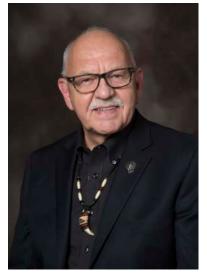


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From Our Chairman: Housing is a priority





Greetings Tribal Citizens! This month I want to address housing as a priority. I have noted many times how we have many priorities including education, health care, culture, and natural resources. But it is important to note that housing is right up at the top of the list, and we have been making great progress over the years. I have stated in the past many times that it is always a balancing of these competing priorities.

I know that it can seem like we're not moving fast enough, but that is always the case as we observe the successes that we like to celebrate, such as our new library. We don't make as big of a public splash when we buy a house for various reasons. The reasons we purchase houses are for three primary reasons: (1) homes for citizens and elders, (2) workforce, and (3) transition/ emergency purposes.

These are consistent with all four goals in our Tribal strategic plan. They include re-acquiring homelands, economic development and the employees to generate

unrestricted revenue, and homes for our people.

We currently provide about 40 homes to Citizens and have a waiting list of about 10 people. To state the obvious, homes being purchased or built is not cheap. We sometimes must deal with Citizens who have unexpected emergencies, e.g., their house burned down, or their house is in such bad shape (health exposure issues, etc.) that we need to move them out sooner rather than later to fix or replace it. Sometimes that requires temporary accommodations while we address their housing needs.

Using the same funding, we provide monetary assistance to stabilize housing. We have done extensive

healthy home assessments and renovations, and we help our Citizens with preventative maintenance to avoid future problems.

Additionally, we look after our disabled Elders with rent support.

At the March 29 General Citizen meeting, we shared the plans for independent living accommodations on the 10-acre River and Silberhorn roads site, as well as a new piece of property on Silberhorn that will accommodate planned assisted and memory-care facilities. All are very expensive and need infrastructure development before construction.

We are in the middle of another project, on Zaccardo Road behind the Social & Community Services building in Blyn. That one should accommodate 6-7 new homes and 7-8 others, either tiny homes or trailer homes.

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Jamestown's Annual Tribal Picnic on hold

With the 2025 Tribal Canoe Journey finishing at Lower Elwha this year, the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's annual Tribal Picnic will look a little different this year.

Because of the time and coordination required for Canoe Journey activities, this year's picnic has been canceled.

Instead, citizens are invited to join the festivities of the canoe landing on Jamestown Beach on Wednesday, July 30 — just prior to the final landings at Lower Elwha set for the following day.

Many of the traditional festivities associated with the Tribal Picnic, including celebration of this year's Volunteer of the Year, will be held after dinner time of landing day. Come out and join the fun!

JST Memorial Day event set

Jamestown hosts a Memorial Day event starting at 11 a.m. Monday, May 26, at the Jamestown Cemetery. For more information, call Al Fletcher at 360-434-4056.

Cemetery Committee seeking new member

The Cemetery Committee has an opening for a new member. The Committee has quarterly hybrid (in-person and on Teams) meetings and is responsible for supporting and assisting the Tribal Council and Tribal staff in the management of the Jamestown Cemetery.

If you are interested, please submit a letter to Allie Taylor at ataylor@jamestowntribe.org for the committee's review at the next meeting.

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While we are looking at homes to fit our target housing needs, primarily in the Sequim area, we are constantly upgrading existing homes. Our housing upgrade list had more than 300 work orders, and staff are moving as fast as possible.

The good news is it is down to 150 range. These repairs to roofs and windows, etc., take time, but they continue to make the homes safer and more energy efficient. Maintenance costs also become a challenge, as we acquire more homes that fall under our responsibility as a landlord.

One of our challenges is those on the waiting list have specific home requests that are hard to find matches. We often offer homes that are available, but they turn them down as they don't fit their desires.

Another challenge is how to make them affordable relative to their incomes. The Department of Housing and Urban Development's NAHASDA homes are typically the best for those who have limited or fixed income, as their rates are 30% of income, but you have to have low-income status to be eligible. Otherwise, we

are forced to find rates that are closer to market rates.

My objective with this message is that, as we work hard at addressing the many needs and desires of our community, housing is consistently on our minds. A new challenge that comes with our success over the years is that more of our people are coming home with high expectations for housing, employment and other resources, and it is a challenge to address all of them.

We will continue our journey one day at a time, focusing on our mission and goals — including housing. I have great confidence that we are making a difference, and it seems to be one house or project at a time. There is more to this picture than I can share in this short article, but I thought I'd share these insights as this was a topic of high interest at the last General Citizens meeting.

We will always trust in the wisdom, patience and perseverance of the Great Spirit's plan and our Tribal journey for our future generations.

Remember, if you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me either at rallen@jamestowntribe.org or my cell phone: 206-369-6699.

God Bless, Ron

Jamestown's EDA puts out call for business leaders

By Mike Dashiell, Tribal Communications and Publications Specialist

Get ready for something akin to the reality television show "Shark Tank" — only, friendlier and much closer to home.

Leaders with Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's Economic Development Authority (EDA) are looking to give aspiring Tribal Citizens a boost in their dreams of building a business.

The EDA in early April announced a new program to help qualified Citizens become business leaders, amplifying an existing business or growing a new entity altogether.

"It could be anything," said EDA Executive Director Hawk Grinnell. "That's the fun of it."

EDA leaders developed the idea at a recent retreat as part of the organization's five-year plan. The EDA, Grinnell pointed out, is charged with creating jobs for Tribal Members, but with inflation on the rise in the post-COVID era individu-



Hawk Grinnell

als need at least \$28-per-hour jobs with benefits.

"People have a high bar of what they need to survive; this is our response (to that reality)," Grinnell said. "If I don't create that, I'm not doing my job."

According to the program description, ideal candidates will have:

- a master's degree or 15 years of relevant professional experience
- a strong desire to lead and manage a Tribal business, driving its expansion and impact
- expertise and a proven track record in their field
- for current business owner, a history of profitable operations and a clear vision for future growth

"We're looking for business leaders ... for people to lead a company," Grinnell said. "We really want the best."

Interested applicants can submit their resume and



cover letter to tinyurl.com/JSTedaVenture.

Accepted applicants would receive financial support along with management leadership training/classes and other assistance. "We're happy to help facilitate that growth," Grinnell said.

Ideally, he said, qualified individuals would become Jamestown employees to take advantage of the Tribe's benefits and wage stability.

Proposals for something like a 50-50 percent split would be "less desirable" but would also be considered, he said.

"There are opportunities to grow regionally, statewide or nationally with the tribe's advantages," Grinnell said. "We would be doing this together and it would benefit us both. Our success is their success."

Applicants would be considered quarterly, and it could take as much as six months to turn an application into a true business proposal, followed by a business creation process, Grinnell said.

Any business model that is profitable will be considered, he said, from those with MBAs to teachers, from baristas to cabinetmakers.

"Don't be afraid to apply," Grinnell said. "As long as you qualify and feel you can be a driven candidate to lead a business please send in an application and cover letter. We're more than happy to follow up and make sure its given proper consideration. It's much easier to build a business around someone's talents instead of picking line of business and trying to find talent."

For more information about the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's Economic Development Authority, call 360-683-2025 or visit jamestowntribe.org/portfolio-items/economic-development-authority.

2025 Tribal Council Election reminder

This year, the Tribal Council Member at Large seat is on the ballot. We highly encourage Tribal Citizens to run for these elected positions! Have you completed a signature verification form? If you're unsure, contact Michael with the Election Board by calling 360-460-7168.

Remember, if you've moved, please contact Kayla Holden, Client Navigator and Enrollment Supervisor, with your updated address by email at kholden@jamestowntribe.org.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Nov. 4, 2025! This is the last day ballots can be casted.



Photo by John Gussman

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Citizens, staff and advocates gather for the Jamestown Healing Clinic's grand opening ceremony on Aug. 20, 2022.

Jamestown's health division gets rebrand to JCARE

By Mike Dashiell, Tribal Communications and Publications Specialist

New name, same commitment to providing topnotch health services — for Tribal Citizens and "new friends" alike.

After years of operating under its various program names, the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's healthcare

division was recently (re)branded Jamestown HealthCARE (JCARE).

