



# Jamestown S'Klallam / stə'tíʔəm nəxˈsʰá'yəm **TRIBAL NEWSLETTER**



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## Calling for volunteers at Canoe Journey — Jamestown Beach Landing

The annual Canoe Journey is an opportunity for our regional tribes to practice ancient and living culture!

This is a ceremony for the greater public to witness and find ways to respectfully participate.

We will be hosting 5,000 guests or more, including tribal canoe families and community members, at Jamestown Beach on Wednesday, July 30.

The canoes will leave early the next morning when the tide is best.

All volunteer help will be greatly appreciated! Here are major areas that we need assistance:

- Parking & traffic flow
- Camping assignments & patrol
- Property boundary patrol
- Overnight canoe watch (2 shifts)
- Information tent
- First aid tent
- Elders tent
- Baked goods table
- July 30 — Dinner meal set up, serving crew, clean up
- July 31 — Early morning breakfast crew



*Photo by Jimmy Hall/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe*

**Up to 5,000 people or more are expected on Jamestown Beach on July 30 for the second-to-final stop on the 2025 Canoe Journey. Organizers are seeking helpers now for a number of key volunteer positions.**

- July 31 — Clean up day

Interested in helping? Please use this link, [tinyurl.com/JSTcanoe25vols](https://tinyurl.com/JSTcanoe25vols), to fill out the form, or use the QR code (at right)!

We will have special T-shirts for all volunteers! Thank you for your consideration!

Any questions? Please contact Kelly Toy at [KATCookson@outlook.com](mailto:KATCookson@outlook.com).

**2025 Canoe Journey  
volunteer QR code**



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## Notice from your Election Committee

ʔáy skʷáɕl? (Good Day) Tribal Citizen,

If you did not receive a ballot in previous elections, make sure to complete the signature verification form.

To be eligible to vote in the upcoming Tribal Election, a Signature Verification Form is required to be on file.

Once you have completed your Signature Verification Form, please mail it, or drop it off at the Tribe's Administration Building:

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe/Election Committee  
1033 Old Blyn Hwy,  
Sequim, WA 98382

To receive a form or if you have any questions about voter eligibility contact the Election Committee Chair, Michael Lowe.

Phone: 360-460-7168

ʔáy'skʷáɕi nəščáyəʔča  
(Hello my family)

We want to hear  
your voice!



## Tribe, Sequim to celebrate Pride

It's once again time to celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community at Sequim Pride day, an all-ages event hosted at the Sequim Farmers & Artisans Market on Saturday, June 28.

Starting at 9 a.m. at the Sequim Civic Center Plaza (152 W. Cedar St.), enjoy local vendors, live entertainment and live music and more. At noon, Jamestown Tribe leaders, local officials and community leaders will speak in recognition of LGBTQIA+ identity in Sequim. At 1 p.m., join a short parade down Washington Street and back to the Civic Center. (The parade is family-friendly and perfect for all ages and abilities.)

For the fourth consecutive year, this event is sponsored in part by the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe.



Photo by  
Rochelle  
Blankenship

Tribal Elders  
Michael Lowe  
(Chubby/  
Lowe) and  
Gloria Smith  
(Cook/Kar-  
donsky) enjoy  
Pride Day in  
2024.



## 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!





# Tribal News & Notes

## Chairman Allen earns honors from national health council

The National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) on April 23 presented seven awards to Tribal leaders, Urban Indian Organization (UIO) leadership and staff, and partner organizations for their work to advance urban Native health during our 2025 Annual Conference.

Among those honored were W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam

Tribe chairman/ CEO, who received the Tribal Leader Impact Award alongside Governor Stephen Roe Lewis of the Gila River Indian Community.

Allen was honored for “work[ing] tirelessly with federal law and policymakers to protect and strengthen Tribal self-determination and improve Native health. Chairman Allen has played a key role in advancing systems that improve access to care for Native people in both Tribal and urban settings, ensuring that Native voices are not only heard, but respected and integrated into federal health policy.”

NCUIH is a national representative for 41 Urban Indian Organizations contracting with the Indian Health Service under the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

The organization is “devoted to the support and development of high quality and accessible health and public health services for American Indian and Alaska Native people living in urban areas.”



*Photo courtesy of National Council of Urban Indian Health*

**W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe chairman/ CEO (right) and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis of the Gila River Indian Community receive honors from the National Council of Urban Indian Health.**

## Jamestown Tribal Council adopts flag-lowering policy

On April 15, the Tribal Council voted to update the Tribe's flag lowering policy to help honor previous Tribal Council members.

From this date forward, if a Tribal Council member passes, the Jamestown flag will be lowered for 10 days to honor our relative and their service to the Tribe.

Lowering of the flag will be at the direction of the Council Chair, Vice Chair, or by recommendation of the Tribal Council.

With the passing of this new policy, we raise our hands to our beloved Citizens, now deceased, who would have qualified for this honor.

Our ancestors' work, on behalf of our Tribe, is very much at the forefront of our minds and hearts.



## Get free smoke detectors from American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is looking to help keep people safe this year, rallying volunteers to install free smoke alarms nationwide as part of its Sound the Alarm events. This year we'll install free smoke alarms, create escape plans and share fire safety information.

To take part, visit [www.redcross.org/sound-the-alarm.html](http://www.redcross.org/sound-the-alarm.html) or simply type in “Red Cross Sound the Alarm” in a web browser. Once on the website, scroll down to “Help Your Family Prepare for Home Fire” box. Input your Zip code and click on “Sign up with your local Red Cross”. Then, click on “Home Fire Campaign” and “Request a smoke alarm.” Fill out the form and click “Submit.”

Once someone signs up, the Red Cross will have our Clallam/Jefferson County Red Cross volunteers schedule a time to come and install the free smoke alarms, as well as provide safety tips for dealing with a disaster (fire, earthquake/tsunami, storms, and flooding, etc.).

# Tribe's boards, committees celebrate successes, sharpen skills, look to future at leadership summit

*By Mike Dashiell, Tribal Communications and Publications Specialist*

When Ryan Church asked who among the audience had benefited from a Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Higher Education Program, dozens of hands went up — including his own.

"I have such a deeply personal connection [here]," said Church, a Jamestown Citizen (Cook/Kardonsky Family) who on April 17 helped lead more than 50 members from the Tribe's various committees and boards in a day-long leadership dialogue and summit.

The lead with the Seattle-based Ryan Church Consulting, Church said the goal of the gathering was to "assess the culture, effectiveness, and opportunities of JST's network of Boards & Committees."

The Jamestown Tribe sought out Church's expertise not because of internal dysfunction, he explained, but from a desire to improve upon its successes — leading to the mid-April conference at 7 Cedars Hotel.

"It takes a healthy organization to ask for help," Church said.

Conference attendees represented Tribe's boards and committees overseeing and advising natural resources, cemetery, culture, elders, elections, enrollment, health, higher education, housing improvement, Tribal gaming, JKT Development, JKT Gaming, JKT Economic Development Authority, JKT/JEX, JST Capital, and Cedar Greens Cannabis.

Church, who started his consulting business about seven years ago, said addressing the internal functions of a Tribe presented more challenges than many of the Fortune 500 companies he's assisted over the years.

"The complexity of tribal government is profound," he noted.

## Citizen-led insights

In preparation, Church conducted 40-60-minute interviews with more than two-dozen committee chairs and lead staff to assess several things: How are we doing? What's happening here? How can we take what we have and make it better?

"It was delightful; it was relatively surprising, compared to people in the corporate world," Church said.

