

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Newsletter, Volume 41, Issue 12, December 2020

## Tribal Council Election Results

		% VOTED
Tribal Citizens Eligible to Vote	515	44%
Registered Voters	375	61%
Ballots Received	228	
Invalid Ballots	10	

		% of VOTES
Loni Greninger	199	87%
Undervotes (no candidate marked)	19	8%
Jessica Johnson	77	34%
Theresa Lehman	141	62%
Undervote	0	0%
Rochelle Blankenship	200	88%
Undervotes (no candidate marked)	18	8%

Winner

Tally Sheet from November 3, 2020 by Election Board members Cathy MacGregor, Mary Norton, and Lana L. Kerr, and Chief Financial Officer Diane M. Gange

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# Biden Presidency and Indian Country

## A Message from Our Tribal Council Chairman/CEO

Greeting Jamestown S'Klallam Citizens!

As we prepare for a different kind of holiday season due to the very serious COVID-19 virus pandemic, I write with an optimistic view of our path forward. Yes, we are asked to restrict our normal joyous family and fun events to protect our loved ones and community. I join the local, state and national leadership (particularly the guidance of President-elect Joe Biden) to urge the public to exercise safe and healthy practices including wearing masks, washing hands, avoiding large social gatherings and distancing.

It is challenging, but all would say to save countless lives and get this pandemic under control, we must sacrifice one holiday season to enjoy so many more in the future with our family and friends. And we all know it is frustrating, but we can do it while we wait for the vaccines to show up and slowly get our society back to normal.

Now moving on to the outcome of the wild and crazy 2020 elections. My last message was to encourage all to vote and have faith in our democracy and the system. It is disappointing that some are attempting to undermine our citizens' confidence in the system, but I firmly believe in it and the leadership charged with preserving the accuracy and counting all legal votes. It works and it worked. Our faith in democracy prevailed.

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are our new President and Vice-President-elects. I am elated over the results and amazed that we are approaching a historic 79 million people who voted for the Biden-Harris candidates. In my view, they will bring in integrity, honesty, trust and stability to the White House. I know that those supporting Trump disagree, but just like in 2016, when the vote is over, we all must accept the results and move forward. Leading with the vision of unity is challenging as those who lost must let the wounds heal. I have faith that the Biden-Harris team will work at reaching across the political aisle and finding common ground. That goal requires leadership for America first.

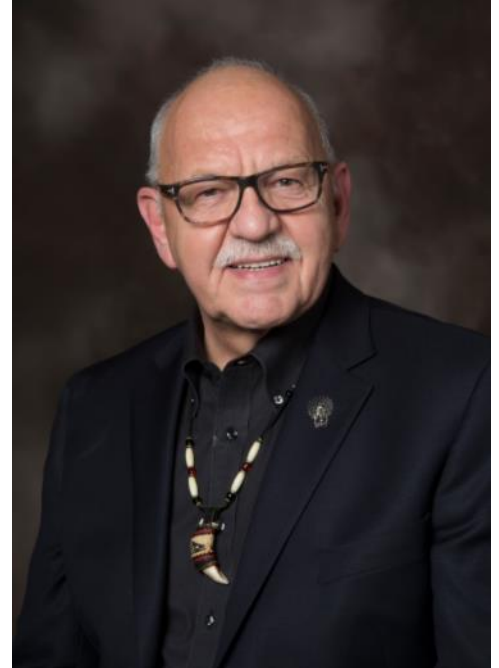
I am hopeful that the pandemic, effective health care, stable educational systems, an effective response to calls for racial justice, our struggling economy and international relations are all on top of the incoming political agenda. We all hope that Congress will recognize the need to address the financial effects of the pandemic and pass a CARES Act 2.0 to get us through this winter and into the spring of 2021.

What does this mean to Indian Country and our Jamestown community? The Biden Indian Platform recognizes that American Indian and Alaska Native Nations are part of the American political system and he has made numerous commitments to Tribal leadership.

These commitments include that we should expect an Indian within his Cabinet, key positions in the White House including Special Advisors to Domestic Policy Council and Inter-governmental Affairs. Tribes should expect key appointments within the Departments of Interior, Health & Human Services, Justice to name a few. We have a number of very qualified candidates for positions like Secretary of Interior and high level appointment within the Justice department.

President-Elect Biden has made many promises that we expect him to keep including addressing many of the funding commitments for Indian Health Service (IHS), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and the Department of Justice programs, as well as HUD, Education, EPA and other agencies where we have Indian-dedicated programs.

I have confidence in his commitment to honor and respect the sovereignty, treaty rights and fundamental trust obligations for all 574 Indigenous Nations in America. I firmly believe this incoming President will make a difference in our efforts to achieve stronger, more stable Self-Governing Tribes, as well as advancing our



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# Railroad Bridge Holiday lights, swags and wreaths

Holiday lights decorating the bridge at Railroad Bridge Park illuminate the darkness now through January from 3 pm-9 pm daily. Parking in the field adjacent to and east of the Park is closed; the lower parking lot is open, but parking is limited. Bring your flashlight to find your way to the bridge safely! The colorful lights, wreaths and fresh evergreen swags that adorn the bridge every year are a gift to the community from the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and installed by Patrick Walker, Inc., a Port Orchard landscape company.