The new name and logo represents the overarching name for the Tribe's Jamestown Family Health Clinic, Jamestown Family Dental Clinic, Jamestown Healing Clinic, Jamestown

Tribal Wellness and the planned 16-bed Jamestown **Evaluation & Treatment Center.**

(JCARE).

"This rebranding reflects our ongoing commitment to providing excellent healthcare and signifies an exciting new chapter for our organization," noted Jamestown HealthCARE CEO Brent Simcosky in a mid-March announcement.

The change serves as a milestone for Jamestown, whose leaders started a managed health care program in 1995 — one year after tribes were allowed to manage their own Indian Health Services (IHS) fundina.

Cindy Lowe, Jamestown HealthCARE's Chief Operations Officer, said the self-insured managed health program move was revolutionary — "no one had done it," she recalled — and in 2002 the Tribe opened Jamestown Family Health Clinic.

While some tribes offered health services to Tribal members only, Jamestown saw the benefit of serv-

> ing residents in the non-Tribal community, Lowe said, referring to them with a term coined by a coworker: "new friends."

"We saw we needed a medical clinic, but we still struggled to get doctors," Lowe said. "They only way to do that (open a clinic) was to see non-native patients."

"Not only does [serving non-Tribal patients] not diminish the services; it actually enhances them."

The Tribe added dental clinic services for Citizens and "new friends" in 2004, the Jamestown Healing Clinic for patients with opiate use disorder in 2022, and plan to open the 16-bed psychiatric evaluation and treatment facility adjacent to the Healing Clinic in 2026.

In Fiscal Year 2024, the Tribe's clinics saw 80,000 patient contacts and more than 25,000 active patients.

rored by tribes across the nation, Jamestown staffers note.

The new logo for Jamestown HealthCARE

Lowe said Jamestown's success is in no small part due to its staff: about 250 individuals help fuel most ideas and day-to-day efforts behind the myriad services the Tribe's clinics offer.

"We're kind of a small tribe that's big; we feel like we can do anything," she said.

"We never anticipated it would look like this, but when you're a small tribe you appreciate it even more."

Clinic administrators, however, want to keep those services imminently accessible, particularly for its Tribal Citizens, Lowe noted — expansive in what services are offered, but small enough to handle a specific patient's needs.

"The last thing you want is a Tribal Citizen to get lost in the mix," she said. "When you're a tribe that's small, it's best to keep it close to the tribal government."

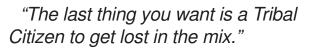
That was part of the reason behind the rebranding, Lowe noted, reaffirming the Tribe's clinics are a division of the Tribe, not a separate entity.

"For some time, we have been thinking about how to brand our healthcare services given we

are a leader in our region and given that we serve both Native and non-Native populations," Simcosky wrote.

"These updates reflect our commitment to growth and providing the best possible care to our community."

And for Tribal Citizens and friends needing help, they can still call on Lowe or JCARE's newly promoted Tribal Health Administrator Billie Adams, to help with that next step toward better health.



— Cindy Lowe, Jamestown HealthCARE's Chief Operations Officer



Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe photo

Before its current building was erected in 2010, Jamestown Family Health Clinic administration and staff — three doctors and eight staff —ran the first clinic, located across Fifth Avenue in Sequim. Services continued to grow in the small building, eventually taking over the space, which was rented from Olympic Medical Center.

"We love to say 'yes' to people," Lowe said. "We have pretty much anything a Tribal Citizen might need to be healthy."

Staffing changes

Along with the JCARE rebranding are some significant new and upcoming staffing changes – including Lowe, a 33-year-plus Jamestown healthcare staff veteran who, in the summer of

2025, will shift to focusing on JCARE leadership projects and providing oversight for Tribal Dental Programs and future development.

JCARE promotions, job transitions and retirements include:

- Trina Gallacci Promoted to Chief Operations Officer (COO). Responsibilities include translating the JCARE vision into action, overseeing business strategy and staffing plans, and managing the daily operations of Tribal clinics, along with ensuring alignment of operations with long-term Tribal goals.
- Billie Adams Promoted to Tribal Health Administrator. Responsibilities include daily operations and oversight of Tribal Health Benefits programs and services for in and out-of-area Tribal Citizens and managing Tribal Citizen access to services through Tribal clinics.
- Andrew Shogren Promoted to Tribal Health Policy and Planning Manager. Responsibilities include monitoring and analyzing Tribal, state, and federal health policy, identifying opportunities and challenges for JCARE, and providing timely updates and policy recommendations to the JCARE Leadership Team.
- Morgan Snell Promoted to Tribal Health Planner. Responsibilities include planning and development of various JCARE grant-funded programs, and long-range planning for the division related to healthcare programs and services for Tribal and non-Tribal patients.
 - Sandy Lowe Retired from her position in Quality and Compliance Informatics.
- Gene Burwell Transitioning at the end of the summer to a part-time position of Compliance Officer focusing on compliance and risk management for all JCARE clinics.

Friends, family celebrate Grinnell-Borde's 'S'Klallam heart'

By Mike Dashiell, Tribal Communications and Publications Specialist

Julie Grinnell-Borde spent the first half of her professional career on the sea, the second half on land. Now, she's ready to turn her full attention to those closest to her.

"Thank you for giving me all your wisdom," she said at a retirement party in her honor at Red Cedar Hall on March 26. "I have so many loved ones here (and) I'm just so thankful. I'm going to enjoy my grandkids, my husband, my family."

Surrounded by current and former coworkers, friends and family — including her parents, Elaine and Fred Grinnell — Julie was celebrated, in particular for her work at the Jamestown Dental Clinic where she started in 2006.

"For 19-plus years I looked forward to going to work every day," she said. "What I will miss most, without a doubt, are the Tribal Citizens I've had the privilege of serving and my colleagues that I thorough-

ly enjoyed working alongside of every day."

"The connections I've made with so many individuals and the ability to make a positive difference in their lives have been the highlight of my career. It's been an honor to manage, support and work alongside such a vibrant, resilient community. Their stories, strength, and determination will always stay with me."

A career in the dental field was Julie's career path early on: she worked at the Lower Elwha Dental Clinic as a teenager and, in 1984, graduated from Bates Technical College in Tacoma as a dental assistant while working at the Bremerton Athletic Club. In 1985, her oldest daughter was born, and she returned home to Sequim to raise Khia around family and the Tribal community.



Photo courtesy of Vicki Wallner

Family members gather around Julie Grinnell-Borde (fifth from right) at her retirement party at Red Cedar Hall on March 26.



Photo by Mike Dashiell/ Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Julie Grinnell-Borde, left, receives a painting from coworkers from the Jamestown medical management staff. "I have worked with all of them very closely since I started 19-plus years ago," she said. The painting was composed by a friend who passed away the previous summer.

For the next 18 years, however, Julie made the vocational switch to work in the commercial fish industry, the first nine as a fish buyer.

Gone fishing

Not having prior boat experience, Grinnell-Borde learned quickly to assist in the operation of a 70-foot tender boat, manage a seven-person crew, ship fresh salmon, watch seafood markets and negotiate the highest prices possible.

"With the support of my family and other native fishermen and women, I was the only native female fish buyer on the water," she said.

"It was an important role not only for my family but other native fishermen in the area. Becoming a fish buyer not only gave me one of the most rewarding experiences, but helped to ensure higher prices for our Tribal fishermen and women for their daily salmon catches."

In the late 1990s, when salmon fishing was starting to dwindle and Tribes were starting to explore diving for sea urchin, sea cucumbers and geoduck, she ran a geoduck diving business until late 2005.

She also worked briefly with the Tribe's Economic Development Authority while recovering from shoulder surgery between fishing seasons.

Clinic career

In early 2006, Julie got a call from Cindy Lowe, gauging her interest in a dental assistant job.

"What a great opportunity to use my dental degree," Grinnell-Borde noted in a May 2018 newsletter article, "and perfect timing for me, as I was going through a divorce and had four kids at home to support. I have been happily coming in every day since January 17, 2006."