What he found was that most people he talked to are genuinely seeking what's best for the Tribe. He found a



*Photos by Mike Dashiell/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe*  
**Ryan Church helps kick off a Committee/Board Leadership Summit on April 17 at 7 Cedars Hotel.**



**Enrollment Committee members (from left) Candy Burkhardt, Dean Holden, Kayla Holden, Vickie Carroll and Ricky Johnson talk about their committee's successes and challenges.**





*Photo by Kim Kettel/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe*  
**With Rochelle Blankenship looking on, summit leader Ryan Church leads a team-building game.**



**LaTrisha Suggs and Mackenzie Grinnell take part in a Committee/Board Leadership Summit on April 17.**



*Photos by Mike Dashiell/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe*  
**Kaitlin Alderson takes top honors (and a gift card prize) in a BINGO game from summit leader Ryan Church.**



**Tribal Vice-Chair Loni Grinnell-Greninger talks to attendees of the leadership summit about the spirit of generosity within the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, and the concept of "braiding" the past, present and future. "Important to evolve without forsaking one's cultural identity," she said.**

sense that these boards and committees are unified, and that the number of people who embody the Tribe's mission extends beyond their elected leaders.

Church, whose mother Candy Burkhardt (enrollment, health committees) was in attendance, said he also found that intergenerational influence is significant for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe — that many people who serve on these boards and committees are the same people who got the Tribe to where it is today, and they have knowledge to share.

"Knowledge transfer," he noted, "is one of the hardest things to do really well."

Jamestown's boards and committees have members who are engaged and purpose-driven who see their roles as a calling, Church said, often driven by family legacy or cultural responsibility. These boards do well, he noted, thanks to: robust leadership from strong leaders such as CEO/chairman Ron Allen and vice-chair Loni Grinnell-Greninger, whose presence "inspires confidence and participation"; a shared unity and purpose "dedication to the health and success of the Tribe"; and, intergenerational influence, wherein Elders play a critical role in sustaining engagement and sharing wisdom.

However, the Tribe has its challenges, Church noted: Some committees lack clarity about their purpose — whether they are decision-making bodies or advisory in nature. These boards can sometimes operate independently, leading to inefficiencies and missed opportunities.

Communication breakdowns can lead to repeated information requests, miscommunication, and delays, and

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Summit leader Ryan Church speaks with Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe CEO/chairman Ron Allen at a Committee/Board Leadership Summit on April 17.

*Leadership, from page 6*

committees can sometimes struggle to recruit younger members — and imbalance that risks losing connection to future generations.

“We can forget this is hard work,” Church told the leadership conference attendees. “You are a part of that hard work.”

### Next steps, improvements

Church outlined several ways to improve what’s already going well with Jamestown’s boards and committees: “The Tribe’s guiding principles are clear and compelling,” he noted in an overview of his findings, “but they must be more regularly integrated into communication and committee work to remain meaningful.”

Along with recruitment of new leaders — particularly younger adults, outside-area member participation,



Photos by  
Kim Kettel/  
Jamestown  
S'Klallam  
Tribe

**Sandy  
Kardon-  
sky takes  
part in a  
stacking  
challenge.**

and underrepresented voices — Church and the planning team are excited to develop enhanced training and leadership opportunities.

In a summit debrief a few weeks later, Church said there are a number of possible next steps, including conversations with each board/committee about where this leadership training may go, who the committees and boards may want to recruit and what changes lay ahead, and development of an onboarding program for new board members.

“It just felt like categorically, the vibe was very good. We scratched an itch we needed to scratch. I felt great about the day.”

For more about Jamestown’s boards and committees, contact Ann Sargent at 360-681-4661 or [asar-gent@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:asar-gent@jamestowntribe.org).

For more about Church’s business, visit [www.ryan-churchconsulting.com](http://www.ryan-churchconsulting.com).



Ryan Church and his mother, Candy Burkhardt.



Photos by Mike Dashiell/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe  
From left: Lonnn Sweers, Hawk Grinnell, Samantha Benedict, Jack Grinnell and Matthew C. Adams talk about their board’s successes at a Committee/Board Leadership Summit.





*Photo by Mike Dashiell/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe*

**Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Citizens harvest clams near Littleneck Beach on Sequim Bay in mid-April.**

## Clam harvesting efforts build in Sequim Bay

Under bright blue skies over Blyn, Tribal Citizens including Bill Brown, Gary Balch, Jesse Holden, Nate Olsen and Derek Sanderson (self-described as the “Littleneck Beach Crew”) were busy commercially harvesting clams in Sequim Bay on April 16.

Shellfish biologist Annie Raymond, with JST Natural Resources said that, thanks to hard work from Tribal Citizen harvesters who have built a clam market, the Tribe has harvested more than 20,000 pounds of manila clams in each of the past two years, up from less than 1,000 just a few years ago.

The JST Natural Resources (NR) Department negotiates for treaty fish and shellfish harvest opportunities and conduct bio-assessment, management, and enhancement of the fishery resources, to provide harvest opportunity (like clams in Sequim Bay).

Following the clam harvest on April 16, the NR department, with volunteer help from Littleneck Beach Crew, reseeded the beach, waiting until the end of low tide. With about 645,000 tiny manila clams in five, 5-gallon buckets, they sprinkled the seeds into a few inches of water as the tide came back up, Raymond said.

The beaches are managed on a 3-year rotation where one of three beaches is harvested for one year, Raymond said.

“We do our best to seed a beach after a year of harvest to bolster the population for three years later when harvesters move back,” she said.

Natural Resources staff determine the population of clams using randomly and systematically placed PVC boxes on the beach, helping the department set an overall clam quota to provide harvest opportunity for Tribal Citizens.



*Photo by Annie Raymond/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe*

**The Littleneck Beach Crew take a break from their commercial harvest of clams in Sequim Bay in April.**



# Williamson added to JST's National Wildlife Refuge staff

Kari Williamson recently joined the team at Dungeness and Protection Island Wildlife Refuges as the biological science technician.

She has lived on the North Olympic Peninsula for the past 25 years, working various jobs in Olympic National Park and Forest. She was devoted to the Spotted Owl project for much of that time, and also worked other positions surveying marbled murrelets in forest, and on water at construction sites.

Kari said she was lucky enough to work two seasons in Alaska, and at Conboy Lake National Wildlife Refuge on an amphibian project. She has participated in the COASST and seabird survey projects for many years.

Kari helps steward forest property in the Elwha watershed. After a season working for Clallam County Noxious weed control, she has a deep respect for the challenges we face with invasive plant species, as well as invasive animal species.

She is looking forward to working on the refuges which brings all this experience together and is excited to gather data and work hard on all the different management projects happening there.

Williamson said she is also excited to network and be of service where needed.

In her free time, Kari loves to be in the backcountry, on rivers, on her bike and in her garden and forest. She is excited about the opportunity to work for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and settle into daily work at the refuges.

Welcome to the team, Kari!



*Photo courtesy of Kari Williams*

New Employee Notice

## JAMESTOWN HEALING CLINIC

Before I came to Jamestown I was a "stay at home" mom of sorts. My husband and I have a small beef cattle operation that we run with our two kids. Most of my days were spent chasing Kids and Cows. Now that the kids are getting older I decided it was time to integrate back into the "9-5" shift. I chose to come to JHC because I enjoy working with, and helping people. The early hours are appealing so I can still be there for my family, attend sporting events and all of my kids activities! "Time off" is a funny concept. When we aren't working on projects on the farm, I enjoy riding my horse, watching any sporting event or dance recital my kids are doing at the time. I have been a part of the 4-H program in Clallam County since I was 5. I love to be able to introduce kids into agriculture and learning how to care for their animals and all that entails. I also love working with flowers, for weddings, hanging baskets or basically anything that adds color! Lastly, although I don't get enough of it, I love spending time with family and friends!

