material to keep it off the ground, and dried in the sun. Fifteen years ago there was a scarcity of bark in the world's markets, and it brought the settler from ten to twenty cents a pound, even running as high as 29 cents. This meant a good profit for the bark gatherer. For the past seven years, however, the price has been from 3 to 6 cents per pound at Portland, and as a result the ranchers have lost much of their interest in bark peeling, and engage in it only when nothing better is in sight. There are some, however, who are so situated that they can afford to hold the bark, awaiting the rise in price which they think depends upon the war in Europe. -=

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grooved end and back so that he could twist the wires together to make one length stretched between each pole and tighten it up with a pair of pliers to make it good and tight. He did the same with the others so they were about ten inches apart from each other, a foot from the bent tops, then cut and rolled gunny sack lengths and sewed them to the tops and bottoms of the straps. Then he hammered a piece of flat iron on one end to make a rounded edge and called it his "barkspud," which he used to peel the Cascara bark. We all peeled Cascara bark, but would also peel a bark called "Chittimo." It was very thin and smooth compared to Cascara, and rare in our area.

We sold the bark in Montesano at a big building owned by a family named Essex. They also bought blackberries. They would give us flat crates to fill as we picked. We would bring the full crates back to them and they weighed them and paid us by the weight of the berries.

Having raised my three children by myself, I would often go into the hills to peel bark like my Dad, making bark packs for each of us just as he had shown me when I was younger, so we would have food on our table. Many times, I would come across a bear, cougar or bobcat, experiences you never forget as there is nothing like the deep, low warning growls of a bear wanting you out of his bark patch. My Dad would show me deep scratches on Cascara trees and explained that bears had made the scratches to get the sap running under the bark. They ate it to satisfy some craving they had.

It's a good thing my Dad taught me to live off the land, hunt, fish, peel bark! It made a survivor out of me raising my children alone! I believe to this day that I have his instincts and common sense from his Indian heritage and it made me a survivor! That, and the Tribe's generosity, which has been so helpful over the years to our family.

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# ARTIFACT OF THE MONTH: NIPPLE MAUL

This month's artifact is another from the area of Washington Harbor, specifically the salt flats near the lagoon inside Gibson Spit. It is known as a nipple maul and functioned as a hammer with multiple uses for S'Klallam craftsman. These mauls have been found across the Olympic Peninsula and Pacific Northwest, which makes sense considering their primary function was to drive antler wedges into cedar trees to split off planks for longhouses, canoes and other uses. They were laboriously carved out of very dense rock to provide the strongest tool possible, though they are often found cracked or broken from their heavy use. This remarkably intact specimen was donated to the Tribe by Stan Burrowes in 1999. He noticed it during the building of an earthen berm in the area. Mr.



Jamestown Artifact Collection Object ID SB001

Burrowes stated in his donation letter that he believed "there are animistic forces at work around Washington Harbor...The potential of recovering such a relic was not something I was aware of until the moment I spotted this "interesting" rock. The fact that I mustered the energy to have a close look at the site was anything but deliberate. Let's hope this unanticipated event serves the Tribe well." Thanks to Mr. Burrowes' sharp eyes and consideration, future generations of the Jamestown Tribe will be able to enjoy this masterful piece of craftsmanship.

#### (Sweet Grass Gathering, continued from page 3)

dinner. Sisters Sandi Gill (Sparks/Harner) and Shirley Collins (also part of the "Elders-Meeting-Elders" trip to Quinault) accepted the invitation and added their input for places to eat in Aberdeen.

On August 18<sup>th</sup>, Cathy Macgregor (Reyes), Charlene Dick (Dick) and I piled into a Tribal vehicle and started our trip to Aberdeen. I haven't traveled with Charlene in a long time and I enjoyed her company. We grew up together and were able to reminisce about trips my mother, Edith Cusack, arranged during the summers when we were kids. Cathy joined in the conversations while weaving away on her pine needle basket. It was a good car ride and the drive passed quickly... kind of...we did run into a slowdown from cars heading to Oregon to witness the total eclipse. A total eclipse is not nearly as exciting as sweetgrass gathering. Really.