Julie advanced from dental assistant to dental assistants supervisor and, in 2018, Clinic Operations Manager. She said she observed a number of interesting parallels between her work on boats and in the dental office: the need for attention to detail and customer service; long hours of hard work; observance of laws and regulations; the risk/uncertainty

of the fields, and the use of specialized knowledge and skills.

"I enjoy helping patients work
through their fears
and high anxieties
of the dental chair
on a daily basis,"
Julie said in 2018.
"I live for fast-pace,
dental equipment
and upkeep, and the
multiple demands of
working as a supervisor. I feel very



Photo courtesy of Vicki Wallner Cindy Lowe, left, and Bette Smithson, right, celebrate retiring coworker Julie Grinnell-Borde.

privileged and proud to have such a beautiful facility to work in and wonderful co-workers."

Dental Director Bri Butler, who spent 11 years as Julie's coworker, recalled a telling moment when a mechanical chair broke in the middle of a procedure with a young patient undergoing anesthesia. Julie immediately went to work on the chair mid-operation to fix the problem.

That effort, Butler told the retirement party crowd, spoke to the "S'Klallam heart," that staffers are all



Photo by Mike Dashiell/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Julie Grinnell receives a blanket at a retirement celebration on March

working together.

"That heart is just so powerful," Butler said. "She will do anything for people."

Tribal councilor Ricky Johnson echoed Butler's sentiment: "Her heart is just so big. You can feel it; it radiates off of her."

Grinnell-Borde said she will also miss the experience of helping patients change their smiles.

"To see the joy and confidence

that comes with transforming someone's smile has been incredibly fulfilling. Being part of that journey and knowing I helped people feel better about themselves has been the greatest gift of all," Julie said.

Bette Smithson succeeds Grinnell-Borde in a staffing change at the dental clinic that includes a new job title: Dental Assistant Supervisor and Tribal Dental Coordinator.

Family time

26 at Red Cedar Hall.

Grinnell's mother, Elaine, said her daughter's work ethic was forged early on and hasn't changed over the years: "If everything is not well, she makes it well ... and tells everyone how to do things," Elaine said. "We always follow instructions."

Julie Grinnell was presented with a blanket from Loni Grinnell-Greninger and Vicki Wallner with an agate theme — fitting, she said, because her husband, Brian Borde, collects agates.

Grinnell has four children (Khia, Micheal, Sarah and Jon) and her family recently added a grandchild, her 11th (including two step-grandchildren).

"As I step into retirement, I carry with me the countless memories, relationships, and lessons learned. I am so grateful for the opportunity to have been part of something so meaningful, and I will always hold these experiences close to my heart," Grinnell-Borde said.

"Thank you for the support and trust over the years. I wish everyone all the best, and while I may be retiring, I will always cherish the time spent here and the incredible people I've had the pleasure of working with."

New interpretive signs celebrate culture, nature and connection at Dungeness River Nature Center

By Jennifer Waters-White Communications Coordinator, Dungeness River Nature Center

The Dungeness River Nature Center is proud to unveil a new series of interpretive signs installed throughout Railroad Bridge Park and the River Center Plaza.

These beautifully illustrated outdoor exhibits explore the deep interconnections between the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's cultural traditions and the natural resources of the Dungeness River, inviting visitors to experience the landscape through a rich and meaningful lens.

Funded by a grant from the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA), the project resulted in 10 outdoor wayside exhibits and one large interpretive bulletin board in the Center's Plaza. Each panel offers passersby vivid illustrations that bring to life the wildlife, traditional stories, and natural systems of the Dungeness River ecosystem. In one instance, the landscape itself was updated to reflect the interpretive content, native plants featured on a sign about bird habitat were thoughtfully planted beside the panel, thanks to a donation from a local landscaper.

"River Center and Tribal Staff have only heard positive things and a lot of great discussions inspired by the new interpretive signs and content. More S'Klallam language, culture, history, and stories are present in the park than ever before," Tribal Planning Director Luke Strong-Cvetich said.

"We normally see peak visitation at the River Center during the summer and can't wait for all the visitors to get to experience the new interpretive signs and content," he added.

The installation also includes an Eco-Counter sys-

tem, which will track visitor engagement and inform future educational efforts. The River Center anticipates increased visitation as the weather warms, and plans to host a community celebration later this spring.

The signs offer a meaningful way for locals and visitors alike to connect more deeply with the landscape, and with the stories that have shaped it for generations.

The interpretive signs at the Dungeness River Nature Center were developed through a close partnership with the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, the Dungeness River Nature Center, and community members. We extend our deepest gratitude to Tribal Elders Elaine Grinnell, Liz Mueller, Janet Duncan, and Lisa Barrell as well as Tribal citizens Loni Greninger, Dusty Humphries, Sarah Klostermeier, Alisha Adams, Lu Canales, Mackenzie Grinnell, and Emma Barrell for their invaluable contributions.

Special thanks also go to Jamestown staff members Allie Taylor, Luke Strong-Cvetich, and Powell Jones; River Center staff, board members, and volunteers Montana Napier, Kathy Steichen, Lyn Muench, Bob Boekelheide, and Ken Wiersema; and sign artist Larry Eifert. This project was made possible from the dedication of all who shared their time, knowledge, and cultural insight to bring this vision to life.

We invite the public to come experience the new signs on your next visit to Railroad Bridge Park and the Dungeness River Nature Center.





Photos courtesy of Dungeness River Nature Center

New interpretive signs help visitors learn more about the deep connections between the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and the Dungeness River resources.

Prince returns to Tribe in library, Cedar Greens roles



Joseph Prince

After several years of travel, Joseph Buck Prince (Prince Family), a Descendant of Chief Chetzemoka, is back with the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, taking roles at Heron Hall Library (assistant) and Cedars Greens Cannabis (sales consultant).

Prince attended Washington State University from 2008-2011, studying business administration and entre-

preneurship. He decided to put his education on hold to pursue an online reselling business that focuses on curating collectible sneakers and vintage clothing — a business he continues to operate today. He re-enrolled at Washington State University in 2018 and earned a bachelor's degree in social sciences as well as an American Indian Studies certificate, focusing on Indigenous anthropology, archeology, cultural ethnic and art studies.

"The proudest moment of my life came in 2020, when my ex and I had our baby girl Staley Layne Prince," Prince said. "In 2021, we had our son Xavier Sand Prince. We waited to know the sex of each baby until they were born!"

Since 2014, Prince has traveled much of the globe, including Italy, Thailand, London, Switzerland, Hong Kong, France, Mexico, and other locales.

"Now, in 2025, I couldn't be happier to say that I get to live in my favorite place in the world, right here where our ancestors have always been," Prince said.

"I am so fortunate to be a part of what our Tribe has built, for what I have seen and for what has been accomplished since I was a child. I must give thanks to those who came before me and to those who continue to work for tomorrow, today."

Prince said he recalls helping cook salmon each summer for Jamestown's annual Tribal Picnic with the rest of the Prince men: Lyle, Les, Vince, Gregory, and cousin Jesse. Cliff Prince was always there as a quality control taste tester as well, Prince noted.

He said he looks forward to being active in many cultural avenues within the Tribe: "You will see me in our canoe, singing and drumming, and I particularly look forward to getting involved in creating," he said.

"I would like to take the time to give a special thank you to my Father Gregory, my Uncle Vince Prince, and my Aunt Kim Prince. These people represent the core of what family is supposed to mean and I am so fortunate that when I really needed my family, they were there for me and that they have always been there for me. That is family. Divorce has proven to be the hardest time of my life, but with the help of the Princes here in Sequim, and my mom in Kitsap, I have been able to reinvigorate the needed strength within myself — the strength we all possess and can call on as a S'Klallam people — to help align myself with my most promising future, right here where our ancestors have always called home.

"As my immediate family has been there for me, I am now here for my extended family within the greatest environment on planet Earth. I am Jamestown. You are Jamestown. WE ARE JAMESTOWN. I am beyond happy to be here and couldn't have more pride in saying I am home. When you see me around, say hello. Shake my hand — we are family!"

Welcome back, Joseph!

Geoduck technician joins JST's Natural Resources team

Lance Peterson recently joined Jamestown S'Klal-



Lance Peterson

lam Tribe's Natural Resources team as its newest geoduck technician.