**Welcome**  
Emily Breithaupt  
Patient Care  
Coordinator

New Employee Notice

## JAMESTOWN DENTAL CLINIC

I was born and raised in a small town called "Placerville" in Northern California- don't hate me for that! I have been in the area since Jan 2021 and LOVE IT!

I came here to Jamestown because I love being a Dental Assistant and due to my native Aztec bloodline, I was very excited to have an opportunity to work for a Tribe- plus the benefits are amazing and so is the area in Blyn where the clinic is located.

I love to garden, hike, camp, fish, pretty much anything outdoors is my jam and usually with my dog Moose! I am a proud "Dog Mom" no "human" kids for me.

**Welcome**  
Elaine Adkins  
Registered Dental  
Assitant



# Science partnership benefits region's Dungeness crab

By Tiffany Royal  
Northwest Treaty Tribes

Treaty tribes and their partners in the Pacific Northwest Crab Research Group (PCRG) want more than just data out of their research — they want to see how a collaborative approach to collecting data can help co-manage fisheries.

A paper published recently by the American Fisheries Society explores how PCRG's collaboration methods, including multiple partners collecting data and strengthening those relationships, can support managing the Dungeness crab population that has been increasingly relied upon by harvesters since finfish populations have declined.

The PCRG includes tribal, state and federal governments, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions and local communities. It works to produce standardized biological data sets on Dungeness crab throughout the region, said Emily Buckner, lead author of the study and one of the program coordinators.

While harvests have been closely monitored and population surveys conducted for decades, fisheries co-managers still don't have a complete picture of the crab life history, such as larval movement patterns, genetic population structure, and environmental influences on a crab's life stages, Buckner said.

Dungeness crab are important to the region, the tribes specifically as a traditional food, as well as an economic source for tribal fishers. However, the population is challenging to manage because of data gaps throughout the Salish Sea. Information collected from the samples of tiny crab larvae, known as megalopae, could help co-managers better understand stressors to the population, such as overfishing and the changing climate and ocean conditions.

"This collaborative effort demonstrated that the PCRG's structure is effective for developing robust research projects that address data gaps for this population," Buckner said.

The primary data collection method has been using light traps—a five-gallon bucket-sized floating collection device that uses light to attract and trap crab larvae, typically located off piers and docks, set out 1-2 days at a time April through September.

Participants started setting out light traps in 2019, from as far north as Heriot Bay on Vancouver Island, B.C., to Zittle's Marina in Olympia. In 2023, 42 light traps were set, collecting data and contributing to the database.

"From PCRGs inception in 2018, we have seen the value in collaboration to collect data across the Salish



Photos by Tiffany Royal/Northwest Treaty Tribes  
Emily Buckner, program coordinator with Pacific Northwest Crab Research Group, and Neil Harrington, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe environmental biologist, sort through contents of a light trap stationed in Sequim Bay.



Neil Harrington, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe environmental biologist, pulls a light trap from a dock in Sequim Bay.

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# Birders flock to River Center's BirdFest



*Photos by Dungeness River Nature Center staff*

**Birders enjoy a field excursion during the Dungeness River Nature Center's BirdFest 2025 in mid-April.**



From scenic coastlines and forested trails to a private waterfowl sanctuary rarely opened to the public, birders from near and far enjoyed an array of activities at the Dungeness River Nature Center's BirdFest 2025.

Held April 10-13, BirdFest is the Dungeness River Nature Center's largest annual fundraiser and is co-sponsored by the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and the Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society. The event supports hands-on education programs that "inspire the next generation of bird lovers."

At this year's BirdFest — which saw about 500 attendees — participants explored some of the Olympic Peninsula's most ecologically rich locations, including coastal bluffs and estuaries.

In addition to field excursions, they took part in hands-on workshops and classes tailored to bird lovers, covering topics like wildlife photography, building nest boxes, and even a live raptor show! Guest speakers/workshop leaders included Robert Amaral,

Bob Steelquist, Frank Lowenstein, Ken Wiersma, Hannah Kornbrath, Powell Jones, Alyssa Sargent, Keith Ross and keynote speaker Rob Blenk.

See a video recap of BirdFest 2025 at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=fLyRof5qhew](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fLyRof5qhew).

Those who took part are encouraged to fill out an online survey at: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/DT96KP3](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DT96KP3).

Next year's festival, BirdFest 2026, is set for April 16–19, 2026. Online registration will open at 12:01 a.m. on Jan. 7, 2026. Stay tuned for more details to come soon.

The Dungeness River Nature Center, 1943 W. Hendrickson Road, is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday, and noon-5 p.m. on Sundays.

For more information, call the River Center at 360-681-4076 or visit [www.dungenessrivercenter.org](https://www.dungenessrivercenter.org).



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Sea on this important species," said Neil Harrington, environmental biologist for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and a member of the coordinating committee of PCRG. "No one entity could collect this powerful of a data set that is giving us a better understanding of the distribution and timing of early life stages of Dungeness crab."

From the data collected since 2019, it has been observed that the abundance of larval crab caught within the light trap network has varied by location and year. The highest annual abundance was found consistently in the Central Salish Sea (North Puget Sound, San Juan Islands, Whidbey Island and Northeast Olympic

Peninsula) and northern Hood Canal, with the lowest abundance in the southern Salish Sea and southern Hood Canal.

By size, larger larvae showed up in April and May (about 1/3 inch like a small jewelry bead), with progressively smaller megalopae arriving in subsequent months (about a 1/4-inch size).

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe is slated to conduct additional research through the PCRG adult crab workgroup, Harrington said, to develop a unified survey that will provide baseline population data, independent from the commercial fishery, and can be linked to the larval crab data. It is hoped that this will give Dungeness crab managers improved capacity to predict future catch and better safeguard the fishery.





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YOUTH coalition**

# DOG WOODS TOTEM RAISING CAMP

*Indigenous Youth-Focused  
Overnight Program*

*Ages 15-18 | 7 spots available*



## **July 9th - 12th on Guemes**

A summer youth camp with overnight camping at Dog Woods on Guemes Island. Activities include mounting Raven Welcome Figures and harvesting cattails, leading up to a community gathering on July 12th to honor the raising of the totems.

**For more information:**  
[info@coastsalishyouth.org](mailto:info@coastsalishyouth.org)

## **OUR SCHEDULE**

**July 9:** Set up camp, orientation

**July 10:** Work on mounting welcome figures

**July 11:** Cattail gathering workshop (community invite day)

**July 12:** Pole Raising Ceremony (community invite day)

*\*This event is specifically for tribal youth ages 15-18. Paid opportunity for youth\**

**Register  
today!**

**Spots limited**

[Coastsalishyouth.org/  
registration](https://coastsalishyouth.org/registration)



# yəhúməct

## Culture Department Announcements & Events

*ʔáyəs čənkwítšən - Happy June – Time of Spring Salmon*

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

### Growing family

We want to wish the best to Jamestown's Culture Coordinator Emma Barrell (Johnson/Wood families) and Traditional Foods Gathering Coordinator Mackenzie Grinnell (Prince Family) as they welcome their baby girl in June. Emma and Mack will be on parental leave through August, so please reach out to Culture Department Deputy Director Lisa Barrell (Johnson/Woods family) with any questions and concerns regarding the Culture & Traditional Foods Programs.