Photograph by John Gussman



# Thank You from Theresa R. Lehman

Thank you thank you!!!!  
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It has been an honor to serve all citizens these past 12 years. During the next 4 years. I will continue to serve with commitment and integrity. As I reflect on this past election here and nationwide I take pride in knowing that we are "ONE" in unity and this will not change.

We have much work and many challenges over the next couple of years.

You as Tribal citizens hold us to this commitment.

A special shot out to my Auntie Vivian in Georgia and my family.

Respectfully yours,  
Theresa R Lehman, Tribal Council Treasurer

(Biden Presidency, continued from page 2)

## Self-Reliance goals.

Meanwhile, I trust you all are staying safe and healthy in this crazy time we are experiencing due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic. We are all doing everything we can to get the virus under control, waiting patiently for vaccines to be made and distributed so that we can get back to normal lifeways.

I have firm, unwavering faith that we will continue our journey that never ends to a better future for our people and the 7 generations to come. Working with new, inclusive leadership in Washington, DC is reason for encouragement.

Meanwhile, I urge you all to stay safe, practice good hygiene, wear masks in public and have faith as we emerge from this historic world-wide crisis. It is not clear how long into 2021 this pandemic will last, but these preventative measures will enable us to prevail.

If you have questions or need clarifications, you are always welcome to call me at 360-681-4621 or e-mail me at [rallen@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:rallen@jamestowntribe.org) and I will be more than happy to share them or respond to your inquiries.

Sincerely,

W. Ron Allen





# Jamestown Begins MAT Clinic Construction

By Brent Simcosky, Health Services Director

This November the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe crossed the final hurdle of a long and difficult road, by obtaining a Site Construction permit from the City of Sequim for our MAT Clinic facility. Korsmo Construction will oversee the project and has provided a subcontract to Jamestown Excavating for initial work.

## Evolution of MAT Clinic

Unfortunately, like many places in the state and nation, there are many residents of Clallam County who are addicted to opioids. In Clallam County, the height of pain pill prescriptions was around 2012. Based on data and community input, we recognized this was a critical community issue and knew that action was needed. One of our first steps was forming a partnership between the Jamestown Tribe and the University of Washington to identify and implement many “best practices” to change the prescribing habits of medical providers. Next, we identified health data that showed Clallam County as one of the highest counties in Washington for opioid overdose deaths. That led to the promotion of the use of Narcan by clinics and by first responders. The death rate decreased dramatically.

However, there was still too much opioid use and too many overdoses. In our continuing response to this crisis, we became the first prescription suboxone clinic in Clallam County. Today nearly 500 patients across our county use Suboxone to manage their illness.

Despite all these measures, there are still people in our community who need more intensive services and better access to care. With other healthcare providers and community leaders, we looked for care models and evidence-based practices that were already working. The model implemented by the Swinomish Tribe in Anacortes has been highly effective and includes a daily dosing MAT outpatient clinic with intensive wrap-around services. MAT is a recognized evidence-based practice that is endorsed by Washington State and federal agencies as the “gold-standard” for best practices.

## Operation of Pain Management Clinic for Last 7 Years

- Promote better prescribing practices.
- Dedicated pain management provider.
- Patients with specific prescription amounts and duration are sent to pain management provider to wean down the dosage and to seek alternative pain solutions.
- Patients sign a pain management contract which includes random testing and compliance.
- Jamestown was first Tribe in Northwest to participate in University of Washington’s Six Building Blocks program

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Rendering of the exterior of the MAT Clinic design, by Rice Fergis Miller Architects.

### **Operation of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Suboxone Clinic Last 4 Years**

- Prescription suboxone clinic established.
- Over 100 opioid use disorder (OUD) patients with over 80% off opioids for at least 1 year.
- Includes contracts and random testing.
- Patients referred to one of 4 Jamestown behavioral health counselors.
- Distribution of Narcan to prevent opioid overdoses.

### **Creation of Jamestown Healing Campus – MAT Clinic**

As a reminder, we began this journey back in 2019 with a grant from the Washington State legislature of \$7.2 million and the purchase of 20 acres behind the Sequim Costco zoned for health care services. Our project was supported and endorsed by all of the regional health organizations including Olympic Medical Center, Jefferson Healthcare, and Peninsula Behavioral Health. Once purchased property closed and it was announced in local newspapers, we heard very little from the community. A month later a group on social media was created called Save Our Sequim (SOS) and they started posting pictures of buses saying the Jamestown Tribe intended to bus homeless addicts from Seattle into Sequim. Over the last year, our permits have been delayed as we fought back eight appeals by the SOS group. They have lost all appeals with the Sequim Hearing Examiner stating they have no legal standing and that our project is indeed a medical outpatient clinic and was permitted under the proper classification of A2.

