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Key Committee Approves Cantwell Bill to Move Quileute Tribe out of Tsunami Zone

Cantwell: 'We cannot wait for tragedy to strike to take action'

"There have been 3 minor earthquakes in our area in the last 5 days. The Olympic Peninsula, Carnation and Bellingham have all experienced minor quakes and we can not take this activity likely. Mother Earth is communicating with us and we should heed her warnings as a message that we must act now to move our people to safety. My heart has been heavy with concern for our people, but today their is a ray of hope on the horizon. We are so grateful to Senator Cantwell and the committee for their recognition of the importance of moving the Quileute lower village to higher ground. We will continue to work with the Senator and Representative Norm Dicks, to move this legislation forward, so we can ensure the safety and protection of our village for generations to come. I humbly lift my hands and heart today to the Creator for answering our prayers."

Thursday, July 28, 2011

WASHINGTON, D.C. —

Today, the Senate Indian Affairs Committee approved legislation introduced by U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) that would enable the Quileute Tribe to move to higher ground, away from the danger of a Pacific tsunami and persistent Quillayute River flooding. The bill now moves to the full Senate for consideration. Congressman Norm Dicks has introduced companion legislation in the House.

"We cannot wait for tragedy to strike to take action to prepare our coastal communities for tsunamis," said Senator Cantwell.

"Today's committee vote is a significant step forward in our effort to proactively move the Quileute community to higher ground and out of harm's way. I will continue fighting with Congressman Dicks on this sensible plan to increase economic opportunity and safeguard Quileute families and their property from devastating floods and tsunamis."

Rep. Dicks said: "I am encouraged that the legislation is moving forward in the Senate, with Senator Cantwell's strong support, and I will be working with the House Natural Resources Committee to seek parallel action on our side of Capitol Hill. The threat of tsunamis is a harsh reality that the Quileutes have faced every day and we need to pass this legislation as soon as possible so the Tribe can move to safer ground outside the tsunami zone."

Cantwell's legislation (S.636), introduced in the Senate on March 17th, would authorize the transfer of appropriate tracts of higher elevation land from Olympic National Park, which borders the Quileute Tribal Reservation, enabling the tribe to relocate out of a flood zone. These tracts would be added to private lands the Tribe has purchased to form a contiguous area upon which the tribe's school, a daycare center, the elder center, tribal government offices, and several tribal members' homes could be constructed.

In a prepared statement, the Honorable Bonita Cleveland, Chairperson of the Quileute Nation, said: "The Quileute tribe extends our deepest gratitude to Senator Cantwell and the committee for moving this bill forward and recognizing the urgency in moving our lower village to higher ground. Though the March 11 Japan tsunami no longer dominates the headlines, they have in fact continued to experience a number of earthquakes. Central Asia, New Zealand, Alaska and The Pacific island nation of Papua New Guinea, which shares the 'Ring of Fire' with La Push, where about 90 percent of the world's quakes occur, have all experienced earthquakes in the last 30 days. A minor earthquake on the Olympic Peninsula four days ago heightened the fears and concerns in our village, so the timing of this hearing is a welcome relief to our people. This is a very important day for all Quileute people and we give appreciation to the ancestors and elders for giving us guidance, the strength to persevere and the courage to believe that this day would come to pass."

Representing years of work by stakeholders, the legislation would also settle, by mutual agreement, a longstanding dispute between the Olympic National Park and the tribe over the northern boundary of the reservation. In addition, the bill will guarantee public access to beaches on the Washington coast and designate as wilderness thousands of acres of land currently within the Olympic National Park boundary.

"We are pleased to have had the opportunity to work with Senator Cantwell and Congressman Dicks' staff in helping find a resolution to the health and safety issues affecting the Quileute people," Olympic National Park Superintendent Karen Gustin said in a prepared statement.

At an Indian Affairs hearing on April 14, the Department of the Interior added its backing to Cantwell's Quileute tsunami protection legislation. Also at the April 14 hearing, Quileute Nation Chairperson Cleveland explained how there is only one road that connects the lower village to higher ground, and it is often buried under several feet of water when flooded, which Cleveland said occurs every winter. Cleveland also showed a ten-minute video that details the tribe's precarious location as well as touches on the tribe's recent notoriety gained through its depiction in the movie series *Twilight.*

Top Left: Quileute Tribal Council met with Senator Maria Cantwell in Washington D.C. in February.