Peterson, a Jamestown Tribe descendant (Reyes family), grew up on the fishing vessel Searay fishing with his father Gary since he was 9 years old.

"While most children had fun summers mine were spent working with dad," he recalls. "Crab season

lasted most the summer back then. We fished crab, shrimp, halibut, and salmon."

A Port Angeles High graduate, Peterson in 2018 left

home and lived in three other states for five years, and spent 18 months living out of a van before recently moving back to the Pacific Northwest. He is scuba and surface supplied air certified.

"[I] could not be happier with my job getting to run boats and be out on the water again!" Peterson said.

Away from the job, Peterson enjoys many hobbies, particularly outdoor activities and "anything involving water." They include backpacking/hiking, remote control cars, fitness, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, video games, quality time with family/friends and stimulating conversations.

"Three words to describe me would be equable, loud, vivacious," Peterson said.

Welcome to the team. Lance!

New Employee Notice







Welcome
CODY BENNETT
Marketing &
Communications
Assistant

I'm a born and raised Sequim resident and a Jamestown tribal descendant, I most recently worked as a Sales Consultant at Wilder Auto Center in Port Angeles but have previously been employed with Jamestown at the Cedars at Dungeness, 7 Cedars Casino and the Healing Clinic. I chose to return to Jamestown because I already know what a wonderful place it is to work, and I am excited to build a future in the world of healthcare within the tribe. My wife, Olivia, is currently the Banquet Manger for the Cedars at Dungeness Golf Course. Together we are raising two wonderful girls: her thirteen-yearold niece Aby, and our one-month-old daughter, Charlotte. My free time typically consists of diaper changes and holding a baby these days, but I enjoy golf and snowboarding when the time and weather permits

New Employee Notice



JAMESTOWN FAMILY HEALTH CLINIC



Welcome Amanda Loucks LPN

I am an LPN previously employed at the VA clinic in Port Angeles. I live in Sequim and decided after almost 3 years of commuting, I wanted to work in my home community. My friend Chante kept raving on and on about the amazing culture of Jamestown Clinic, so I thought I would come check it out for myself. Outside of work I go on motorcycle rides with my Elks riders club and help raise money to deliver housing essentials to local homeless Veterans who find housing. I also love to cook and to hang out with my two daughters, our cat, and our spotted gecko.

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JAMESTOWN HEALING CLINIC



Welcome Teresa Gubin, RN Family Practice

My name is Teresa and I recently moved to Sequim to work at Jamestown Healing Clinic. Prior to graduating from nursing school last fall, I worked as a CNA for six years in Seattle.

I chose to work at JHC because their mission aligns with my passion for community health and addiction recovery.

In my free time I enjoy hanging out with my mini Australian Shepherd, Emma. We love to on bike rides, hikes, run around in the river, and have picnics on the beach. I look forward to meeting new people, making friends and becoming a part of the community here.

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JAMESTOWN HEALING CLINIC



Welcome
Colten Reed
UA Tech

Before working here, I was a Behavioral Health Technician at ABHS for about 10 months, and prior to that I worked at the Boys & Girls Club for about 2 years. I graduated from Sequim High School in 2021 and attended Central Washington University to study IT Management and Digital Forensics; I now do that online. I chose to come to IHC because I could tell right away the staff cared about the clients and fellow staff members. They showed a lot of interest in me, and it quickly became an easy decision to join this community. In my free time I am usually doing schoolwork, playing games, or hanging out with family. I am excited to be here, and I can't wait to establish into this community.

Stratton, family practice physician, joins JFHC team

An East Coast native who found his inspiration for practicing medicine in the Peace Corps across the globe, Samuel Stratton is the newest member of the Jamestown health team.

Stratton was recently hired as a Family Practice Physician at the Jamestown Family Health Clinic.

Originally from Massachusetts, Stratton studied geography at Clark University in Worcester, Mass., and

Originally from Massachusetts, Stratton studied geography at Clark University in Worcester, Mass., and earned a master's degree in community development and planning. I served in Peace Corps roles in El Salvador, Belize and Mexico. Those experiences abroad with the Peace Corps inspired him to become a doctor, Stratton said, and he returned to the United States to study medicine.



Samuel Stratton

Stratton graduated from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Maine, and completed his residency in family medicine at Swedish First Hill in Seattle.

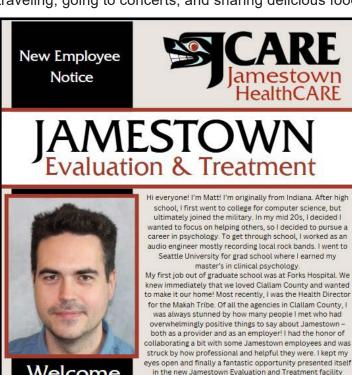
Stratton said he is motivated to work for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and the mission to "serve and strengthen its tribal community."

"I am excited to be serving at a community health center that provides holistic care to the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal community and the greater Sequim community," he said.

"And most importantly, I am following my wife, the amazing Dr. Harmony Stratton, who will be serving as an addiction medicine specialist and primary care physician at the Healing Clinic." (Note: Dr. Harmony Stratton is scheduled to start at the Healing Clinic in mid-June.)

As a family medicine doctor, Stratton said he loves partnering with patients across the lifespan to support them in achieving their personal health goals. Within family medicine, his interests include sports medicine, lifestyle medicine, obesity medicine, preventive health, health equity, men's health, family planning, prenatal care, pediatrics, and primary care orthopedics, dermatology, and procedures.

Outside of medicine, Stratton enjoys exploring bike trails, waterways, parks, and museums with his family, traveling, going to concerts, and sharing delicious food with friends and family.



project. I feel so honored to be here and to contribute my

skills to this new project to help serve the community and

the interests of the Tribe!

When not at work, I could definitely be classified as a family

man. I love to spend time with my wife and son (he turns 3

next week!). I like watching and analyzing movies, especially

psychological thrillers, true crime, and horror. I also like

playing drums, listening to music (mostly 70s and 80s), and playing old school video games with friends and family. Road

trips and hikes are high on my list of activities. I'm also

obsessed with EVs.

Welcome
Matt McKnight
LMHC
Evaluation &
Treatment Start Up
Program Manager

Send us comments, ideas for Citizens' report

The 2024 Report to Tribal Citizens was mailed to Tribal Citizen households recently, and is also available on the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's website (see www.jamestowntribe.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Report-to-Tribal-Citizens-WEB.pdf).

The report details program happenings, Tribe goals,

yearly highlights, finances, and more during the Fiscal Year 2024 (Oct. 1, 2023-Sept. 30, 2024).

Those with comments and suggestions, or those seeking a printed copy of the report, are encouraged to contact Mike Dashiell, Tribal Communications and Publications Specialist, at mdashiell@jamestown-tribe.org.

Celebrating Leadership: Healing of the Canoe (HOC) Trip to Great Wolf Lodge

May 2025

Last week, nine outstanding kids from our afterschool program were rewarded with an unforgettable trip to Great Wolf Lodge—a well-deserved celebration of their hard work, leadership, and the way they uplift those around them.

Out of all the kids who take part in H.O.C, these nine consistently stood out—not just through responsibility and initiative, but through everyday moments of kindness and connection. Whether they were helping younger participants with projects, leading small groups, or stepping up during activities, they each made an impact simply by showing up as their best selves.

Their actions reminded us that being a good person—someone who supports others, leads with empathy, and builds up those around them—can open doors to special experiences. This trip wasn't just a prize; it was a reflection of who they are and the positive energy they bring to our community.

Huge kudos to Crystal Adams, Wyatt Cable-May, Ella Ulin, Sophia Gockerell, Brinley Johnson, Anondra Hedin, Wiley Hustell, Racin Bush, and Shyla Schmitt—you all make us incredibly proud.

The trip itself was packed with excitement. From soaring down water slides to diving into the wave pool, the teens seemed to enjoy every moment of the indoor waterpark. After a day of splashing around, they picked out wizard names and dove into MagiQuest—an interactive adventure that had them exploring the lodge, solving puzzles, and teaming up (with a healthy dose of competition). One of the highlights? The arcade! The kids were racing around trying to see who could rack up the most tickets. Shout out to Ella Ulin, who hit the jackpot and walked away with 1,000 tickets!