We believe a holistic service delivery approach is most effective at providing sustained recovery for those struggling with addiction. That's why in addition to offering chemical dependency relief, the Healing Campus will offer behavioral health, primary care, dental care, childcare assistance, and transportation if needed. We want to heal a patient's mind, body and soul and lead them to long term recovery. We have the collaborative support of all the major health organizations in Clallam and Jefferson Counties, including Olympic Medical Center, Jefferson Healthcare, Peninsula Behavioral Health, both Clallam and Jefferson County Commissioners, and both Clallam and Jefferson County Public Health Officers and Boards. We are grateful for their partnership in developing a model of care that will benefit our communities.

The supporters of our outpatient clinic include the following major health organizations and elected leaders: Olympic Medical Center; Olympic Medical Providers; Jefferson Healthcare; North Olympic Health Network; Peninsula Behavioral Health; Jefferson County Commissioners; Clallam County Commissioners; Clallam County Sheriff Bill Benedict; League of Women Voters; Clallam County Public Health Officer; Clallam County Board of Health; Jefferson County Public Health Officer; Sequim for Safety and Stabilization; and Voices for Health and Healing.

Jamestown staff prepared informational web sites, developed Fact and FAQ Sheets, and ran newspaper and Facebook public relations ads to counter the misinformation disseminated by SOS. In August of 2019, we held a public hearing with an attendance of 1,300 people and since then we made presentations to over 50 community organizations; and answered countless phone calls and emails.

Chairman Allen reminded everyone that our opponents think they are in a sprint, but we are in a marathon. He reminded everyone to stay focused on helping our community and take the high road in conversations, presentations and dialogue with those opposed to our project.

### **Summary of MAT Clinic Services**

After a two-year ramp up period, the Jamestown Medical Outpatient Clinic will employ about 40 people and treat no more than 250 patients per day. Our license with the State of Washington Department of Health identifies our patient service delivery area as Jefferson and Clallam Counties *only*. That means this clinic can serve *only* the residents of Jefferson and Clallam Counties. The services include:

- Initial intake exam with individualized wellness plan
- Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) consisting of either Methadone, Buprenorphine (Suboxone), or Vivitrol
- Primary care
- Dental care
- Individual and group mental health counseling
- Individual and group substance abuse counseling
- On-site childcare services
- Shuttle transportation assistance
- Social service referrals

The Jamestown Medical Outpatient Clinic is committed to evidence-based programs that have a high success rate. Because many of the patients will be employed, our hours of operation will be from 6am-4pm, Monday through Saturday.

# New Rail Installed at Veterans Memorial

A new railing has been installed along the ramp and stairs leading to the Jamestown Veterans Memorial.

The rail is approximately 90-feet long on the run down the ramp, and turns right at the stairs for another 14-feet. Designer Bud Turner has named the design for the rail "The Journey." Each panel displays a canoe, paddlers, eagles, and a school of salmon swimming through the waves.

Allform Welding of Sequim produced the project. Like all of the metal elements in and around the Memorial, the rail is made from aluminum with a durable powder coating. Even the flagpoles are aluminum with an anodized bronze finish. Turner felt it was important not to have any steel used for this project, steel does rust and he did not want to have any leaching of that rust into the surrounding land or the waters.



**Did you get your Flu Vaccination this Fall? Please make sure you add this important item to your healthcare To-Do-List.**

Tribal Citizens who live within the Service area are encouraged to contact Donna Short, LPN, our Tribal Clinic Nurse to get a flu shot if they missed getting one earlier.

**Donna's direct line is: (360) 582-4940.**



## Construction at Blyn North Campus

The Administration building is under construction, and the parking lot is blocked off. We are remodeling office space for better social distancing, and installing RFID (key fob) touchless locks on all Blyn buildings, in order to track entries in case we need to trace contacts in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak.

During construction, the "front office" has been relocated to Red Cedar Hall.



# The Tribe's New Cemetery Committee

November 18 marked the first meeting of the new Jamestown Tribal Cemetery Committee. The Committee of seven members was appointed by Tribal Council to provide recommendations on burial applications to the cemetery, provide input to tribal staff on proposed changes and improvements to the cemetery, and to advise Tribal Council concerning cemetery policies and procedures.

The new committee members are Dana Ward (Chair), Elaine Grinnell (Co-Chair), Jessica Johnson (Secretary), Merle Holden, Cathy MacGregor, Michael Lowe, and Rusty Buckmaster (not pictured). David Brownell is the staff liaison to the committee. Kim Kettel, Executive Assistant to the COO, also attended to record the meeting minutes. *há?nəḡ st* Tribal Council offers its thanks to the committee members for stepping up to serve the Tribe!



This is a screen shot from the committee's first meeting—on Zoom!

## Interested in Serving on the Cultural Committee?

The Cultural Committee helps bring vision to cultural teachings, ceremonies, and activities here at Jamestown. Its mission is to educate, nurture and enhance the knowledge of our community and leadership of our rich history and cultural values that belonged to our ancestors. Additionally, this Committee seeks to bring forth the teachings of our ancestors in areas of health, social protocols, emotional wellness and spirituality, and pass on hand down the knowledge, protocols, and practices.

The successful applicant shall serve a 3-year term and commit to four meetings per year.