Bottom Left: Council members Carol Hatch and Bonita Cleveland are pictured with Cantwell staffers in Washington D.C.

Above: Chairwoman Cleveland pictured with Norm Dicks, a huge supporter of the Quileute Tribe's land legislation.

From the Desk of Chairwoman Cleveland

Making Traditions Come Alive
Quileute Days 2011

Royalty Pageant

Another successful and exciting event kicking off the 2011 Quileute Days celebration! Master of Ceremony, Vince Penn, blessed the floor in the traditional manner. This year, Vince was selected as the Master of Ceremony by the Royalty Committee. The pageant was held Friday evening at the Akalat Center with the U.S.C.G. Quillayute River Station blessing the community with the posting of colors and pledge of allegiance. Quileute Tribal Council Chairwoman Bonita Cleveland welcomed the community and celebrity guests, Kiowa Gordon and Tinsel Korey, who starred in the "Twilight Saga." Cleveland also introduced her Tribal Council team present and not present. Cleveland expressed the importance of this year's theme, "Making Traditions Come Alive."

My message was to recount those stories word for word, not to forget the words and strong teachings of the ancestors, which is the most important inheritance any one person can receive. If you do not validate the old teachings and make them come alive, they are going to be claimed by outsiders that want it and will try and take it away from each one of us. Ultimately, it has been left up to us, ensuring that we make traditions come alive, strengthening our families and values, and guiding the new generation who has stepped up to the great challenges to represent our name "Quileute." All the expression and spiritual devotion that every family can do to step up its efforts in making traditions come alive is of great significance; protecting our way of life, respecting the songs and dances, looking at your surroundings, who is leading the circles, teaching the children and giving them pride, setting those standards and striving for continuous improvement, supporting each other as Quileute people, treating each other like we want to be treated, working together in the spirit of our ancestors, and most importantly, keeping our house in order.

In concluding my welcome in expressing my appreciation to the community members who show their strong Quileute pride by delivering their services and showing their support in being present in the evening kick-off of this year's annual festivities, I called upon my constituents present. Carol Hatch expressed her desire to have all the families and community join in on all the fun activity. DeAnna Hobson expressed the history of Quileute Days and the change of dates to accommodate the weather. They both gave their important views on behalf of our indigenous way of life involving our tribe and its entirety.

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Following my welcoming, royalty pageant coordinators Leticia Jaime and Crystal Matson then introduced all the contestants and escorts. A special speech from Warrior Rio Jaime was given about the Paddle Journey and traditional songs. A great evening was had by all.

Parade Line Up

The parade is always a blast, rain or shine. We made it happen. After all, we are from the lush COASTAL RAIN FOREST capital OF the world…The 3rd place went to Human Services with the Baby six setter canoe, 2nd place went to Veterans from Forks, WA carrying one of our prominent veterans and the last fluent-speaker of the Quileute language, Mr. Ken Payne, riding proudly. Quileute language is a key to preserving our cultural identity. It is surely a struggle that gains urgency of attention with the great losses of each fluent native speaker. Give time to visit with Ken…A very special thank you to Mark Soderlind and crew of Forks for offering the float for our Veteran. 1st place award went to Emerald Queen Casino/Sister tribe who went out of their way to make an experience of a lifetime for the youth of La Push by sponsoring a Stretch Hummer and EQC t-shirts and hats, along with many other special gifts to the Quileute Days Celebration. To see the hearts and smiles on the children's faces were a blessing. They were so thrilled with joy to be able to ride through the parade in the stretch hummer.

Congratulations Grand Marshal

Congratulations are in order to none other than Lela Mae Morganroth for receiving the honor of 2011 Quileute Days Grand Marshal. The Morganroth family was extremely proud of her and that the tribe bestowed this honor upon Lela this year. They had a family recognition celebration on her behalf. Lela is a long life member and elder of the Quileute tribe and has always displayed her pride and love for her traditions. She has truly made history in making traditions come alive with her dedication to the children and our community. Incidentally, Lela was selected as "Elder of the Year" this past year at the National School Board Association Conference. Congratulations to you Lela—one of our Quileute favorites—we are very proud of you for all your good teachings and your strong leadership as our Quileute elder. Great job!!