We met everyone at the restaurant and I sat back and tried to listen to all of the conversations. Cousins Shirley and Allan reminisced about gathering Cascara bark to sell when they were young. Diane and her family, decked out in Seahawks garb, were getting a bit antsy since the Seahawks game was to start at seven. Cathy and I discussed the Canoe Journey we had just completed and we encouraged all the others to join next year's Journey to Puyallup. We left the restaurant sated, in a good mood and ready for morning to come.

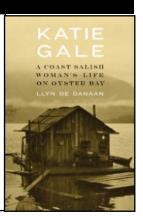
Six seemed to come earlier than usual the next morning and by the time we actually left the hotel it was closer to seven. Luckily the reserve was only a ten minute drive away so we had plenty of time. We caravanned and all managed to squeeze into a pull-out along the Harbor. Anticipation was thick as we put on our boots, grabbed our garbage bags and gloves, jumped the guard rail and walked down to the mudflats. The morning was still, quiet, peaceful and very beautiful. Cathy gave us instruction and we spread out and began to pick. Of course, the grass is always greener or longer down the beach... just around the corner... whatever the saying is, and I found myself wandering down the beach for the "perfect" patch. It didn't take long to gather half a garbage bag of grass, but we seemed to drag our heels so we could enjoy the morning and the company... for just a few minutes more. I'm thankful for the beautiful day and beautiful people. My thoughts as we left were, "This feels good... what should we gather next?"

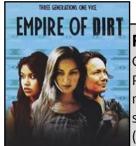
# LIBRARY CORNER

#### **Featured Book:**

### Katie Gale: A Coast Salish Woman's Life on Oyster Bay by Llyn De Danaan

A gravestone, a mention in local archives, stories still handed down around Oyster Bay: the outline of a woman begins to emerge and with her the world she inhabited, so rich in tradition, so shaken by violent change. Katie Kettle Gale was born into a Salish community in Puget Sound in the 1850s, just as settlers were migrating into what would become Washington State. With her people forced out of their accustomed hunting and fishing grounds into ill-provisioned island camps and reservations, Katie Gale sought her fortune in Oyster Bay. (From Goodreads.com)





### Featured DVD: Empire of Dirt

Going home was never an option for single mother Lena Mahikan. But when her 13 year old, Peeka, overdosed in the streets of Toronto, she is forced to return home to her estranged mother and face a life-long legacy of shame and resentment. Empire of Dirt is a story about second chances and summoning the power of family to soothe the pain of cyclical damage. (From Amazon.com)

### Jamestown Reads Book Club: Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

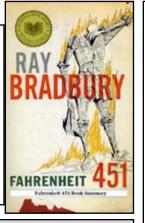
Date: Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm at Galare Thai, 120 W. Bell St.

For those who are unable to make the evening meeting or want to continue the discussion:

Date: Wednesday, October 18th at noon in the Tribal Library

### **News from IMLS**

The Tribal Library is fortunate to have received another grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for the next fiscal year. IMLS is the primary source of federal support for the nation's approximately 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. This grant allows us to fund programs like Native Film Night and STEM programs for youth, and add to our library collection. Library staff has also been able to attend meetings with other Tribal librarians and receive additional training in Library Science.



### Library Website highlight: **Job Hunting Resources**

If you haven't visited the Tribal Library's website lately take a moment to check it out at http://

library.jamestowntribe.org/. On the homepage you will see this tab.

#### Research ~ ?i?ánəŋct

Click the research tab and find a wealth of resources for job hunting, interview techniques, and resume and cover letter writing. There are also listings for websites that have free classes in computer basics and a variety of other subjects.