Please email or mail a letter of interest, including how you see yourself helping this Committee achieve the above mission. The deadline is January 2, 2021.

Your letter can be sent to:

Loni Greninger, Deputy Director  
Social and Community Services  
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe  
1033 Old Blyn Highway  
Sequim, WA 98382  
Email: [lgreninger@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:lgreninger@jamestowntribe.org)

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## New Shellfish Biologist



Annie Raymond began work as the Tribe's new Shellfish Biologist on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. She will replace Liz Tobin, who has been promoted to Shellfish Program Manager, as Kelly Toy transitions into retirement. Raymond recently graduated with a Masters Degree in Fisheries from the University of Alaska Fairbanks but attended school at the fisheries campus in Juneau. Raymond has been interested in marine biology since high school, when she volunteered at the Seattle Aquarium. She received a Bachelor of Science in Oceanography from the University of Washington. "The program taught me to problem solve and think critically," she said. The summer before she graduated, she did an internship at Western Washington University, working on Pinto Abalone Surveys. Then, in her last quarter at the UW, she worked at Friday Harbor Labs, assisting graduate students with scientific diving projects. After a one-year stint as an AmeriCorps volunteer as an Educator at the Port Townsend Marine Science Center, she and her husband Wendel moved to Alaska so that he could complete his doctorate, studying eelgrass. In Alaska, after working as an NOAA contractor and for the sport fish department of Alaska Fish and Game, Annie started graduate school studying fisheries. Her thesis research focused on the life cycle of kelp. When Annie

was not working on her kelp research, she was taking course work in fisheries management and statistics and mentoring undergraduate students to carry out their own independent research.

She looks forward to learning all the different aspects of her new job as the Tribe's Shellfish Biologist. She has already connected with the Point No Point Treaty Council, being trained to use the Tribal Online Catch Accounting System.

Her office is in the basement of the Administration Building. You can reach Annie at 360-682-5609 or [araymond@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:araymond@jamestowntribe.org).

Welcome, Annie!

## Dean Holden, Housing Maintenance

Tribal citizen Dean Holden has been hired as Housing Utilities Worker I. He works closely with Housing Program Manager Ann Jagger to keep everything at Tribal housing units in good working order. This can include structural, utilities, and groundskeeping – fixing a leaky shower, installing lighting, felling trees and more. In his work, Holden comes into daily contact with Tribal citizens, an aspect of the job that he enjoys.

"I like making them happy," he said, adding that often, once he is at a unit, the occupant mentions additional work for him to schedule. Holden says that he "has never been afraid to take things apart and put them back together," and in previous job situations, like this one, he is often presented with new challenges and things to learn. He holds certificates in Advanced Manufacturing and Composites, and as a Welding Technician, both from Peninsula College. He plans to earn another certificate in Heavy Equipment Operation in the near future. Holden has worked in various capacities for the Tribe in the past, including as a Maintenance Engineer in the early years at 7 Cedars Casino, and ten years as one of our first Geoduck Divers. He has also worked as a carpet installer and in the construction field.

He is the son of Tribal Elder Marlin Holden, of the Prince family. Dean Holden has five children, three of them Tribal citizens. Sons Bo Holden and Nate Olsen are geoduck divers and Jesse Holden is a framer for Titan Construction. In addition to spending time with his kids and 10 grandchildren, Holden is an active Jehovah's Witness, and likes to take long walks with his dog, and work with his bird, a Sun Condor who is learning to talk.





# Housing Solutions Plan Wins Award

## **The Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe ANA Housing Solutions Study is a Winner in the 2020 Washington State Awards Program for Excellence in Planning**

Each year, Washington’s two state-wide planning organizations, the American Planning Association-Washington Chapter and the Planning Association of Washington, convene a jury of respected planners from across the state to select the year’s best examples of “Excellence in Planning.”

For the 2020 Planning Awards, the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe’s Housing Solutions project won the program’s award for the Community Involvement category. The jury felt that the Tribe’s outreach to its Tribal citizens on preferred locations and types of potential Tribal housing projects was exemplary. Jury members were particularly impressed that the surveys asked about housing design and cultural preferences, and that the outreach made a specific effort to communicate with Tribal Elders for their opinions and ideas. “An outstanding project!” one juror said. The Tribe’s work was well-supported by contractor Beckwith Consulting. Linda Brenner, Social and Community Services Tribal Planner and the ANA Housing Solutions Project Director, attended the virtual Awards Ceremony on October 30, 2020 and provided an overview of the project. Linda thanked all of those that participated in making the project such a success and gave a special thank you to the Tribal Elders for their willingness to participate in the many focus groups, working groups and the Housing Marketplace. Linda also extended her gratitude to Luke Strong-Cvetich, Tribal Planner and Pam Edens, GIS Specialists. Both were instrumental in assisting in identifying our Tribal Trust, fee simple, reservation, and NAHASDA lands and providing the maps for all of our potential housing project locations. In recognition, the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe will be receiving an “Excellence in Planning” Award plaque to display.