Quileute Salmon Bake

The Quileute Tribal Council Leadership Team would like to thank Pam Morganroth for all her loyalty and dedication to the special tender love and care she placed into the Salmon Bake this year. All her hard work truly paid off in the lineup for salmon. The two long, long days of preparing salmon and the trimmings the traditional way was a favorite for

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all the visitors, elders, and special guests.

Traditional Bone Games

The game of chance! Traditional Bone games were held all weekend. For centuries our people engaged in the game of chance. Lots of good times were had by all…3rd Place went to Nooksack, 2nd place to Canada, and 1st to Lummi. Sportsmanship went to Leo Williams' team and Shorty Selam's team.

Fireworks

We had a spectacular display of fireworks over the beautiful Pacific Ocean Saturday night. Spectators from Bone Games and Poker Tournament were out on the porches watching. Cars were lined up from Earl's to the resort.

Tourist of the Day

Four young "Twilighters" from Vancouver BC were selected as Tourists of the Day. They had reservations at our Oceanside Resort and were very overwhelmed and delighted to be selected as Tourists at of the Day. They stated, "This was the best day of our life!" They were thankful for the outstanding Quileute hospitality.

Citizen of the Year

Was none other than our own Joey Salazar who was home for a short stay after his Army basic training. Joey graduated from a 14-week US Army basic training and advanced individual basic training. Joey is proudly representing the Quileute Tribe in the US Army. Everyone was delighted to have Joey back home, even if it was a short stay!

Makah Royalty

We were very honored to have the Makah Royalty join the festivities. They proudly represented their Makah Tribe with their royalty dressed in traditional regalia, beautiful cedar hats and olive shell necklaces displayed on the entire hood of their vehicle. Klaklo Klaklo Makah!

La Push Has Talent

2006 Native Grammy Recording Artist, Star Nayea, brought a three-piece Funk & Blues band from Seattle to entertain the Quileute Days crowd and community. Star, Thadias Turner and Band performed an exciting upbeat set of music, then made way for the wonderful Quileute youth as they sang and danced their heart out until after midnight.

The night hosted a talent show featuring mainly Quileute youth with Star Nayea as well as "Twilight" actors, Tinsel Korey and Kiowa Gordon, as the judges. Kenneth Ward, young up and coming talent from Quileute, took 2nd place!

Thank You Public Works

Our hands go up to Danny Hinchen and his crew for all their dedication and loyalty. They hung the Quileute Days banners on poles around the village and went above and beyond their duties. Thank you!

Surfing and Traditions Camp

Another great year working in unison, the Quileute Tribe with the Quileute Housing Authority Department.

Thinking of all the surf instructors and all the volunteers who took the time out of their lives to make such a memorable

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time for the children. Everyone had a great time—the organized event was a successful setup with everything needed at this year's Annual Surfing & Traditions Camp on First Beach of La Push, WA. A great time was had by all. Thanks to everyone including our U.S. Coast Guards who were providing practice maneuvers on the sunny day of camp, making themselves readily available.

IPC Meeting

We had special guests from Washington DC and coastal tribes visiting.

Gaming Agreement

Frank Wright of the Puyallup EQC and Chairwoman Cleveland are proud to announce the gaming agreement has been successfully accomplished! Puyallup Tribe takes care of sister tribes. Quileutes were honored to be a part of the gaming agreement with Puyallup.

WIGA

Gaming tribes all participated in a terrific gaming expo at the Puyallup. Cleveland and Hatch participated in the expo for the Quileute Gaming Compact.

Canoe Journey Home Safe

Living links as the old ones did long, long ago, we were honored to be accompanied by our hereditary Chief David "Howeeshata" Hudson and his family members of the late Pearl Penn Conlow family, Chief women Barb and daughters and oldest son. William Hudson brings us great pride. Our hands go up to DeAnna Hobson, tribal councilmember, and her ground crew and the chaperones, The Quileute Tribal School Al Z., Rio Jaime, David W., Marco Black, and tribal councilmember Tony Foster with Quileute Natural Resources' equipment who provided the support boat every day on the water. All the dedicated time commitment and most of all for your big hearts to be involved in the moving of the symbolic unification to the Swinomish- Canoe journey Three 3 cedar hat stop. All your work does not go unnoticed.