### Klallam Language

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

**What:** Klallam Language

**Where:** Dungeness River Nature Center, 1943 W. Hendrickson Road, Sequim

**When:** 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

### Canoe Family Meeting

This is our final month to prep for the canoe journey. Join us if you would like 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 Beach 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:** Dungeness River Nature Center, 1943 W. Hendrickson Road, Sequim

**When:** Friday, June 20; dinner at 5 p.m., meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.

### Canoe Practice

There's still time to get in the required six pulling practices to be a puller on the journey. 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.

**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. (June 5, June 12, June 19, June 26), Weekends at 11 a.m. (Sunday, June 8; Saturday, June 14; Sunday, June 22; Sunday, June 29)

### Gift Making and Regalia Making for Canoe Journey

Stay tuned for the dates that Lu Canales will be leading us in gift making and regalia making. 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



*Photo courtesy of Culture Department*  
**Emma Barrell (Johnson/Wood families) and Mackenzie Grinnell (Prince family).**



to Lu Canales at [lcanales@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:lcanales@jamestowntribe.org).

**What:** Gift Making for Canoe Journey

**Where:** Traditional Foods and Culture Building, 197 Corriea Road, Sequim

**When:** TBD

### Helping hands

Welcome Marisol (Lu) Canales (Hunter Family) as Jamestown's Culture Gatherings Assistant. Lu will be assisting with cultural events including the canoe journey. A formal introduction will be included in the July newsletter.

### Harvest, Hang and Sing

Swing by and lend a hand in the garden or just come and visit! Beginning in March Song & Dance has been 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 WA 98382

**When:** 3-7 p.m. Wednesdays, June 11, June 25; meal at 5 p.m., followed by singing and drumming

### 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 WA 98382

**When:** 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, June 4; Thursday, June 18

### Gather from the Sea – Seaweed Harvest

We are heading out to Freshwater Bay to harvest seaweed on Saturday, June 14. We will be leaving the Culture Department building at 9 a.m. to get to Freshwater Bay at 10 a.m. If you have never harvested seaweed, that is okay! We will go over how to harvest and what to harvest. If you are a Tribal Citizen, make sure to bring your subsistence card, and if you are a Tribal Descendant or a family member, be sure to get a Washington state shellfish/seaweed harvesting permit.

**What:** Harvest From the Sea – Seaweed Harvest

**Where:** 182 Marinas Way, Sequim

**When:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 14

### Intertribal Song & Dance

Jamestown will be hosting Intertribal Song and Dance in June. Join us as we come together with our sister Tribes Lower Elwha and Port Gamble. We will share a meal and practice our songs and dances. We will be finalizing the songs for protocol at Lower Elwha as they are hosting the 2025 Canoe Journey.

**What:** Intertribal Song & Dance

**Where:** Red Cedar Hall, 1033 Old Blyn Highway, Sequim

**When:** 5:30 p.m. Friday, June 27

*yəhúmæct – take care of yourself*

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*Photo courtesy of Culture Department*  
**Marisol (Lu) Canales (Hunter Family).**

# DCYF Leadership Visits Jamestown to Strengthen Tribal Partnerships



On a recent visit to the Olympic Peninsula, leadership from the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) spent the day connecting with Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe programs and staff to strengthen collaboration and support for tribal families.

The visit began with a tour of the Healing Clinic, where DCYF Secretary Tana Senn—who reports to Governor Bob Ferguson—Director of Tribal Relations Cassie Anderson, and their team met with Molly Martin and her staff to learn more about the culturally informed care being provided to the community.

Next, the group visited JCare, where Liz Mueller, Vicki Wallner, and Cindy Lowe shared information about the vital services JCare provides to children and families.

Following these program visits, DCYF joined Jessica Humphries and Dustin Brenske from Jamestown Social Services for lunch at 7 Brothers. There, the conversation focused on shared goals, service partnerships, and the ongoing collaboration between Jamestown's Indian Child Welfare (ICW) program and DCYF.

The ICW program works closely with DCYF to support tribal families involved in the state child welfare system. Through regular meetings and collaboration, the team brings forward tribal concerns, advocates for culturally appropriate services, and helps train DCYF staff to better understand and work with Tribal communities.

This visit was an important opportunity for DCYF leadership to witness the impactful work happening across Jamestown programs, to listen to the community's concerns, and to discuss ways to continue improving partnerships between the Tribe and the department.

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Start anytime between 11:00-12:30 PM. A  
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in at Hummingbird Hall—just head up  
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RSVP OR ASK ANY QUESTIONS TO DYLAN OR  
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**SUMMER  
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**JUNE 11TH**

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**SUMMER PROGRAM DATES FOR 2025:  
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**LITTLES: AGES 5-9 TUES, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**

**HEALING OF THE CANOE (HOC): AGES 10-13  
MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY**

**TEEN WORK READINESS PROGRAM:(TWRP)  
MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY**



# sx<sup>w</sup>skwáyaʔ — Our Elders



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Jamestown  
S'Klallam  
Tribe Elders  
and staff  
enjoy the  
Muckleshoot  
Luncheon Trip  
in May.

## Clams and Crab

The Elders' Clam & Crab Feed is scheduled for 1-3:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, at Red Cedar Hall.

Organizers will have cole-slaw and dessert to go along with plenty of crab and clams; bring a dessert if you like.

This event takes place of the monthly Elder Luncheon for June.

## Annual Elders Luncheon

The Annual Elders Luncheon is set for Thursday, July 10, at 7 Cedars Casino's Club Seven. Doors open at 10 a.m.

Please RSVP to Justin Hill at 360-808-1582 or [ElderServices@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:ElderServices@jamestowntribe.org).

Space is limited to 300 guests, so RSVP soon to secure a spot.

In addition, a block of rooms has been reserved at the resort, but availability is limited. Contact Dennise



Jamestown Tribal Elders Laverne Purser (left) and sister Diane Purser take part in the May Elders Luncheon.



Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Elders get prime spots for viewing the Sequim Irrigation Festival Grand Parade on May 10.

Kettel at 360-681-6762 to check availability (mention the Elders Luncheon when booking).

If you would like to have a booth and be a vendor at the luncheon, please reach out to [Elder-Services@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:Elder-Services@jamestowntribe.org).





Photos by Mike Dashiell/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe



## Community rallies to raise awareness for missing and murdered indigenous people

Members of local tribes, joined by community leaders and other advocates, came together on May 5 in Port Angeles to remember and raise awareness for missing and murdered indigenous people.

The march drew more than 100 participants, most clad in red to draw attention to the cause: According to Tor Parker of the Makah tribe — one of the six-member missing, murdered indigenous women and people (MMIWP) cold case unit in the state office of the attorney general — Washington state ranks the second

highest in the nation for missing and murdered indigenous people. The march led from the Elwha Klallam Heritage Center to the Gateway Center, where chairs were adorned with blankets, flowers and photographs of nine locals who are missing or were murdered. Of the nine people listed, six are Makah from Neah Bay.

Among those to speak at the event were Port Angeles Mayor Kate Dexter, deputy mayor Navarra Carr and city council member LaTrisha Suggs, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's restoration planner.



# Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People Task Force releases toolkit for friends, families

Washington State Attorney General's Office

The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People (MMIWP) Task Force has released a toolkit for families and friends to use if someone they know is missing.

Families and friends of missing people are often the best advocates to help find their loved one. The Task Force's Families Subcommittee, chaired by Carolyn DeFord, Puyallup, and Maureen Rosette, Chippewa Cree, spent more than three years meeting with and listening to families of missing or murdered people.

It developed the toolkit from listening sessions to give families and friends awareness, prevention, and intervention strategies.

The toolkit also provides organizational tools for relatives and friends to have during the difficult and chaotic time when someone is missing.