## **Improve Your Health - Quit Smoking, E-Cigarettes and Vaping**

### **Help is Available at Our Clinic!**

Tribal Health Nurse Donna Short is a certified smoking cessation coach through the American Lung Association. She can work with Tribal citizens who want to quit using any type of nicotine containing products such as cigarettes, vapes/e-cigarettes, or chewing tobacco. She is offering 1:1 smoking cessation counseling and also can offer small groups sessions as well as virtual or telephone visits, depending on Tribal citizen preference. Donna was able to find freedom from smoking 5 years ago through a smoking cessation group after being a smoker for 30 years.

Donna is also getting special training to work with youth for smoking cessation and to address vaping in the youth culture. We are hopeful, as COVID restrictions ease, that Donna will be able to work with some of the programs for tribal youth in the coming year to further address the increasing use of vape products among youth and young adults. Smoking cessation easily flows in the Wellness Pathways program and can be initiated at any time by the Tribal citizen simply by calling Donna directly 360 582-4940 or telling their primary care provider or anyone on their care team that they would like to meet with Donna. Donna also has plans before the end of the year to do individual outreach to Tribal citizens registered with the clinic who are active smokers to discuss quitting and offer smoking cessation coaching now or in the future. If you are interested in quitting smoking, Donna is looking forward to hearing from you!

# A Time to Remember by Lorraine Loomis, Chair NWIFC

This fall marks the 50th anniversary of an event that sparked the landmark ruling by federal Judge George Boldt in U.S. v. Washington that upheld our treaty-reserved rights to hunt, fish and gather.

It was Sept. 9, 1970, the height of the Fish Wars that had rocked western Washington since the early 1960s. The state of Washington refused to recognize our treaty rights, and when we tried to exercise them we were arrested – often beaten – and thrown in jail. Our boats, motors, nets and other gear were confiscated along with any fish we might have caught.

Treaty rights are civil rights, just like your right to vote, and are protected under the U.S. Constitution as the “supreme law of the land.”

To defend our rights, tribes mounted a nonviolent resistance effort patterned after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s strategy in his civil rights campaign. “We marched with Dr. King, and when we returned home, we continued the struggle by protesting, getting arrested, getting out of jail and doing it all over again,” wrote our longtime leader, Billy Frank Jr.

“We had a fish camp under the Puyallup River Bridge and the state came down on us that day, just like they had many times before, to stop us from exercising our treaty right to fish. They gassed us and threw us all in jail. But someone else got gassed that day, too. His name was Stan Pitkin.”

A U.S. Attorney for western Washington, Pitkin was part of the crowd that came to watch the arrest of more than 60 men, women and teenagers. Troubled by what he saw, he took the first steps to file U.S. v. Washington on behalf of the tribes, which led to Judge Boldt’s 1974 ruling. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Boldt decision in 1979.

In 50 years we’ve gone from fighting one another to honoring the struggle that has led us here today. Today the bridge spanning the site of the “Puyallup Bust” has been named the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge, or yabuk’wali, which means “place of a fight.”

Still, the fight for recognition of treaty rights continues throughout the world. Today in Nova Scotia, Canada, the Sipekne’katik and other First Nations are experiencing violence and threats from non-Indian fishermen and others as they try to exercise their treaty-guaranteed right to harvest lobster. Despite a 1999 Supreme Court ruling upholding the First Nations’ treaty fishing rights, the Canadian government has done little to address the issue.

The Boldt decision established us as natural resources co-managers with the state and upheld our right to half of the harvestable salmon returning annually to Washington waters.

But 50 percent of nothing is nothing, and that’s the direction our salmon stocks are heading. The reason is that we continue to lose salmon habitat faster than it can be restored and protected.

It’s easy to get discouraged about salmon recovery and other natural resources issues given the unprecedented rollback of environmental protection laws over the past few years. Those who were gassed, beaten and arrested underneath the Puyallup River Bridge on that day in 1970 were also discouraged after years of effort. But they didn’t give up and neither will we.

It might take another 50 years or more to achieve salmon recovery, but we will get there. Indian people have always lived in western Washington and we always will. We will never stop fighting for the health of our cultures, communities and natural resources – and we will never stop defending our treaty rights.



# River Center Expansion Update

Expansion of the Dungeness River Audubon Center, partially funded by the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, is well underway.

While Railroad Bridge Park, the Olympic Discovery Trail, and bridge are open to the public, both the River Center and construction site is fenced and closed for safety through the fall of 2021.

The foundation work for the \$2.6-million addition began in November, with concrete work, electrical wiring/conduit and plumbing, all coordinated to ensure the under-slab systems are in place.

The Tribe has hired numerous local sub-contractors for the expansion. Currently working on the building are Colin Hiday Concrete, The Plumbing Connection and North Peninsula Electric, Inc.



Hiday Concrete crew builds forms for the new River Center foundation.

Jamestown Excavating is building the Center’s new parking lot, park host sites, and a new access road through the field adjacent to Railroad Bridge Park. The Tribe purchased the 4.5-acre field several years ago in anticipation of the building project.