Our younger generation brought many tears to the eyes and proud hearts to see they have stepped up to respect and honor the traditions that were passed down to assure it will be carried on…The commitment to the revival of the canoe journey, knowing the ocean is a way of life for our people. It truly was a blessing to see so much community support and your involvement shows the young ones we do care and we do love and respect what they are doing on the journey of their

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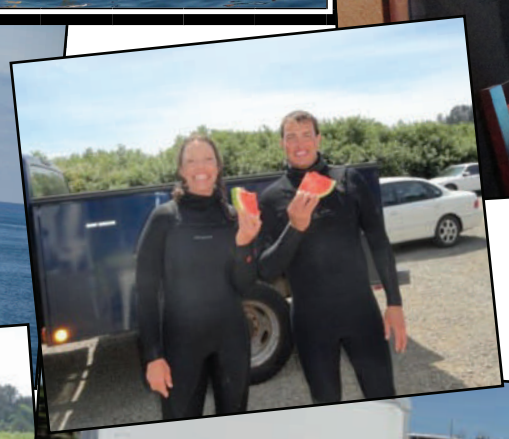
Photo by Debbie Ross-Preston



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lives…the elders were able to witness such a historical event. We are proud of our pullers, dancers and our tribe. The opportunity to gather with other tribes, friends, and family was so touching to the heart. Thank you Brian Cladoosby and team.

We welcome everyone back home. Thank you to all the volunteers and the ones behind the scenes.

Tribal Council will be hosting an appreciation dinner for all. Watch for further postings.

There will be more pictures of the Canoe Journey in the next issue of the Talking Raven.

Quileute Marina

Billy Brux has acquired a Marina boat to be utilized for Marina purposes. Good job Billy!

Quileute Biggest Loser "Winner" Loses & Wins again!

Congratulations Stuart! We are very proud of you for taking your health and well being seriously. On another note, Stuart's wife made a fabulous chocolate cake that was irresistible for the Tribal Council which was shared with staff!

Council Team Work

Chairwoman Cleveland stated, "There are many important issues that this Tribal Council needs to HOLD: A priority for us work diligently on the well-being of our people. I cannot stress how Tribal Council is devoted to preserving the theme in making traditions come alive." Chairwoman Cleveland continued, "It is important to place our differences behind, work diligently on the well-being of our people, dedication in working as a cohesive, unified team which will be important as the tribe is a small tribe, a poor tribe, yet rich in spirit. Let's not allow any one to break it down. Struggle as it may be, yet we have power in prayer to the creator for the achieved goals and dreams and wellness of our village. Moreover we will continue to place our community a high priority. This is why we have been elected to serve our community.

The Chairwoman also stated, "The challenges are great, the journey may be a long trail, the waters may get rough, the winds may blow hard, the storms may get bad, yet we never want to see our people feel heavy-hearted or hurt and have pain within. I am not always a favorite to the eyes of many. I have to do and make the difficult decisions and I am not afraid to fulfill them. I know the sun will shine and the moon is going to be a new one…again. Thank you to those who show your support."

Cleveland would also like to convey to all our Quileute Tribal Directors and support staff that our community is desperately crying out for your compassion and sensitivity. Please allow your hearts to remain open to find the compassion that our people deserve, and please know they need your help just as much as you need their help. "Our community is our priority," Cleveland stated. "I continue to hear the echoes of my grandparents always telling me as a young girl when one person rocks the canoe the entire canoe will tip over"… What does this mean? It means everyone is bobbing for survival for themselves!! Unity in our community is essential and it is going to take the effort and great strength from all of us to making ample opportunity for our people to survive and rise to the many challenges that we face.

I have great faith in our Quileute Tribal Council Leadership team to move us forward by utilizing our cultural knowledge, showing our caring and compassionate ways, and most importantly, following the sacred footsteps that were laid down for us to follow from our sacred ancestors.

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We will continue to seek innovative ways to help empower our community to become the happy, healthy and content Quileute people we deserve to be.

Again, Chairwoman Cleveland would like to reiterate that it is going to take the dedication of our community, Tribal Council leaders, Directors, and staff pulling all our canoes together and moving in the same direction into a brighter future for our tribe in its entireties.