The toolkit is at [tinyurl.com/jstMMIWPtoolkit](https://tinyurl.com/jstMMIWPtoolkit).

"Families, friends, and communities of those using the toolkit should know they are not alone," DeFord said.

"This toolkit does not claim to have all the answers but what it does have is the experiences of our Families Subcommittee who have poured their stories and love into it. This toolkit comes from a shared responsibility to our mothers, sisters, Two-spirit siblings, girls, boys, men, and loved ones whose lives are valuable and deserve protection and justice."

"This toolkit is by community, for community," Rosette said. "It is written with solidarity for our families, in remembrance of the lives lost but not forgotten, and resilience of our community."

"Washington state's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People Task Force has been model for the nation," Attorney General Nick Brown said.

"This innovative and needed toolkit ensures that families know they are not alone. They will know how to find support when they need it most."

The toolkit outlines steps families and friends can take when someone they know goes missing, including strategies such as:

- Immediately contacting a law enforcement agency in their community or where the person went missing;

*"Families, friends, and communities of those using the toolkit should know they are not alone."*

— Carolyn DeFord, chair, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People (MMIWP) Task Force Families Subcommittee



- Providing as much information as possible to law enforcement, giving them the most current photograph of the person, and gathering case numbers to keep track of progress;

- Not giving into feelings of guilt or frustration by finding support through groups like talking circles,

tribal programs, or outside agencies;

- Using social media or media organizations to find someone; and
- Coping strategies for managing a long-term disappearance

The Task Force will continue to update the toolkit as it receives more recommendations and information.

The toolkit also highlights the Washington State Patrol's Missing and Unidentified Persons Unit, which can assist both families and local law enforcement agencies with a search.

The unit can provide posters, publish information on its website, and help manage an investigation. More information about the unit is here: [wsp.wa.gov/crime/alerts-missing-persons/missing-indigenous-persons](https://wsp.wa.gov/crime/alerts-missing-persons/missing-indigenous-persons).

Prior to publishing the toolkit, the Task Force helped to create the first-ever alert system for missing Indigenous people and a cold case unit that is the first such unit to focus solely on unsolved missing and murdered cases.

Members of the MMIWP Task Force and staff at the Attorney General's Office who support the Task Force are committed to centering Indigenous voices at every step and grounding the work in Indigenous knowledge, values, and practices.

More information about the Task Force is here: [www.atg.wa.gov/washington-state-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women-and-people-task-force](https://www.atg.wa.gov/washington-state-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women-and-people-task-force).



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Ginnie Chitwood, far right, leads a song during a Culture Night event at Red Cedar Hall on April 23, part of the four-day (April 21-24) quarterly meeting of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. With her are, from left, Dana Ward, Teresa Lehman, Michael Lowe, Cathy MacGregor and Thaddeus O'Connell.



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**Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's**  
Theresa Lehman speaks at the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board conference.

## JST hosts health board meeting

From April 21-24, the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe hosted the quarterly Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) meeting.

These meetings see tribal delegates, representatives, and staff members from dozens of tribal nations come together to discuss and present on topics such as tribal data sovereignty, behavioral health, Indian health policy, and legislative affairs that affect the health care of tribal communities.

For more about the NPAIHB, visit [old.npaihb.org](http://old.npaihb.org).



Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe veterans (from left) Michael Lowe, Merle Holden and Al Fletcher present colors at the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board conference, held over four days at the 7 Cedars Hotel & Resort.



Board meeting attendees learn more about the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribes' totems from tour guide Teresa Smithlin (Chubby-Fitzgerald Family) outside the 7 Cedars Hotel & Resort.

### Jamestown Healing Clinic

Need help with your substance abuse disorder? Prospective patients interested in services from Jamestown Healing Clinic are encouraged to call the clinic during business hours at 360-681-7755 or visit [www.jamestownhealingclinic.org](http://www.jamestownhealingclinic.org).



### Jamestown Family Health Clinic



808 North Fifth Avenue, Sequim, WA 98382  
360-683-5900  
Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for both routine and as-needed, face-to-face and telehealth



# Collaboration puts Jamestown sablefish in spotlight

A team of students from Bonney Lake High School is headed to a national culinary competition in Baltimore with a sablefish recipe developed in partnership between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe and the University of Washington.

The trio of organizations are raising sablefish in small-scale net pens and land-based tanks to supply to specialty markets, NOAA officials note in a story about the students’ efforts. Aquaculture could help improve the availability of sablefish, which are native to deep ocean waters off the Northwest.

In 2024, Mark and Lisa Tagal of IBSS Corp. received an aquaculture grant through a joint program of NOAA and the North American Association for Environmental Education used to promote public education and awareness of locally farmed seafood.

After hearing a presentation about the sablefish, Bonney Lake culinary class students began trying out recipes, according to a NOAA Fisheries story (“Washington High School Students Turn Farmed Sablefish into Winning Recipe with Northwest Flavor,” April 9).

The Tagals asked Jamestown Seafood, the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe’s sablefish enterprise, to provide the culinary team with sablefish raised at NOAA’s Manchester Research Station.

The Bonney Lake team soon turned the high-quality seafood into a meal of miso-glazed sablefish with citrus-apple-fennel slaw and pickled carrots. The students won first place at a state competition in March at Renton Technical College in Renton, and this in May took the recipe to the national ProStart Invitational competition in Baltimore, organized by the National Restaurant Association.

Some of the students have visited the Manchester site to see how farmed sablefish are raised. They now dispel the criticism of net pens, explaining that sablefish are sustainably harvested to benefit the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe and the regional economy. Sablefish are native to the Northwest, like steelhead, which is also farmed in the region.

“Often people want to understand the story of where their food comes from, and in this case it’s sustainable aquaculture,” student Killian Gitchel noted in the NOAA Fisheries story.

“People get to see that not only is it sustainable and affordable, but it also tastes very good,” said Ken Cain, who manages the sablefish aquaculture program at Manchester for NOAA Fisheries.

Mark Tagal has partnered with NOAA Fisheries’ West Coast Region, Northwest Fisheries Science Center and Jamestown Seafood to develop a curriculum exploring how farmed seafood takes on the taste and texture of its surroundings.

He said he also wants to explore the use of environmental DNA to help explain the taste of different seafood.

See the story at [tinyurl.com/JSTsablefishComp](https://tinyurl.com/JSTsablefishComp).

## Indigenous Art Market at Jamestown

Saturday June 7 10-4

Sunday June 8 10-3

Red Cedar Hall  
1033 Old Blyn Highway  
1 mile from 7 Cedars Casino

We have a great group of  
vendors selling T-shirts, ribbon skirts,  
crystals, earrings, necklaces, cedar  
rattles and so much more!

Fry bread & Indian tacos

Open to everyone. Free entrance.

\$20 vendor fee for both days

Event by Purple Turtle Artwork by Jeremy Monson – Jamestown S’Klallam

Facebook: Purple Turtle Artwork Jeremy Monson

Email: [purpleturtleartwork@yahoo.com](mailto:purpleturtleartwork@yahoo.com)



# Library Corner

Welcome to the Heron Hall Library Corner! Here is what's happening in June ...

## Technology support

Do you have a new laptop, phone or tablet? Have a question or need help with an existing device? The library staff are here to help with one-on-one, drop-in support, and access to classes.

- Stop by between 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on **Monday afternoons** during our drop-in tech support time. Library staff will be on hand to help in any way we can.

- Schedule a **one-on-one appointment** with a member of the library team by phone (360-681-4632) or by email ([info@JamestownTribalLibrary.org](mailto:info@JamestownTribalLibrary.org)).

We can meet in person, by phone/Zoom, and even can visit Elder's at home.