Beyond the fun, the trip served as a powerful reminder of what young people can accomplish when given the chance to lead, grow, and just be their kind and thoughtful selves. We're incredibly proud of these kiddos—not just for earning the trip, but for setting an example for their peers and representing our program and their Tribe with pride.

As Crystal Adams put it, "It felt really nice to be recognized for positivity. And going to the water park, I made memories I'll never forget!"

We can't wait to see what's next for these amazing young leaders.



Family gathering brings out smiles, fun as S'Klallam/Klallam communities come together

By Jessica Humphries Family Services Manager, Social & Community Services

Since receiving the Tribal Early Learning Fund award, we've hosted several meaningful events, including story time sessions, drum-making workshops with moms, and



Morgan Snell and son Calvin enjoy making drums at a Raising Children Together moms' group event.

most recently, a large, vibrant gathering that brought together all three bands of the S'Klallam/Klallam communities. The evening was filled with storytelling, delicious food, dancing and singing.

Our partners — Port Gamble's Head Start Team and Elwha's House of Learning teachers — joined together to pass out gifts and healthy snacks. Families also left with drums, paintings, crafts, books and, most importantly, smiles.

The most heartwarming moment of the night came

from the many parents who personally thanked the organizers and asked to continue coordinating events like this. Their excitement and appreciation confirmed what we already know: events like these truly matter!

We are inspired and committed to creating more opportunities for our young children and families to learn, connect, and celebrate our culture together.



Jessica Humphries, Stephanie Adams, Cindy Sylvester and children gather at the Tribal Library.



Photos by Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe /Social & Community Services Department

Indian Child Welfare caseworker Tom Sheldon is pictured with Rachel and Tara Sullivan-Owens at a recent children's intertribal event.



Rodger Fernandez, Elwha Tribal Elder and storyteller, talks with Tribal youths at a recent intertribal event inside Red Cedar Hall.



Time to get rolling: May is National Bike Month

By Mike Dashiell, Tribal Communications and Publications Specialist

Whether it's a commute, a group ride, a family outing or just for fun, now is a great time to get on two wheels.

May is National Bike Month, an annual tradition promoted by the League of American Bicyclists and celebrated in communities across the country. Established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance for bike-riding newcomers and veterans alike to explore the many benefits of bicycling — and encourage others to give biking a try. (See bikeleague.org)

Why the interest in biking? Participation in cycling is associated with lower risk of mortality, healthier hearts, lowered risk of type 2 diabetes, as well as positive mental health and well-being, according to the National Library of Medicine.

Bicycling is also a boon for the environment: Replacing car journeys with cycling can lead to reductions in air pollution emissions and lower pollution exposure to the general population, federal health experts note.

Washington state Department of Transportation officials recently announced a program to provide incentives for those using electric bikes.

WE-bike is an instant rebate program that helps Washington residents purchase certain cycling equipment and electric bicycles, also called e-bikes.

The program opened April 9 and closed April 23, with rebates of either \$1,200 (for those who qualify) or \$300 going to applicants. Organizers expected to give out about 10,000 rebates across the state.

Local riding

Washington state bike riders — and those on the Olympic Peninsula in particular—have plenty of resources in what the League calls the most bicycle-friendly state in the U.S., with top scores in infrastructure, bike safety laws and policies.

Locally, bike riders can take advantage of the Olympic Discovery Trail, a 100-mile-plus path for bike riders and pedestrians from Port Townsend to the Pacific that crosses rivers and bridges, through tunnels and over trestles.

The Peninsula Trails Coalition's website (olympicdiscoverytrail.org) has various maps, trail news and updates, lodging and camping information, resources to find biking groups and shops, volunteer opportunities and more.

In addition, the community of Sequim was designated by the League as a Bicycle Friendly Community. And the Sequim Bicycle Alliance has a slew of Bike Month activities and events, including a bike decorating contest (May 1), Bike Rodeo (May 17, aimed at help-

Save the date!

- May 4 (Sunday) National Ride a Bike Day
- May 12-18 Bike to Work Week
- May 16 (Friday) Bike to Work Day

ing youngsters get on bikes with riding lessons, safety checks and free equipment), and Trailside Cheer, and event offering goodies for those riding the Olympic Discovery Trail through Sequim between 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, May 31. See sequimwa.gov/1300/Bike-Month-2025.

Learning to ride

Just getting started? Check out local bike shops to get the right ride, gear and advice to help you get out on the roads and trails. Local bike shops include:

Sequim

Ben's Bikes — 1251 W. Washington St., 360-681-2666, bensbikessequim.com

Sequim Bike Studio — 213 E. Washington St., 360-683-0635, sequimbike.com

Sequim Bike Works — By appointment only, 360-797-1446, sequimbikeworks.org

Port Angeles

Bike Garage — 403 S. Lincoln St., 360-504-2040, facebook.com/BikeGaragePA

Discover E-Bike, LLC — 109 N. Oak St., 360-460-1218, discoverebike.fun

Elevate Outdoors (rentals/tours) — 2358 Hwy. 101 W., 360-417-3015, elevateoutdoors.us

Rainshadow Rides & Repair (mobile) — 360-461-7224, rainshadowrr@gmail.com

Sound Bikes and Kayaks — facebook.com/sound-bikeskayaks

Waterfront Wheels — 134 E. Railroad Ave., 360-775-8208, facebook.com/people/Waterfront-Wheels/100089653140358/

Port Townsend

The Broken Spoke — 630 Water St., 360-379-1295, thebrokenspokept.com

PT Cyclery — 252 Tyler St., 360-385-6470, ptcyclery.

The ReCyclery — 1925 Blaine Suite # 500, 360-643-1755, ptrecyclery.org

Velo Cats Collective — 1929 W. Sims Way, 360-344-2448, velocats.com

Williwaw — 123 Fredrick St., 360-379-8809, williwawbikestudio.wordpress.com

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Culture Department Announcements & Events

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All Culture Department events are open to all Jamestown Tribal Citizens, Descendants and their families.

Top T-shirts

Congratulations to the Canoe Journey T-shirt design winner Kissendrah Johnson (Johnson family).

"I designed it and cut it entirely out of paper and re-assembled it like a collage," Kissendrah said. "It represents a powerful river spirit crushing the Elwha river dam to allow the salmon to return home. The spirit is a metaphor for our collective S'Klallam strength."

Congratulations go to the T-shirt design runner-up Audrey McGowan (Reyes family). Audrey is the granddaughter of Walter Norton (Reyes) and daughter of Melissa McGowan.

Klallam Language

Thank you to Mary Norton and Timothy O'Connell, who will continue the year with simple vocabulary, phrases, and basic grammar! Come learn at your own pace!

What: Klallam Language

Where: Dungeness River Nature Center, 1943 W. Hen-

drickson Road, Sequim

When: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays May 5, May 12, May 19

Canoe Family Meeting

Join us if you want to be a part of the Canoe Family pullers (pulls in the canoe), ground crew (sets up camp, fixes meals, etc.), gift-making (making gifts to hand out at protocol at Lower Elwha), volunteering at the Jamestown Landing, or if you've never participated and want to know what canoe journey is all about. It's never too late to be a part of the Canoe Family.

What: Canoe Family Meeting

Where: Red Cedar Hall, 1033 Old Blyn Highway, Se-

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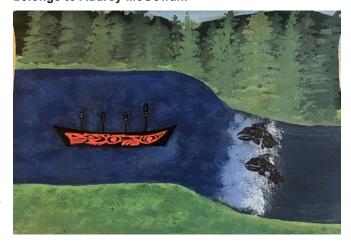
When: Friday, May 16 (dinner at 5 p.m., meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.)

Cedar Bark Harvest

Join us as we go onto Indian Island Naval Base to harvest cedar bark from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 23. We will have extra harvesting tools if needed. If you are interested, we will need everyone to RSVP to this event by Friday, May 9. Prior approval is required to enter the naval base. Don't forget to bring your ID on the 24th. We have



Kissendrah Johnson's Canoe Journey T-shirt design (above) took top honors. The runner-up design (below) belongs to Audrey McGowan.



room for three in the van. You can also caravan to Indian Island, or meet us at the Naval Base on Indian Island. Contact Emma Barrell (ebarrell@jamestowntribe.org or 360-681-3414) with questions or to RSVP.