Let's not let the strong tides overtake our strength and the love we have for one another...

The Council Office is always open and welcome to all of you.

Respectfully,
Hah-Yeh-Letsa
Bonita Cleveland Ward Woodruff
Honored to be selected to serve as your
Quileute Tribal Chairwoman

Elder Feature: Bert Black

Photos by Cheryl Barth

Bert Stevens Black received the nickname "Mops" at a young age when he fell into the water at the Butts and Patterson docks, a restaurant and boat rental in La Push. He described his hair as being long and wild, and when Arvey Ward pulled him out of the water, Arvey said Bert looked like a mop. Ever since, Bert has gone by this nickname.

Born in La Push, WA on September 24, 1944 to Roy Black Sr. and Ethyl "Rosie" Payne, Bert was one of eight sons and two daughters. Sadly, Bert has one brother left today. However, Bert has been blessed with two sons of his own—Chance Thompson Black and Benjamin Bert Black—along with one granddaughter.

As a child, Bert spent much time with his mother, as well as Leo Williams' mother Nellie, Russell Woodruff's mother Sarah, and even Lillian Penn. He said, "I used to paddle with them up river and we picked grass for baskets. Then we'd go out to Queets for cedar bark. I also picked berries with them, and did a lot with them." When they peeled cedar bark, Bert remembered his elders having a knife that fit on their fingers, like a ring, and they would cut a horizontal line in the bark near the base of the tree and peel the bark upward. Bert said he had to climb up the tree to cut it down at the top.

Once Bert turned 12, he struggled with alcohol and later drugs. This coming September, Bert will have been sober for 23 years. He found support from his community, and he has also been involved in the Elder Sobriety group in La Push where he and other elders share their stories and find support in each other. Bert explained that if people want to be successful and quit, they have to want to do it for themselves—not their wives, children, family, or friends.

Bert quit school in the 10th grade and eventually obtained his GED. He attended Lynn Benton Junior College in Albany, OR for his Water Distribution Specialist II and Manager Level II certifications. In 1974, he started working with Quileute Public Works and was with the department for 34 years. Current Public Works Director Danny Hinchen expressed how instrumental Bert is to the department, "He is always willing to help and has given back to the community immensely."

Bert also held other jobs such as a cook, mechanic, garbage man, and others. He served on Tribal Council for 15 years, as well as on other boards such as Enterprise, Port Authority, Akalat Center, Head Start, Emergency Management, Tribal School, and Housing Authority. On several of these boards, Bert has been Chairman.

Bert considers his greatest accomplishment is his sobriety. He said, "If I wasn't clean and sober for all these years, I never would have accomplished any of the things I did. I try to tell people that. You can do it, if you want to do something, you can do it. Don't look at the past, and don't worry about it."

A Special Message from the Diabetes Support Group

At our July 12, 2011 Diabetes Support Group meeting, we were joined by Dr. Mark Horton of Indian Health Service. Dr. Horton wanted to get the word out that ALL PEOPLE WITH DIABETES are at risk for an eye disease that has become the most common cause of blindness among adults. It's called Diabetic Retinopathy. Four (4) out of every 100 diabetics will lose their sight because of it. But here's the important part: If people with diabetes get regular eye examinations every year, this risk of blindness can be prevented. With early diagnosis, this disease can be successfully treated with a special kind of laser. Unfortunately, half of all Native American patients fail to get this evaluation, and some go on to blindness needlessly because the disease is missed until too late to treat.

So if you are diabetic, PLEASE get that once-a-year eye exam! You don't have to lose your sight!

Norm Englund
For the Diabetes Support Group

Traditional Bow-Making Class

Free, two-day class with Darrell Medley

Small class sizes of 3 people

Dates: TBD

Please sign up at the Quileute Natural Resources Front Desk.

If there is more interest, there will be more classes.

Thank you to Tribal Council for supporting this activity!

Quileute Days in Review

By Rochelle Warner

The 2011 Quileute Days celebration turned out to be a huge success and offered a large array of excitement and entertainment.