## Coming soon ...

Starting July 1, the library will have some exciting changes happening to our website, library catalog, databases, and other services.

The website is already changing — check it out at our new URL: [jamestowntriballibrary.org](http://jamestowntriballibrary.org).

We will be launching a **new library catalog service** that will include access to ebooks, eaudiobooks, free classes on Linked in Learning, and much more.

Would you like to be a beta tester? Reach out to the library and you may be able to get an early sneak peek at the new platform and resources.

## Level up

Need to brush up on your technology skills? Need a certification exam to strengthen your work skills or support your learning? The library has two platforms that can help: **Northstar Digital Learning** and **GMetrix**. With courses and certifications for a wide range of skills including basic computer skills and email to advanced IT certifications, Microsoft Office Suite, Quickbooks, and more.

Access is open to Tribal Community members and government staff. Contact the library for more information.

## Our hours

Library hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.



*Photo by Brandon Taft/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe*

Staff at the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Library record audio for a project in the library's Meeting and Recording Space. Pictured, from left, are: library assistant Joseph Prince; Mike Dashiell, Tribal Communications & Publications Specialist; Loni Grinnell-Greninger, Culture Director and Tribal Vice Chair, and library assistant Tayona Heller.

## Your space to record

We are thrilled to announce that the **Meeting and Recording Space** inside the library is ready for Tribal Community use. To learn more, stop by or email the library. 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 staffers are available to provide assistance.

Email [info@JamestownTribalLibrary.org](mailto:info@JamestownTribalLibrary.org) with questions or to reserve the room.

## Elders' Film Screening

Join us on the last Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. in the library theater for a private film screening in partnership with Elder Services. Join us on June 26 for this month's film, "On the Ice."

## Writer's Group

Drop-in on Tuesdays from 4-6 p.m. with library assistant Tayona Heller. 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](mailto:theller@jamestowntribe.org) with any questions.

*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.*



# Tribes not interested in ‘Museum Fish’

True salmon recovery will not be achieved until we have sustainable, harvestable populations that support treaty tribes’ culture and way of life.

The alternative is a future where salmon are treated like museum displays — look, but don’t touch.

As my mentor the late NWIFC Chairman Billy Frank Jr. once said, “We are not interested in museum fish.” Salmon conservation is meaningless if we have to sit on the banks and watch the fish swim by.

Ours is a living culture that depends on our being able to exercise our traditional, constitutionally guaranteed treaty rights to harvest salmon.

In the documentary “Fish War,” Stillaguamish council member Kadi Bizyayeva talks about the impacts on her tribe of not being able to harvest salmon meaningfully for more than a generation.

“Finding our value now without the salmon, it’s hard,” she says. “It has created a huge disconnect from our elders to our youth. Those traditions have kind of stopped being passed down. There’s a lot that our youth aren’t able to see or learn or practice, and there’s a lot that our elders can’t teach.”

To reach our recovery goal, tribes are doing everything we can to restore habitat and are working

*“This year, we’re facing a state budget that could reduce hatchery funding, leaving tribes to make up for the deficit. This is not new territory.”*

to rebuild salmon stocks so that when we develop fishing seasons with our state co-managers, there is a harvestable surplus for us to share equally.

One of the ways we are rebuilding salmon populations is with a robust system of tribal and state hatcheries that provide harvest opportunities for everyone in western Washington. At least 70% of the salmon caught by tribal, sport and non-tribal commercial fishers are hatchery fish.

Hatchery enhancement programs also help rebuild and maintain populations of at-risk salmon that otherwise would have gone extinct, and they provide food for our struggling southern resident orcas.

Unfortunately, we continue to see misinformation being spread by organizations that use thinly supported, insular research to falsely claim that hatcheries are standing in the way of salmon recovery. These so-called conservation organizations

file lawsuits using the Endangered Species Act as a weapon against treaty rights, trying to dismantle programs actively putting more fish in the water.

Unbelievably, these groups pretend to have the support of tribal nations, when they do not speak for us.

The truth is, tribal hatchery practices continue to evolve with best management approaches and are on the cutting edge of conserving diversity and maintaining production. Tribes manage our hatcheries

to protect natural production. Hatchery programs have improved genetic diversity, increased abundance, and in many places have supported populations at risk. Tribal hatcheries do not cause the loss or reduction of salmon populations.

The tribes are not to blame for destroying salmon spawning and rearing habitat, but we have taken on the responsibility to keep their populations alive. Our hatchery programs can lead to future generations of naturally spawning fish.

This year, we’re facing a state budget that could reduce hatchery funding, leaving tribes to make up for the deficit. This is not new territory. We’ve had to rescue state hatchery operations in the past, for example on the White River and Sol Duc River, but this is an unfair financial burden for the tribes to carry.

Treaty tribes will do whatever it takes to recover harvestable numbers of salmon. Our vision of conservation is complete salmon recovery, ensuring sustainable harvest for the next seven generations.

We are never going to give up on fishing, and we are not interested in museum fish.



## Being Frank

Ed Johnstone

*Being Frank is a column by Chairman Ed Johnstone of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission. As a statement from the NWIFC chairman, the column represents the natural resources management concerns of the treaty tribes in western Washington. See [nwifc.org](http://nwifc.org).*

# Q&A with Jaime Martin, Gov. Ferguson's new Director of External Relations

*From Washington Tribes, March 2025 edition*

Gov. Bob Ferguson recently appointed Jaime Martin, a Snoqualmie Tribal member, as the new Director of External Relations for Washington state.

Before this role, Martin worked for the Snoqualmie Tribe for 14 years, focusing on exercising tribal sovereignty, strengthening Tribal consultation, and raising awareness of the importance of tribal lands, cultural resources and the reclamation of tribal ancestral lands.

She is now the highest-ranked Native American official in the history of the Washington state government's executive branch. We asked Martin about her new role, priorities, and what this position means to her.

**Congratulations on your appointment! Please tell us what the role of Director of External Relations for the state of Washington entails.**

Thank you! This position has evolved based on the needs of the Governor and the unique skills and experience of the individuals who have served in the position. I support and manage the six outreach representatives who serve throughout the state to connect the Governor's Office with local communities, and I also supervise the experts who lead the work being done around outdoor recreation issues and international and trade efforts. Given my background, I also work a lot with the Policy team on issues involving natural resources, and I get to work a lot with Tim Reynon, the new Director of the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs (GOIA).

**What are some priorities you will be focused on as part of this new administration?**

As the first Native American to serve on the Executive Team for a Governor, finding ways in which to uplift and support tribal perspectives and voices is very important to me. The opportunity to do this, especially for a Governor who has demonstrated deep support for tribes, was a primary factor for me when I considered accepting the position.

The state is facing many challenges, including the budget deficit and impacts from the other Washington. I hope to help identify ways that collaboration and new partnerships can help bring solutions or new ways of thinking to address these challenges.

One of my priorities is supporting GOIA Director Reynon in his work to re-energize and conceptualize the Centennial Accord ([goia.wa.gov/relations/centennial-accord](http://goia.wa.gov/relations/centennial-accord)) to feel especially productive and meaningful to both the state and the participating tribes.