Library: Librarian Bonnie Roos: Library Assistant Jan Jacobson: Library Assistant Gloria Smith:

360-681-4632 360-582-5783 360-681-4614 360-681-3416

library@jamestowntribe.org broos@jamestowntribe.org jjacobson@jamestowntribe.org gsmith@jamestowntribe.org Visit the Tribal Library at 1070 Old Blyn Highway in Heron Hall; Open M-F 9 -5, Sat. 9 -4 Website: http://library.jamestowntribe.org

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# **CULTURE CORNER**

Contact Cultural Coordinator Vickie Carroll to RSVP or get additional information on any of the items listed here, or about any cultural issues. Reach her at 360-681-4659 or vcarroll@jamestowntribe.org

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## SINGING AND DANCING JAMESTOWN S'KLALLAM TRIBE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017, 5:30 p.m. IN RED CEDAR HALL

Please bring a side dish, beverage or dessert to share! Please RSVP before the end of the day Friday October 13th. CANOE FAMILY HONOR LUNCHEON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017, 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. RED CEDAR HALL Please join us to hear about this



amazing journey as our Canoe Family share stories and experiences. Please RSVP before the end of the day October 20<sup>th</sup>.

At left, the 2017 Canoe Family posed before pullers launched for Port Angeles

Library Corner, continued

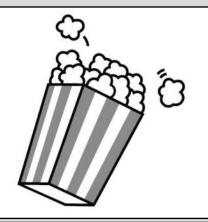
#### Weaving at the Library

We have a loom set up at the library where you can practice Salish weaving. We also have many books on various types of weaving. Come in and try your hand at weaving Salish style and let us know if you are interested in taking a weaving class.



#### Xčít –to know

Native Americans cultivated and developed many plants that are very important in the world today, including white and sweet potatoes, corn, beans, tobacco, chocolate, peanuts, cotton, rubber and gum. They were also the first to make popcorn.



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# **ATTENTION JAMESTOWN VETERANS**



The new Veterans Memorial on the Tribe's Blyn campus is nearing completion. We want as many of our vets as possible to participate in the blessing of the new monument, which we hope will take place in November.

If you would like to participate, please contact Albert Fletcher, Tribal Veterans Representative, at 360-434-4056.

## SAVE THE DATE! PRESERVE YOUR FAMILY TREASURES: DOCUMENT AND PHOTOGRAPH PRESERVATION WORKSHOP WHEN: JANUARY 17, 2018, 10 A.M. – 12 P.M. WHERE: RED CEDAR HALL

Workshop has 15 spots available.

This workshop will focus on "best-standards" care and preservation of old photos and documents. Attendees will receive a "document preservation toolbox" to help them get started preserving their family's history, and are encouraged to bring some of their personal materials (nothing too delicate to make the trip!). Registration will open on Dec. 1.

Don't forget to shop at:

### NORTHWEST NATIVE EXPRESSIONS GALLERY

1033 Old Blyn Highway Sequim, WA 98382 360-681-4640 Hours: Daily, 9 a.m.– 5 p.m.

### Or shop online!

www.NorthwestNativeExpressions.com



The Tribe has a jam-packed

# **CLOTHING DONATION CLOSET**

If you are looking for clothing, we have this resource available for the Tribal community. We have men's, women's, teens, child, toddler and infant clothes. Nice stuff, too! For more information, contact: Melissa Smith-Brady 360-681-4625 <u>msmith@jamestowntribe.org</u> or Rachel Sullivan 360-681-4606 <u>rsullivan@jamestowntribe.org</u>

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## FLU SHOT CLINICS FOR TRIBAL CITIZENS, SPOUSES AND DESCENDANTS TUESDAY OCTOBER 17TH FROM 9 A.M.–NOON



Wednesday, October 25th, from 1–4 p.m. Sign in at the Upstairs Conference Room Jamestown Family Health Center Information: Ann Adams, CHR, 360-582-4874

# **INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN HEALTHCARE?**

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Tribal Government: <u>www.jamestowntribe.org</u>

7 Cedars Resort/Casino: <u>www.7cedarsresort.com</u>

Tribal Library: http://library.jamestowntribe.org

Tribal Online Museum: www.tribalmuseum.jamestowntribe.org

Canoe Family: <u>www.jamestowncanoefamily.com</u>

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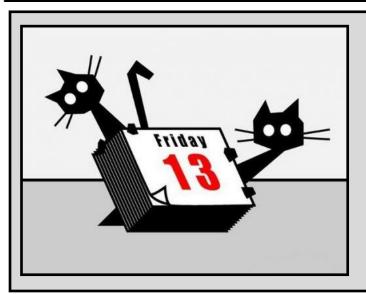
Tribal Government: www.facebook.com/JamestownSKlallamTribe