Pete Nesse, Site Superintendent, is overseeing construction and is working from a construction module adjacent to the lower parking lot. All visitors to the site must first call the River Center, and check in at the module to get a safety vest and hardhat before entering the enclosed property.

The existing River Center building, which closed in March, will be attached to the new addition by an atrium. The new building includes a 150-seat room that can be used for lectures, film screenings and events, as well as a commercial kitchen, concessions, restrooms, gift shop, and a classroom.

The River Center raised funds with their “Inspire Wonder” campaign for three years prior to the start of construction. They continue fundraising to furnish the new addition and to remodel the existing building to house their large collection of mounted specimens, cultural exhibits, a children’s corner, and seating area with views into the park.

The non-profit Center’s land and facilities are owned by the Tribe and managed in partnership with the River Center Board of Directors, the Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society, and National and Washington State Audubon Societies.

Weekly construction updates are posted each Monday at [www.dungenessrivercenter.org](http://www.dungenessrivercenter.org). See this website to donate to the project or call the River Center at 360-681-4076.

~Jan Halliday

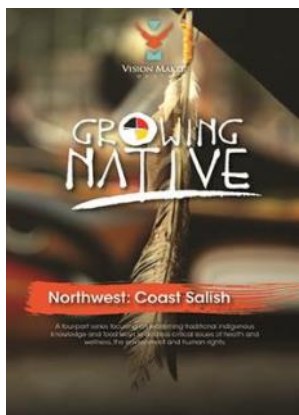
## Jamestown Artists Needed at NWNE

Customers at Northwest Native Expressions Gallery often request art made by Jamestown artists. We currently have very few Jamestown artists’ work in stock. If you are a Jamestown artist who would like to sell your work at our Blyn gallery, please contact Art Buyer Danielle Lawson at [dlawson@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:dlawson@jamestowntribe.org) or 360-681-4662.



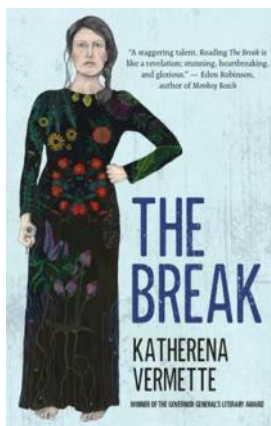
# Library Corner

Thank you, Sherry Macgregor, for donating the video "Growing Native Northwest: Coast Salish." From totem poles to language revitalization and traditional agriculture, Host Chris Eyre (Cheyenne Arapaho) discovers the resilience of the Coast Salish Tribes of the Pacific Northwest. Travel down historic waterways as the tribe revisits their ancient connection to the water with an annual canoe journey. (<https://visionmakermedia.org/growing-native-northwest/>)



As we head into winter, the pandemic continues to rear its ugly head. Please *stay home, wear a mask when you do go out, and READ!* When you need an escape from the reality of the world, reading is one of the best ways.

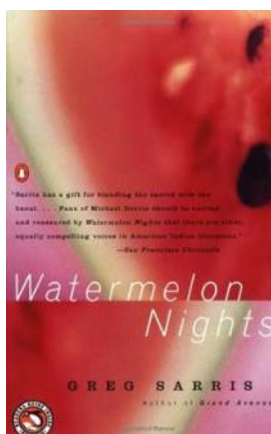
Here are a few of the new books we acquired pre-pandemic *The Break* by Katherena Vermette (Métis) Set in a community of mixed Indigenous and settler descent, *The Break* tells the story of a multigenerational family dealing with the fallout of a shocking crime.



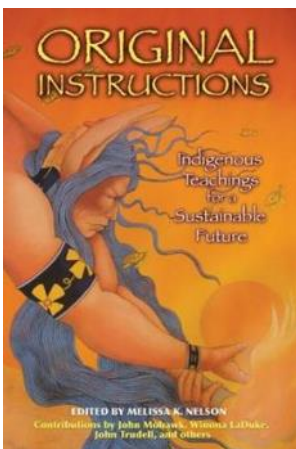
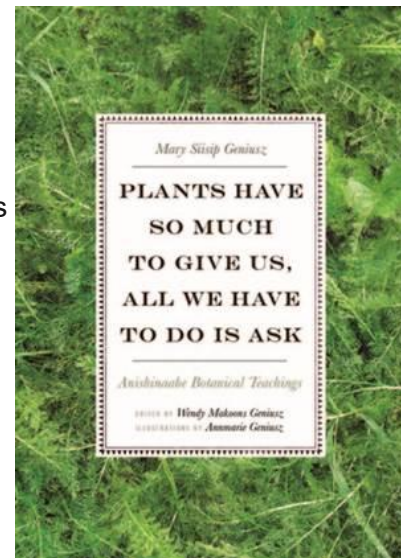
## Current Library Services:

- **Book mobile services**—Tribal citizens can request books, videos, magazines, etc. to be delivered on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. If you would like items delivered or picked up, please call 360-681-4632 and leave a message or email [library@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:library@jamestowntribe.org).
- **Curbside service**—You may browse our collection at <https://library.jamestowntribe.org/home> and click on the red "Search Library Catalog" button. If you remember your log-in information you may reserve items or you can always call/email the Library. If you want something to read/watch but don't really know what, let us know and we can bring you a "grab bag" of items. We have a lot of new books that are just begging to be read.
- **By Appointment Only**—Tribal citizens and descendants can schedule a 30-minute block of time to use the computers, do research, look for reading/watching materials. Only two people at a time are allowed and masks covering nose and mouth are required at all times. See our **COVID-19 Policy** on the Library's website Spotlight at <https://library.jamestowntribe.org/home>.
- If you have any questions or concerns, would like mobile or curbside services, or would like to schedule an appointment, please call us at 360-681-4632 and leave a message or email [library@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:library@jamestowntribe.org).