**You've received glowing words of praise and support from many tribal leaders and state and local elected officials. What does it mean to you to be the highest-ranked tribal citizen in the history of the state's executive branch?**

I am honored that the Governor placed trust in me to serve him and the state in this role. Despite a career working in governmental affairs and politics, I never felt there was a place for me or my tribe in non-tribal government, so at times it feels surreal to be in this position. In my first week on the job, I met with a tribal leader who shared the importance of a sacred place to their tribe, and I shared with them that I spent 14 years of my career in similar rooms, in similar conversations, talking about the importance of sacred places, waters, lands, and our communities, desperately hoping that the person on the other side of the table had even an inkling of understanding just how important these things are to us as Native people. At that moment, I felt relieved that I could assure at least one tribal leader that they didn't need to make that same plea or feel that they had to share too much because I understood how important the issue was to them on a deep level. Tribes and the state face many challenges, and not all outcomes will make everyone happy, but I hope that by having more individuals in the Governor's Office who can bring tribal perspectives, we will have more opportunities for building connections and forging new paths forward between governments.



Jaime Martin, Director of External Relations for Washington state



## Off to the Races



*Photo by Mike Dashiell/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe*

Walkers and runners cross the historic Dungeness Railroad Bridge at Run the Peninsula's Railroad Bridge Park Run/Walk 5k/10k on April 26. Hosted by the Port Angeles Marathon Association and set at the Dungeness River Nature Center's Railroad Bridge Park, the annual race saw 490 people — 292 in the 5k, 198 in the 10k — race on an out-and-back course along the Olympic Discovery Trail. Sawyer Roark of Silverdale (17:23) and Amy Schmitz of Bainbridge Island (20:31) took first place finishes in the 5k, while Sarah Paquet of Bothell (38:43) and Adrian Clifford of Sequim (39:27) topped the 10k division.

## Learn to bead an embroidered eagle feather patch

Contemporary Cherokee artist Karen Sixkiller will offer a beading workshop in collaboration with ᏌᏊᏁᏍᏔᏅᏩᏰᏱ House of Learning, PC Longhouse and PC Community Education from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 7.

Registration is required. It is open to students 12 and older with a parent/guardian also enrolled.

Learn the basics of bead embroidery with this easy eagle feather project. By sewing seed beads onto a stiff backing, you'll have a versatile piece that can be worn by itself or added to a hat, purse, jacket, similar to any other embroidered patch. Once you've learned the basics through this workshop you can easily modify the pattern or make your own. Students will learn how to use a pattern, embroider with beads in straight and curved lines, finish a project and how to add their finished piece to clothing or accessories. All materials are included.

For more information, call 360-417-7992.

To register, go to [www.campusce.net/pencol/Course/Course.aspx?c=748](http://www.campusce.net/pencol/Course/Course.aspx?c=748).





The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Is Pleased to Invite You To The

# ANNUAL ELDERS LUNCHEON

Thursday, July 10th, 2025  
Doors Open at 10 AM

7 Cedars Casino Club Seven  
270756 US-101, Sequim, WA 98382


Kindly RSVP to Justin Hill at 360-808-1582 or email us at ElderServices@jamestowntribe.org

Space is limited to 300 guests, so please RSVP promptly to secure your spot! A block of rooms has been reserved at the resort, but availability is limited—contact Dennise Kettle at 360-681-6762 check availability and mention the Elders Lunch when booking. Additionally, a limited number of vendor spots are available—please contact Justin for more information.


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Memories of the 1989 Paddle to Seattle & Its Legacy



**Thursday June 12**

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| <b>10:00 am</b><br>Robins Green       | <b>Welcome &amp; Bringing in the Canoes</b>               | <b>Details &amp; RSVP</b><br> |
| <b>11:30 am</b><br>Pirate Union Bldg. | <b>Reception in the PUB</b><br>Please RSVP Prior to Event |  |
| <b>12:35 pm</b><br>Little Theater     | <b>Stadium Generale Panel Discussion</b>                  |  |

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If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis or thinking about suicide, **dial 988** and **press 4** for confidential support from a Native counselor.

For mental health resources, visit **NativeAndStrong.org**

**Native & Strong Lifeline**



# Northwest Native Expressions Native Art Gallery

The Northwest Native Expressions Native Art Gallery in June features Native-inspired home décor by local artist Linda Silvas of the Juaneno Band of Mission Indians, and the owner of Little Trees Creations. Silvas is a pyro graphic and Native artist, drum maker, and author of Mama Bear Baby Bear books. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily.



**1033 Old Blyn Highway  
Sequim, WA 98382  
360-681-4640**

**[www.NorthwestNativeExpressions.com](http://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    | Office: 360-681-4629 | Cell: 360-477-0233 |
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| Officer Patrick Carter | Office: 360-582-5798 | Cell: 360-477-3531 |
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## Contact Information

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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 7 Cedars Hotel and Casino       | 360-683-7777 |
| Carlsborg Self Storage          | 360-582-5795 |
| Casino Gift Shop                | 360-681-6728 |
| Cedar Greens Cannabis           | 360-489-6099 |
| Cedars at Dungeness Golf Course | 360-447-6826 |
| Child Advocacy Center           | 360-681-5601 |
| Double Eagle/Stymie's Lounge    | 360-683-3331 |
| Dungeness River Nature Center   | 360-681-4076 |
| Economic Development Authority  | 360-683-2025 |
| Jamestown Dental Clinic         | 360-681-3400 |
| Jamestown Excavating            | 360-683-4586 |
| Jamestown Family Health Clinic  | 360-683-5900 |
| Jamestown Healing Clinic        | 360-681-7755 |
| Jamestown Land Survey           | 360-681-4586 |
| Jamestown Networks              | 360-582-5796 |
| JST Capital                     | 360-504-2022 |
| Longhouse Market and Deli       | 360-681-7777 |
| Newsletter Editor               | 360-681-5629 |
| NWNE Gallery                    | 360-681-4640 |
| Public Safety & Justice Center  | 360-681-5600 |
| Social & Community Services     | 360-681-4617 |
| Tribal Library                  | 360-681-4632 |
| Tribal Gaming Agency            | 360-681-6702 |
| Tribal Veterans Representative  | 360-434-4056 |

**On hold for Summer 2025  
Group to resume in September!**

## **JAMESTOWN FAMILY HEALTH CLINIC PRESENTS: THE WISDOM OF THE ELDERS GROUP**

**For Jamestown Elders & Direct Descendants**

This group promotes mental, emotional, and spiritual wellness.  
It is a safe, confidential and supportive environment for our Elders to come together, share experiences, and build a sense of community.

**2nd Wednesday of the Month**

**Lunch served at 11:30**

**Meeting 12:00 - 1:00 pm**

**JFHC Upstairs Conference Room  
Facilitated by Rob Welch, PhD**



### **Websites:**

Tribal Government: [www.jamestowntribe.org](http://www.jamestowntribe.org)  
 7 Cedars Hotel/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)  
 Jamestown Healing Campus: [www.jamestownhealingclinic.com](http://www.jamestownhealingclinic.com)  
 Northwest Native Expressions Gallery: [NorthwestNativeExpressions.com](http://NorthwestNativeExpressions.com)  
 Dungeness River Nature Center: [www.dungenessrivercenter.org](http://www.dungenessrivercenter.org)  
 JST Capital: [www.jamestowncapital.org](http://www.jamestowncapital.org)  
 Kurt Grinnell Aquaculture Scholarship Foundation: [www.kurtgrinnellscholarship.org](http://www.kurtgrinnellscholarship.org)