What: Cedar Bark Harvesting

Where: Meet at the Culture Building, 197 Corriea

Road, Sequim, at 8:45 a.m.

When: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 24

Intertribal Camas Bake

We'll be heading back to Whidbey Island for our annual intertribal Camas Bake. We have camping gear for anyone that wants to camp with us at Pacific Rim Institute. If you are unable to camp and want to stay indoors, we will have a drawing for the four rooms that are available at a nearby Vrbo (vacation rental by owner).

We'll dig camas with the group, pit bake them in a traditional earth oven, then come together for a feast. Come for the whole event or just for a day!

Contact Mikaya at mhaller@jamestowntribe.org, 360-681-4659 if you would like to reserve camping gear or put your name in for the Vrbo drawing.

What: Intertribal Camas Bake

Where: Pacific Rim Institute on Whidbey Island, 180

Parker Road, Coupeville,

When: Wednesday-Sunday, May 7-11

Clam Dig

The Culture Department will not be taking people out for this clam dig, but if you need to borrow a bucket, boots, shovel, or rake, contact Mikaya Haller at 360-681-4659 or mhaller@jamestowntribe.org

Check Washington State Department of Health Shellfish Safety Map (fortress.wa.gov/doh/biotoxin/biotoxin.html) for a safe harvest.

What: Clam Dig

Where: Blyn or Jamestown When: 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 30

Intertribal Song & Dance

Join us as we come together with our sister Tribes Lower Elwha and Port Gamble for intertribal song and dance. We will share a meal and practice our songs and dances.

What: Intertribal Song & Dance

Where: Port Gamble, 31912 Little Boston Road NE

When: TBD: A date has not been determined, but we will put out a mass call when they let us know the date and time.

Gift Making for Canoe Journey

Lu Canales will be leading us in gift making on Saturday, May 3, and Saturday, May 17. Come on down to see what the plan is for this year's Canoe Journey and lend a helping hand.

Please reach out with any questions. Contact Lu Canales at canales.m92@gmail.com or Emma Barrell

at ebarrell@jamestowntribe.org or 360-681-3414.

What: Gift Making for Canoe Journey

Where: Traditional Foods and Culture Building, 197

Corriea Road, Sequim

When: Saturdays, May 3 and May 17

Canoe Pulling Practice

We've woken the canoe and pulling practices have

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begun! We welcome Jamestown Citizens, descendants and family to join in on practices. If you've never been in a canoe or pulled, now's your chance.

Keep up-to-date on canoe practices and Canoe Family meetings by downloading the team reach app (at right).

What: Canoe Pulling

Practice

Where: John Wayne Marina

When: Times are tentative; call to confirm or join the FB Canoe Family page. Scheduled for Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. (May 1, May 8, May 15, May 22, May 29), Weekends at 11 a.m. (Sunday, May 4; Saturday, May 10; Sunday, May 18; Sunday, May 25)

Harvest, Hang and Sing

Swing by and lend a hand in the garden or just come and visit! Beginning in March Song & Dance was held the same days at Harvest and Hang! We will be hosting song and dance practice every second and Fourth Wednesday at the Community Garden. This is a great chance to come learn our songs and dances. Lower Elwha is hosting the final landing for Canoe Journey this year in August and we want to represent Jamestown well! We will start the evening sharing a light meal then jump right into practice.

What: Harvest, Hang and Sing Where: 182 Marinas Way, Sequim

When: 3-7 p.m. Wednesdays, May 14 and May 28;

meal at 5 p.m., song and dance afterward

Garden Work Parties

Stop by for a few minutes and say "hi," or stay a couple hours and get your hands dirty and work in the garden!

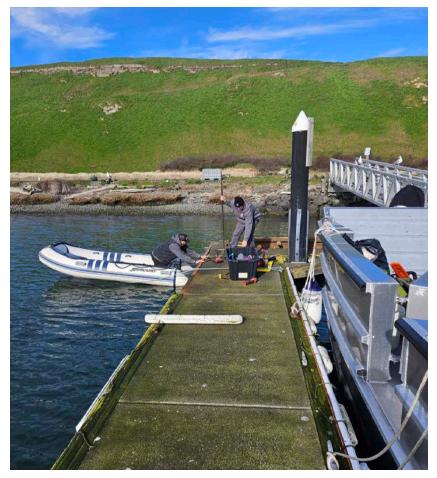
What: Garden Work Parties

Where: 182 Marinas Way, Sequim

When: 3-5 p.m. Wednesdays, May 7 and May 21

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A Protection Island Pier Project







Photos courtesy of Brandon Kettel

A three-person crew — including Brandon Kettel, Jacob Bennett, and Justin Waldron — made some necessary repairs in late March to the dock at Protection Island. A portion of the wood holding two pieces of the dock together had failed, Kettel said. "We replaced with new lumber and fasteners. We had to work off the raft to do a lot of the work," he added. Scott Weilbicki was the captain that took the trio out to the island.

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Non-Tribal Community Work Party

Non-tribal community members are invited to come to the Jamestown S'Klallam Community Garden for an afternoon of helping in the garden. Stay as long or as little as you would like! You're welcome to bring a snack to share, water, and your excitement for Spring!

For more information, comments, or concerns, please contact Frankie Rafferty, the Community Garden Manager, at frafferty@jamestowntribe.org.

What: Non-Tribal Community Work Party Where: 182 Martinas Way, Sequim When: 3-7 p.m. Thursday, May 15

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Loni Greninger, Culture Department Director — Igreninger@jamestowntribe.org, 360-681-4660

Lisa Barrell, Culture Department Deputy Director — lbarrell@jamestowntribe.org, 360-681-3418

Mackenzie Grinnell, Traditional Foods Gathering Coordinator — mgrinnell@jamestowntribe.org, 360-681-3408

Emma Barrell, Culture Coordinator — ebarrell@jamestowntribe.org, 360-681-3414

Mikaya Haller, TFC Assistant — Mhaller@jamestowntribe.org, 360-681-4659

Frankie Rafferty, Community Garden Manager — frafferty@jamestowntribe.org, msg 360-681-4659

Library Corner

Libraries everywhere are feeling the impact of recent changes with the Institute of Library and Museum Services (IMLS). The Jamestown Library and our staff proudly stand with all types of libraries everywhere. Libraries are community connectors, leaders in technology, and will continue to support the needs of our patrons any way we can.

We want to assure you that your Jamestown library is here, open, and ready to serve your library needs — books, technology support, genealogy, reference questions — or just stop in to say hello!

Welcome, meet new staffer

The library team welcomed Joseph Prince (Prince Family), our newest Library Assistant and Tribal Citizen, in March.

We are thrilled to have Joesph join the team and he is eager to see you in the library.

Library hours

Current Library Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday to Friday, and closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. The library will be closed on Monday, May 26, in recognition of the Memorial Day Holiday.

Recording space

Did you know that the library has a small recording room you can reserve? We have equipment for gathering oral history stories, podcasting, and virtual meetings and appointments.

The room is open to Tribal Community members and government staff. Library staff is available to provide assistance.

Email library@jamestowntribe.org to reserve and for more information.





Call for volunteers!

The library is always looking for volunteers to join a library advisory group to help provide input on library services.

If you are interested in volunteering or joining the advisory group, please reach out to library@jamestowntribe.org or 360-683-4632. We welcome you!

Elder's film screening

Join us the last Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. in the library theater for a private film screening in partnership with Elder Services.

Writer's Group

Drop in on Tuesdays from 4-6 p.m. with library assistant Tayona Heller for our Writer's Group. This is a space for Indigenous creatives to workshop, brainstorm, and share their art among trusted community.

Call 360-683-4632 or email theller@jamestowntribe. org with any questions.

Prime Time Family Reading Program

Our popular community family reading program is open to Indigenous youth and their families between the ages of 5-11.

The program will wrap up on Monday, May 12, with a special library celebration from 4-5 p.m. Monday, May 19, when youth can receive a bonus book, "Spring Miracles."