*Watermelon Nights* by Greg Sarris (Miwok) tells about the love and forgiveness that keep a modern American Indian family together



*Plants Have So Much to Give Us, All We Have to Do Is Ask* by Mary Siisip Geniusz (Cree and Métis) Sharing traditional Anishinaabe stories as well as stories from other American Indian traditions and her own experiences, Geniusz brings plants to life with narratives that explain their uses, meaning, and history.



*Original Instructions* edited by Melissa K. Nelson (Turtle Mountain Chippewa) *Original Instructions* evokes the rich indigenous storytelling tradition and depicts how the world's Native leaders and scholars are safeguarding the original instructions, reminding us about gratitude, kinship, and a reverence for community and creation.

# Tribal Youth Entry Free for Run the Peninsula

The Run the Peninsula Race Series started in 2019 and consists of five running / walking races throughout the year on different sections of the Olympic Discovery Trail in Clallam and Jefferson Counties. One unique feature of the races is that all five of the medals magnetize together to create a large medal. In 2019 we created a circular medallion and in 2020 we created a panoramic view of the Olympic Mountain Range.

Delta Dental of Washington is sponsoring the Railroad Bridge Run (April 24, 2021) and the North Olympic Discovery Marathon (June 6, 2021) are offering free race entry to any Washington State Tribal citizen age 18 and under. This is good for any distances including 5K or 10K for Railroad Bridge and 5K, 10K, Half-Marathon or Marathon for North Olympic Discovery Marathon. It is also good for VIRTUAL entries (everything gets mailed to participants and they complete it on their own time in their own location).

Registration for the events opens on Tuesday, December 8th, 2020 and Tribal participants under the age of 18 would have two weeks to register for their FREE entry to Railroad Bridge and North Olympic Discovery Marathon events. For the free entry, all participants would have to register by Tuesday, December 22nd, 2020.

## Here is the information for the FREE youth entry for the Run the Peninsula 2021 - Railroad Bridge and North Olympic Discovery Marathon Events:

Discount code (Case Sensitive): **YouthJT**

Railroad Bridge Registration (registration opens 12/8/2020)

- Registration Link: <https://runsignup.com/Race/WA/Sequim/RailroadBridge5K10K>
- Distances: 5K , 10K or Virtual
- Actual Event is on Saturday, April 24th 2021
- MUST REGISTER BEFORE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2020 FOR FREE ENTRY
- Good for any Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal citizen 18 and under.

North Olympic Discovery Marathon (registration opens on 12/8/2020)

- Registration Link: <https://runsignup.com/Race/WA/PortAngeles/nodm>
- Distances: Kids Marathon (1.2 Miles), 5K, 10K, Half Marathon and Marathon. And the Virtual Event
- Actual Event is on Saturday & Sunday June 5th and 6th
- MUST REGISTER BEFORE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2020 FOR FREE ENTRY
- Good for any Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal citizen 18 and under.

If youth would like to participate in both events that is great, they will just need to register for each event and use the same discount code.

These free entries are made possible by one of our Presenting Sponsors, Delta Dental of Washington.



For the 2021 Run the Peninsula races, the organization has partnered with two tribes on the Olympic Peninsula, the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe (ʔéʔxʷaʔD) and the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe (stəʔtəʔm) to create an amazing totem pole display using animal medals for each of the events. On the back of every medal it describes the significance of the animal and the artist who designed the artwork.



# Holiday Happenings

Join us! After School Programs (ASP) Families for our....

## **WINTER WONDERLAND**

**Saturday December 19th**

Once you have RSVP-ed by December 11<sup>th</sup> we will send you a personalized invite with all of the details and time slot to bring your family to our holiday event between 11am-4pm. We will have a safely spaced and outdoor area decorated for your attendance. We will have S'Klallam Santa and his elves, singing and drumming and a family gift bag for each family as well as hot chocolate, snacks and other surprises!

RSVP: [dbrenske@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:dbrenske@jamestowntribe.org) or [jhumphries@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:jhumphries@jamestowntribe.org)

If your Jamestown youth is not enrolled in our programs, please do not hesitate to email us to be invited to this event.