### **Facebook Pages:**

Tribal Government: [www.facebook.com/JamestownSKlallamTribe](https://www.facebook.com/JamestownSKlallamTribe)  
 Tribal Library: [www.facebook.com/p/Jamestown-SKlallam-Tribal-Library-100064776964063](https://www.facebook.com/p/Jamestown-SKlallam-Tribal-Library-100064776964063)  
 S'Klallam Tribal Events and Announcements: [www.facebook.com/groups/sklallam.events.announcements](https://www.facebook.com/groups/sklallam.events.announcements)  
 yəhúməct Traditional Foods and Culture Program: [www.facebook.com/jamestown.tfp](https://www.facebook.com/jamestown.tfp)  
 Jamestown Family Health Clinic: [www.facebook.com/Jamestown-Family-Health-Clinic-191450454240502](https://www.facebook.com/Jamestown-Family-Health-Clinic-191450454240502)  
 JST Careers: [www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100084808620555](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100084808620555)  
 7Cedars Casino: [www.facebook.com/7CedarsCasino](https://www.facebook.com/7CedarsCasino)  
 Cedars at Dungeness Golf Course: [www.facebook.com/TheCedarsAtDungeness](https://www.facebook.com/TheCedarsAtDungeness)  
 Longhouse Market and Deli: [www.facebook.com/LonghouseMarket](https://www.facebook.com/LonghouseMarket)  
 House of Seven Brothers Restaurant: [www.facebook.com/HouseOfSevenBrothers](https://www.facebook.com/HouseOfSevenBrothers)  
 Dungeness River Nature Center: [www.facebook.com/dungenessrivernaturecenter](https://www.facebook.com/dungenessrivernaturecenter)  
 SCS Client Navigator: [www.facebook.com/jamestownnavigator](https://www.facebook.com/jamestownnavigator)



## June 2025

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue       | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat  |
|---|---|-----------|--|--|--|--|
| <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b><br><b>Klallam Language</b><br>5:30-6:30 p.m.,<br>Dungeness River<br>Nature Center    | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br><b>Garden Work<br/>Party</b><br>3-5 p.m., Commu-<br>nity Garden                          | <b>5*</b><br><b>Canoe Pulling<br/>Practice</b><br>5:30 p.m., John<br>Wayne Marina      | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>   |
| <b>8</b><br><b>Canoe Pulling<br/>Practice</b><br>11 a.m., John<br>Wayne Marina  | <b>9</b><br><b>Klallam Language</b><br>5:30-6:30 p.m.,<br>Dungeness River<br>Nature Center    | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b><br><b>Summer Youth<br/>Registration, SCS<br/>Family BBQ</b><br>4-6 p.m., Red Cedar<br>Hall | <b>12</b><br><b>Elders' Clam &amp;<br/>Crab Feed</b><br>1-3:30 p.m., Red<br>Cedar Hall | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b><br><b>Gather From<br/>the Sea</b><br>9 a.m.-2 p.m., meet<br>at Culture Dept. |
| <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b><br><b>Klallam Language</b><br>5:30-6:30 p.m.,<br>Dungeness River<br>Nature Center   | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b><br><b>Garden Work<br/>Party</b><br>3-5 p.m., Commu-<br>nity Garden                         | <b>19</b><br><b>Juneteenth</b><br>Tribal offices and<br>clinics closed                 | <b>20</b><br><b>Canoe Family<br/>Meeting</b><br>5 p.m., Dungeness<br>River Nature Center | <b>21</b>  |
| <b>22</b><br><b>Canoe Pulling<br/>Practice</b><br>11 a.m., John<br>Wayne Marina | <b>23**</b><br><b>Klallam Language</b><br>5:30-6:30 p.m.,<br>Dungeness River<br>Nature Center | <b>24</b> | <b>25***</b><br><b>Harvest Hang &amp;<br/>Sing</b><br>3-7 p.m., Commu-<br>nity Garden                | <b>26</b><br><b>Elders' Film<br/>Screening</b><br>1 p.m., Heron Hall<br>Library        | <b>27</b><br><b>Intertribal Song<br/>&amp; Dance</b><br>5:30 p.m., Red<br>Cedar Hall     | <b>28</b><br><b>Pride Day</b><br>9 a.m., Sequim<br>Civic Center                        |
| <b>29</b><br><b>Canoe Pulling<br/>Practice</b><br>11 a.m., John<br>Wayne Marina | <b>30</b><br><b>Mental Health<br/>Fun Run/Walk</b><br>11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,<br>Zaccardo Road    |           |  |  |  |  |

\* - Also held June 12, June 19, June 26 (5:30 p.m.); June 14 (11 a.m.)

\*\* - Also held June 30

\*\*\* - Also held June 11

## July 2025

| Sun       | Mon       | Tue       | Wed  | Thu  | Fri   | Sat       |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|--|---|-----------|
|           |           | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b><br><b>Independence<br/>Day</b><br>Tribal offices and<br>clinics closed | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>   | <b>10</b><br><b>Annual Elders<br/>Luncheon</b><br>10 a.m., 7 Cedars<br>Casino's Club Seven | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b> |
| <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b> |
| <b>20</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b> |
| <b>27</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b><br><b>Canoe Journey</b><br>At Jamestown<br>Beach | <b>31</b><br><b>Elders Movie<br/>Screening</b><br>1 p.m., Heron Hall<br>Library            |   |           |



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:newsletter@jamestowntribe.org).

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## June Birthdays

|      |                       |      |                       |
|------|-----------------------|------|-----------------------|
| 6/1  | Jorene Dick           | 6/16 | Gary Balch            |
| 6/3  | Helen McElroy         | 6/17 | Janis King            |
| 6/4  | Thomas Hernandez      | 6/19 | Anna Adams            |
| 6/4  | Andrew Sampson        | 6/19 | Vicki Turner          |
| 6/4  | Terra Smithson        | 6/21 | Trina Bridges-Jeffrey |
| 6/5  | Derek Sanderson       | 6/21 | Abigayle Wolf         |
| 6/7  | Patrick Adams         | 6/22 | Michael Mahr          |
| 6/7  | Alexis Erickson       | 6/22 | Frank Qualls          |
| 6/7  | Jay Timothy Gill      | 6/22 | James Shelton         |
| 6/8  | Drew Balch            | 6/23 | Harvey Harner         |
| 6/9  | Donna Acaldo          | 6/23 | Marcos Hunter         |
| 6/9  | Myrna Rightmire       | 6/23 | Nathan Zwick          |
| 6/10 | Alisha Adams          | 6/24 | Michael Adams         |
| 6/10 | Melanie Cable         | 6/24 | Kristopher Lacross    |
| 6/10 | Julie Powers          | 6/24 | Jeffrey Monson        |
| 6/10 | Maya Zwick            | 6/24 | Leah Myers            |
| 6/12 | Nolan Hutsell         | 6/25 | Jack Grinnell         |
| 6/12 | Christopher Kardonsky | 6/27 | Angela Bill           |
| 6/12 | Darcel Obermiller     | 6/29 | Jason Tangedahl       |
| 6/12 | Thomas Williams       | 6/29 | William Trippett      |
| 6/15 | Trisha Dechenne       |      |                       |

## Interested in Attending Tribal Council Meetings?

Contact Liz Barbee at [lbarbee@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:lbarbee@jamestowntribe.org) receive the date, time, and Zoom meeting address for the next meeting.

## Learn about changes at Sequim marina



**Colleen McAleer**

Hear all about what's new at John Wayne Marina — in particular, the boat launch and the fueling system — from a Port of Port Angeles commissioner at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, at Sequim Bay Yacht Club (SBYC). District 1 Commissioner Colleen McAleer has served as a Port Commissioner since January 2014. She previously was the Port's Marketing and Property Manager and the Director of Business Development. Christian Hawk of Hawk Diesel, which provides marine services in Sequim and Port Angeles, will speak about battery systems.

SBYC general meeting presentations are open to the public at no charge. They are held in the Hendricks Room of the John Wayne Marina building, 2577 West Sequim Bay Road.

For more information about SBYC programs, see [sequimbayyacht.club](http://sequimbayyacht.club).