A place to meet

Have a meeting, group, program, or event that you would like to see or have in the library?

The library is your space, and we would love to provide a space for you.

Attention Jamestown Tribal Citizens & Descendants!

We are excited to inform you that you may be eligible for a financial incentive, covering up to **100% of the cost** of energy efficiency upgrades for your home. This is a fantastic opportunity to enhance your home's energy performance, reduce utility bills, and be more comfortable.

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sxwskwáya?ł — Our Elders

May events and activities:

- On Thursday, May 1, the monthly Elder's Luncheon will be at The Cedars at Dungeness golf course. Contact Crystal or Janet for transportation.
- Monday, May 5, is MMIWP (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People) Day. The annual walk event will be hosted at the Elwha Klallam Heritage Center, 401 E. First St., Port Angeles, beginning at 10



Staff at the March Elder's Luncheon include (from left) Sandy Kardonsky, Kayla Holden, Janet Giammalva and Justin Hill.

a.m.. The walk itself starts at 11 a.m., going from the Heritage Center down to the Clallam Transit Center and back. Lunch is at about 12:30 p.m.

- Starting at noon on Tuesday, May 6, is an Elder/Youth activity at Hummingbird Hall.
- Reminder: Send your full name to Tradi-

tional Foods & Culture (TFC) team by Friday, May 9, if you are interested in attending the Indian Island trip with TFC.

- At noon on Saturday, May 10, is the Sequim Irrigation Festival Grand Parade through downtown Sequim. Elder seating will be near Hurricane Coffee. Contact Justin regarding seating.
- Enjoy a movie at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, at the Heron Hall Library. Contact Janet for transportation.



Photos by Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe/Elders Services Walt and Mary Norton disperse raffle tickets at the March Elder's Luncheon.

• Enjoy beading on Tuesdays and crafting on Thursdays in the Elders Lounge, beginning at 8 a.m.

Also ...

The annual Elders Luncheon is set for Thursday, July 10, at 7 Cedars Casino's Club 7. Doors open at 10 a.m. Please RSVP to Justin Hill at elderservices@jamestowntribe.org or 360-808-1582. Space is limited to 300 guests. A block of rooms has been reserved at the resort but availability is limited (call Dennise Kettel at 360-681-6762 to check availability; mention the Elders Lunch when booking.) A limited number of vendor spots are also available. Contact Justin for more information.

A correction: The monthly Elder's Luncheons are held on the first Thursday of each month.

JST Elders help Tribes, neighbors welcome the whales

By Mike Dashiell Tribal Communications and Publications Specialist

More than a dozen Jamestown Elders and friends made the trek and enjoyed sunny skies in La Push for the Quileute Tribe's 18th-annual Welcoming the Whales Ceremony on April 11.

The event celebrates the Gray Whale's migration north and the meaning of the whale in the culture of the Quileute People.

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Photo by Mike Dashiell/ Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

The Quileute Tribe's 18th-annual Welcoming the Whales ceremony draws a big crowd in La Push on April



Following whale-themed songs and dancing (above), Quileute youths carry salmon upon a raft of cedar boughs into the surf (below).



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Photos by Mike Dashiell/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Vince Prince, Cliff Prince, Kim Prince, and Kathy Prince take a break from searching for Gray Whales at La Push on April 11.

Held each year since 2008 (except for 2020 because of the COVID pandemic), the ceremony is Sponsored by the Quileute Tribe and the Quileute Tribal School, and is free and open to the public.

Per tradition, tribal leaders place a salmon on a bed

of cedar boughs and upon a raft. Following dance and song, Quileute youths carry and then push the raft into the cold Pacific Ocean surf of the First Beach.

Afterward, a meal was served at Akalat Center alongside more dancing and singing, with many songs led by the Quileute students in their final school day before Spring Break.



Awareness Montal Health Awareness Month

Supportive families, communities, and resources can help youth build strong foundations for our lifelong well-being:

- By teaching children and teens coping skills, we can empower them to take charge of their mental health.
- Know the signs of mental health issues in children and teens. Early diagnosis and treatment can save lives.
- Start the conversation early: talking about mental health can help children and teens build coping skills and feel comfortable with their emotions.
- Nurturing relationships and environments are important for helping children and teens develop good mental health and manage life stressors in healthy ways.
- Good mental health increases the ability of children and teens to practice self-care and face challenges with resilience.

As we age, we may experience life changes that impact our mental health:

- It's never too late to get help.
- It is important to remember that older adults may have different mental health symptoms. For example, a lack of interest in some activities.
- Talking about mental health can help older adults feel more comfortable asking for support.
- Mental health treatment can be part of a wellness program to help older adults live happy and fulfilling lives.
- Mental health professionals can help older adults cope with life changes.
- Friends and family can experience meaningful mutual connection by spending time visiting with older adults.
- Mental health is important at every age. Spending time with friends and family can boost older adults' mental and physical health.

Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (samhsa.gov)

Measles infections are on the rise

By Dr. Tom Locke Public Health and Safety Officer

Despite the availability of a highly effective vaccine for more than 50 years, measles is making a comeback in the United States.

A large and growing outbreak in Texas has spread to five additional states and to Mexico. Total reported cases so far this year exceed 700 — more than twice the number in all of 2024 — and three people have died of the disease.

Measles is one of the most contagious viral infections known. It is spread by airborne particles and will infect 90% of susceptible people who experience an indoor exposure. Virus particles can linger in the air for several hours after an infected person has coughed or sneezed. Measles infection causes high fever, a generalized rash, and upper respiratory symptoms (sneezing, cough, nasal congestion, pink eye).

Illness usually starts 7-14 days after exposure, and the distinctive rash follows four days later. Complications include pneumonia, brain infection, ear infection, and severe diarrhea.

The reasons behind the resurgence of measles are clear. To effectively prevent measles outbreaks, 95% of the community must have immunity to the virus. Those born before 1957 likely experienced the infection in childhood and have lifelong immunity. The first measles vaccines were developed in the 1960s and the highly effective live virus vaccine we use today — which also protects against mumps and rubella and is known as MMR vaccine — was introduced in 1968.

Two doses of the vaccine provide protective immunity for measles in more than 97% of recipients. MMR vaccination typically starts at 12 months of age with a second dose administered between ages 4-6.

Unfortunately, vaccine rates in the U.S. have been

dropping. In Clallam County, about 72% of children have received their first dose by age 3, and only 55% receive a second dose at ages 4-6. Statewide numbers are only slightly better: 75.3% for first dose, 62.4% for the second dose.

The decline in MMR vaccinations began in 1998 when a British physician claimed MMR vaccine caused autism. His research was subsequently proven to be fraudulent and his medical license was revoked, but the damage was done. Vaccine skeptics have continued to claim a link between MMR and autism despite dozens of international studies proving the absence of any connection.

One of the leading sources of vaccine disinformation, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., is now the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, and has been using his position to spread misinformation about MMR and other vaccines.

Fortunately, we know how to prevent measles and to control outbreaks. So far this year, three cases of measles have been detected in Washington state, all imported by unvaccinated international travelers. These cases have been rapidly detected and contained. Health care workers are on the lookout for potential measles cases and, if suspected, we have the tools to rapidly diagnose the infection and protect those who are susceptible.

MMR vaccine given within three days of exposure can reliably prevent infection. People who cannot be vaccinated (pregnant women, infants) can receive an injectable form of gamma globulin to provide temporary immunity up to six days after exposure.

Measles infection is preventable. It is important to know your immune status, and especially important if you are planning international travel.

Tom Locke is the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's Public Health and Safety Officer.

'FISH WAR' comes to streaming services, soon to DVD

"FISH WAR," the award-winning documentary film from the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission and North Forty Productions, is available on streaming platforms and will soon be available on DVD.

Find streaming options at geni.us/fishwar. Viewing launched on April 15.

Released in 2024, "FISH WAR" details the series of civil disobedience protests



by tribes in the Pacific Northwest during the 1960s and 1970s. Prior to the 1974 Boldt decision, Tribe members and citizens were arrested for fishing on their native lands outside of reservations, and to protest they conducted fish-ins in which they continued to fish on their ancestral lands.