### **Donations for Families this holiday season! You spoke and we heard!**

*This year we will be making Family Gift Bags for our Tribal families from our After School and Summer Tribal programs and Title 6 Native American families that are referred to us and in need.*

*We will have the theme of outdoor items to keep families physically active during these stressful times as well as 'cozy and warm'; items like blankets, gloves, hats, etc. and other comfort items that keep children and their families bundled up and warm through the winter.*

*Please drop your unwrapped (or wrapped even better but please put a removable label on item on the outside so we make sure it goes to the best fitted family) to Billie Adams upstairs at the clinic or to Red Cedar Hall in Blyn by December 15th. We will be having a **Winter Wonderland** for these families, which will be a decorated outdoor event that meets the county safety guidelines at this time. Families will be given timed slots to come to our Winter Wonderland to see S'Klallam Santa and his helpers, have hot chocolate and snacks and receive their Family Gift Bags.*

*We know that historically those of you who have donated in the past were not given individualized gratitude but please know that your generosity has not been unnoticed.*

*A huge shout out last year to:*

*Paul Cunningham, Diane Root-Racine, Lisa Wu, Lisa and Rashaud Emperado, and to Dixie Laubner for already donating a large bag of Holiday 2020 adorable stuffed animals for this year's Family Gift Bags.*

*...and **all** who donated to our families last year!*

*Thank you, Your Youth and Teen Programs Staff*

*For any questions contact Dustin [dbrenske@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:dbrenske@jamestowntribe.org) or Jessica [jhumphries@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:jhumphries@jamestowntribe.org)*

## **Wreaths Across America**

**Join us on Saturday, December 19, 2020-"Wreaths Day" – at Sequim View Cemetery at 9 a.m.**

The Michael Trebert Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is sponsoring its first year of Wreaths Across America. Each year, millions of Americans come together to REMEMBER the fallen, HONOR those that serve and their families, and TEACH the next generation about the value of freedom. 2.2 million veterans wreaths were placed in 2019 at over 2,000 participating locations. On Saturday, December 19, 2020, our local chapter of Daughters will be facilitating and helping the North Olympic Peninsula to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

To donate, visit <https://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/pages/163808>



## Native American Bible Study Group *(not a Tribal program)*

Feel free to check it out and decide if it is a fit for you!

**Kick-Off Meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm-8pm**

Meet once a month to start; Zoom and in-person options available!

Location: To be determined, will contact you

For in-person: please wear masks.

We will have socially distant seating available, hand sanitizer and sanitizer wipes available!

Contact for more information and to RSVP:

Loni (Grinnell) Greninger

Personal Cell: 253-625-6687

Personal Email: [loni.greninger@gmail.com](mailto:loni.greninger@gmail.com)

*Visit, share stories and receive encouragement from one another;*

*\*Expressing our culture and values with faith*

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# Calendar of Events: December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Winter Wonderland; Wreaths Day—see page 14
20	21 Winter Solstice	22	23	24 Christmas Eve: Tribal Offices Closed; Clinics open until noon.	25 Christmas: Tribal Offices and Clinics closed	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	Happy New Year! 2021	

## Websites:

Tribal Government: [www.jamestowntribe.org](http://www.jamestowntribe.org)

7 Cedars Resort/Casino: [www.7cedars.com](http://www.7cedars.com)

Jamestown Family Health Clinic: <https://jamestownhealth.org>

Jamestown Family Dental Clinic: <https://jamestownfamilydentalclinic.com/>

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

Tribal Online Museum: [www.tribalmuseum.jamestowntribe.org](http://www.tribalmuseum.jamestowntribe.org)

Healing Campus: [www.jamestownhealingcampus.org](http://www.jamestownhealingcampus.org)

Northwest Native Expressions Gallery: [www.NorthwestNativeExpressions.com](http://www.NorthwestNativeExpressions.com)

Dungeness River Audubon Center: [www.dungenessrivercenter.com](http://www.dungenessrivercenter.com)

## Facebook Pages:

Tribal Government: [www.facebook.com/JamestownSKlallamTribe](https://www.facebook.com/JamestownSKlallamTribe)

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### **The Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe will be administering heating assistance programs again this year.**

Jamestown S’Klallam energy assistance program(s) require that applicants reside in the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe’s service area; be a household that has not received a Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant from another agency during the current program year (Oct-June), and meet strict income guidelines for the program. You may be eligible for a LIHEAP grant. The income limits are set at 150% of the federal poverty level (FPL). If you would like an application mailed to you, please call Christine Kiehl at (360) 681-4636 to leave a current mailing address.

### **Jamestown Family Health Clinic**

808 North 5th Ave. Sequim, WA  
Phone: 360-683-5900

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.;  
Sat. 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

for both routine and  
as-needed, face-to-face and telehealth appointments.

### **Senior Support Group**

*A community for:*

*Sharing Wisdom, Exploring Solutions,  
Improving Self and Relationships*

When: Every second Thursday of the  
month from 1-3 p.m.

Where: Jamestown Family Health Clinic,  
Hall of Ancestors

Facilitated by Lloyd Hannemann, LMHC

### **DEADLINES FOR JAMESTOWN HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS (FOR ENROLLED CITIZENS)**

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

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

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

Winter Quarter/Spring Semester - November 15<sup>th</sup>

For information on Higher Education funding, contact  
Morgan Snell at 360-681-4626 or  
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