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Wellness Program/Health Department: https://www.facebook.com/JamestownHealthandWellness

S'Klallam Tribal Events and Announcements: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/sklallam.events.announcements/</u> YouTube Channel: Tribal Library: <u>http://www.youtube.com/user/jstlibrary</u>

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# OCTOBER ELDER LUNCHEON HAPPY HALLOWEEN! ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, NOON 7 CEDARS CASINO CLUB SEVEN OFF OF

Mixed Vegetables, Oven Brown Potatoes Tossed Green Salad, Fresh Fruit, Garlic Bread

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**HWY 101 IN** 

**SEQUIM** 

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## TRIBAL RESOURCE FAIR FRIDAY OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup> 2 pm - 7 pm RED CEDAR HALL OPEN TO ALL TRIBAL CITIZENS, DESCENDANTS, AND THEIR FAMILIES.

# **JOB OPENINGS**

**Clinic RN** Full Time Family Health Clinic **Medical Assistant – Certified** Full Time Please visit our <u>new</u> jobs portal:

### https://

# jamestowntribe.applicantpool.com/

**jobs/** for open job descriptions and to apply online.



### ARE YOU MOVING?

To keep your enrollment information current, please submit any address changes to Enrollment Officer Jeremy Monson at 360-681-4637 or jmonson@jamestowntribe.org. Jeremy will forward your updated information to all who do mailings for the Tribe, so that your mail will continue uninterrupted. <u>Is your name changing?</u> In order for the Enrollment Officer to change your name in the official Tribal roll, you must provide documentation (for your file) that your legal name has changed.

Questions? Contact Jeremy.

Contact Kim Kettel at 360-681-4626 or Heidi Lamprecht at 360-681-4635 to access learning enrichment funds for travel.

Contact Rachel Sullivan at 360-681-4606 if you need help with local transportation to the event.

### JAMESTOWN FAMILY HEALTH CLINIC 808 North 5th Ave. Sequim, WA Phone: 360-683-5900

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are open from 10 – 3 on Saturdays for both routine and as-needed appointments.

## TRIBAL GENERAL

**CITIZENSHIP MEETING** 

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

10 А.М.– 2 Р.М.

**RED CEDAR HALL** 

## LUNCH PROVIDED.

**DRAWING FOR PRIZES!** 

# INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR SKILLS? Add Your Name to the Tribal Volunteer List

There are many opportunities for people to help with a variety of Tribal events and programs. In order to coordinate the best use of volunteer energy, we will be building and maintaining a list of volunteers. If you would like to be on this list, please call or email Ethel Colon, HR Assistant 360-582-5789 or ecolon@jamestowntribe.org



Allan Lickiss

Casey Allen

Marlin Holden

**Beth Anders** 

Lorelei Bill

Tom Lowe

Bridget Light

**Darlene Taylor** 

**Robin Bissette** 

**Shirley Rogers** 

**Diane Lapointe** 

Elaine Grinnell

Marie Norris

Miles Kardonsky

**Kimberly Thomas** 

Quentin Decoteau

**Benjamin Harner** 

**Clarissa Stafford** 

George Lashavna

Patrick McClanahan

Sherry Macgregor

Allana Schroeder

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

TO TRIBAL CITIZENS BORN THIS MONTH

Lacey Prince

Valerie Ramirez

**Trever Hunter** 

**David Pettigrew** 

**Benjamin Erickson** 

**Donald Anderson** 

Michael Stahlnecker

Gail Feelev

**Eryn Hunter** 

Hilda Hunter

Julia Holden

**Shirley Collins** 

**Roger Howard** 

Neila Cameron

Lois Camus

Jeremy Cope

Matt Adams

Leila Mann

**Cheryl Garrick** 

**Owen Kardonsky** 

Stephanie Adams

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The deadline for submission to be included in the following month's issue is the 15th day of the current month.

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Other newsletter recipients: Please send changes of address to Betty Oppenheimer at the address/ phone above.

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