Look for DVDs at online retailers.

HONORING MISSING & MURDERED INDICENOUS PEOPLES WALK



May 5th is National Day of Awareness Day for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People.

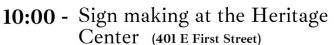


Please join us for a Solidarity Walk on 5/5/25 to Remember and Raise Awareness for Missing & Murdered Indigenous People. Please Wear Red!

MONDAY, MAY 5TH

10 AM - 2 PM







11:00 - Solidarity Walk to Clallam County Gateway (125 E Front Street)

Presentation & Sharing Event.



12:30 - 2:00 - Lunch, open sharing & crafts at Heritage Center

YOU ARE NOT FORCOTTEN #MMIP

Have Questions or need Information, Contact: LEFA 360-460-1745; Tor Parker 206-678-6950

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Northwest Native Expressions Native Art Gallery

Stop by the Northwest Native Expressions Native Art Gallery, which this month features new zip-up hoodies. With Jamestown logos on the front and back, these hoodies are designed and printed by Kelly Ziegler of Ziegler Designs, in black and gray. The gallery also has pull-over hoodies with a similar design in stock! Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily.





1033 Old Blyn Highway
Sequim, WA 98382
360-681-4640
www.NorthwestNativeExpressions.com

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's Emergency and Non-Emergency Contact Procedures

Emergency Contact Procedure:

For medical emergencies, crimes in progress, fires, vehicle accidents, etc.,

DIAL 911

Non-Emergency Contact Procedure:

Any non-emergency that needs law enforcement or medical assistance i.e.: Non-emergency medical aid, suspicious person or vehicles, vehicle alarms, etc.,

DIAL 360-417-2459 (Clallam County Sheriff's Non-Emergency Dispatch)

Please be prepared to provide pertinent details of **who, what, when, where**, i.e.

For further assistance contact Jamestown Law Enforcement

 Chief Rory Kallappa
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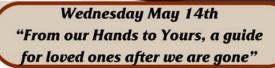
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Tribal Government: www.jamestowntribe.org 7 Cedars Hotel/Casino: www.7cedars.com

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 Jamestown Healing Campus: www.jamestownhealingclinic.com

Northwest Native Expressions Gallery: NorthwestNativeExpressions.com

Dungeness River Nature Center: www.dungenessrivercenter.org

JST Capital: www.jamestowncapital.org

Kurt Grinnell Aquaculture Scholarship Foundation; www.kurtgrinnellscholarship.org

Facebook Pages:

Tribal Government: www.facebook.com/JamestownSKlallamTribe

Tribal Library: www.facebook.com/p/Jamestown-SKlallam-Tribal-Library-100064776964063

S'Klallam Tribal Events and Announcements: www.facebook.com/groups/sklallam.events.announcements

yəhúməct Traditional Foods and Culture Program: www.facebook.com/jamestown.tfp

Jamestown Family Health Clinic: www.facebook.com/Jamestown-Family-Health-Clinic-191450454240502

JST Careers: www.facebook.com/ profile.php?id=100084808620555

7Cedars Casino: www.facebook.com/7CedarsCasino

Cedars at Dungeness Golf Course: www.facebook.com/TheCedarsAtDungeness

Longhouse Market and Deli: www.facebook.com/LonghouseMarket

House of Seven Brothers Restaurant: www.facebook.com/HouseOfSevenBrothers

Dungeness River Nature Center: www.facebook.com/dungenessrivernaturecenter

SCS Client Navigator: www.facebook.com/jamestownnavigator

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Elders' Monthly Luncheon 11 a.m., The Cedars at Dungeness	2	Canoe Gift Making TBA, Tribal Foods Building
Canoe Pulling Practice 11 a.m., John Wayne Marina	5 MMIWP Walk 10 a.m2 p.m., Lower Elwha Heritage Center, PA	6	7 Garden Work Party 3-5 p.m. Community Garden	8 Canoe Pulling Practice* 5:30 p.m., John Wayne Marina	9	10 Canoe Pulling Practice 11 a.m., John Wayne Marina
11 Mother's Day	12 Klallam Language** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Dungeness River Nature Center	13	14 Wisdom of the Elders Group 11:30 a.m1 p.m. JFHC conf. room	Canoe Pulling Practice 5:30 p.m., John Wayne Marina	16 Canoe Family Meeting 5 p.m., Red Cedar Hall	17 Canoe Gift Making TBA, Tribal Foods Building
18 Canoe Pulling Practice 11 a.m., John Wayne Marina	19 Klallam Language 5:30-6:30 p.m., Dungeness River Nature Center	20	21 Garden Work Party 3-5 p.m. Community Garden	Canoe Pulling Practice 5:30 p.m., John Wayne Marina	23 Cedar Bark Harvest 9 a.m2 p.m.; meet at 8:45 a.m. at Culture Building	24
Canoe Pulling Practice 11 a.m., John Wayne Marina	26*** Memorial Day Ceremony 11 a.m., Jamestown Cemetery	27	28 Harvest Hang & Sing**** 3-7 p.m., Community Garden	29 Elders Movie Screening 1 p.m., Heron Hall Library	30	31

^{* -} Also held May 1, May 29

June 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Klallam Language 5:30-6:30 p.m., Dungeness River Nature Center	10 Summer Youth, Teen Family BBQ 4-6 p.m., Red Cedar Hall	11 Wisdom of the Elders Group 11:30 a.m1 p.m. JFHC conf. room	12	13	14
15	16 Klallam Language 5:30-6:30 p.m., Dungeness River Nature Center	16	17	18	Juneteenth Tribal offices and clinics closed	20
21	Klallam Language 5:30-6:30 p.m., Dungeness River Nature Center	24	25	26 Elders Movie Screening 1 p.m., Heron Hall Library	27	28
29	30 Klallam Language 5:30-6:30 p.m., Dungeness River Nature Center					

^{** -} Also held May 5

^{** -} Tribal offices and clinics closed

^{**** -} Also held May 14



Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Newsletter Info:

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Newsletter is published monthly. The deadline for submission to be included in the following month's issue is the 15th day of the current month. Please submit items by email to Mike Dashiell at mdashiell@jamestowntribe.org by U.S. Mail to the address below. You can also reach Mike at 360-681-5629.

Changes of Address:

Tribal Citizens, please send changes of address and name changes to Enrollment Supervisor Kayla Holden at kholden@jamestowntribe.org or call her at 360-681-4606. Other newsletter recipients, please send changes of address to Mike Dashiell at the address/phone above, or to newsletter@jamestowntribe.org.

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Interested in Attending Tribal Council Meetings?

Contact Liz Barbee at lbarbee@jamestowntribe.org receive the date, time, and Zoom meeting address for the next meeting.



May Birthdays

5/1	Joshua Chitwood	5/15	Candace Burkhardt
5/2	Nichole Magill	5/15	Clyde Bill
5/2	Michelle Lamanna	5/16	Cory Shoemake
5/4	Jon Donahue	5/16	Theodore Woodard Jr.
5/5	Victoria Davidson	5/20	Latrisha Suggs
5/5	Sylvia Galloway	5/21	Jeremy Holden
5/5	Crystal Neu	5/21	Jason Holden
5/5	Mary Norton	5/21	Veronica Davidson
5/8	Nathaniel King	5/22	Christian Lounsbury
5/8	Jokton Schmitt	5/22	Rachele Thumell
5/8	Dean Holden	5/22	Denise Doud
5/8	Dixie Herman	5/24	Sheryann Courtney
5/8	Jerry Lawrence	5/24	Theresa Lehman
5/8	Betty Kettel	5/25	Alan Kardonsky
5/10	Kathleen Duncan	5/25	Norman Stahlnecker
5/11	David Prince	5/25	Ethel Colon
5/12	Michael Daniels	5/26	James Hall
5/13	Victor Knickerbocker	5/27	Dawn Callea
5/13	Marian Straker	5/29	Nicholas Grinnell
5/14	Emily Croft	5/30	Sandy Kardonsky
5/15	Wachekya Roberts	5/31	Hannah Carver
5/15	Kriska Obermiller	5/31	Kathryn Holling