On Friday, July 15, 2011, the evening began with an Ojibwe Nation Native who was named one of the "Entertainers of the Year" 2010 by National Indian Gaming Association, Jim Ruel. Jim is a 14-year comedy veteran whose credits include Comedy Central, CBS, NBC, PBS, and BBC. Jim loves performing for Native communities and bringing his sense of humor all across Indian Country. Jim's comedy partner, Gilbert Brown, relatively new to the native entertainment scene, complemented the hilarious comedy routine by opening for Jim and sharing a stand up performance of his own on Saturday, July 16, 2011.

Following the comic entertainment was 2006 Native Grammy recording artist and vocal extraordinaire, three time NAMA Award Winner, Singer, Song Writer, Star Nayea. Star was accompanied by a three piece band from Seattle, WA, Thadillac. Star and Thadillac performed a soulful and funky set of music for Saturday's evening crowd.

After a brief intermission, a fireworks display, lit up the evening skies over La Push. Following the bright fireworks display, which was merely a prelude to the main event that all Quileute Days attendees had been waiting for, the red carpet was rolled out to receive all of the contestants, who came from near and far, to show off their Native Nation Dance Idol/ Talent and spirit. There were approximately twelve contestants, tribal and non tribal, and were primarily youth.

At noon, on Saturday, July 16th, contestants had the opportunity to dress up as celebrities look a likes and ride in the H-4 Stretch Limo through the Quileute Days Parade with the two celebrity comedians. Inside the limo, youth and the celebrities fired t-shirts, prizes, and candy all along the parade route.

If the night wasn't already exciting enough, the Native Nation Dance Idol/Talent show offered three celebrity judges including Star Nayea, who had already developed a wonderful connection with our Quileute youth from her prior time spent this past December facilitating her Winter Wellness music camp as well as our beloved Tinsel Korey and Kiowa Gordon from the "Twilight Saga." The three Native Celebrity Judges awarded points and ultimately selected and awarded generous prizes, including but not limited to two colored Nooks, gifts cards, sweatshirts, and cash generously donated on behalf of the Quileute Tribe and Emerald Queen Casino for first, second, third, and even a fourth place as result of the insurmountable amount of talent offered that evening. First Place: Chellzie Ezel, Second Place: Kenneth Ward, Third Place: Isabella Pennini, and Chesga Jackson awarded Fourth.

After the competition commenced, Quileute Days party-goers danced the night away to the styling's of K&D Entertainment. The DJ's offered endless entertainment and fired off several Emerald Queen T-shirts with cash and gift cards rolled within. Additionally, bubbles, balloons, candy, and EQC rubber duckies were shared with the audience. They danced the night away until 2 a.m.

All Quileute Days events were considered a great success and a wonderful time was had by all!

The Native Nations Dance Idol Contest/La Push Has Talent was a huge success. Thank you to Star Nayea, Tinsel Korey and Kiowa Gordon for judging the show. Pictured above are the winners of the contest. Congratulations!

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Quileute Days Results
July 15th-17th

Royalty:
Mr. Quileute: Jonah Black-Ward
Miss Quileute: Alexis Ward
Jr. Mr. Quileute: Kenneth Ward
Jr. Miss Quileute: Elizabeth Soto
Little Princes: David Ward and Isaiah Jackson

Parade:
1st Place: Emerald Queen Casino Stretch Hummer
2nd Place: Makah Royalty
3rd Place: Human Services

Adult Co-ed Softball Tournament:
1st place: Taholah Stars
2nd place: Outkast
3rd place: Bob's Team

Youth Co-ed Softball:
Youth Tourney
1st place: Taholah
2nd place: La Push
3rd place: Muckleshoot

La Push Has Talent:
1st Place: Chellzie Ezel
2nd Place: Kenneth Ward
3rd Place: Isabella Pennini
4th Place: Chesga Jackson

Canoe Races:
1st Place: Todd Pickernell, Valerie I
2nd Place: Darren Sansom, Ste'wetan
3rd Place: Steve Sansom, Miss Ann
4th Place: Pete Kalama, Misty Rain

Stick Games:
1st Place: Shirley Johnson from Lummi
2nd Place: Brenda Bob from Nooksack
3rd Place: Gladis Modest from Duncan

Horseshoes:
1st Place: Joe Ward and Wade McCoy
2nd Place: Reggie King and Willie Hatch
3rd Place: Clark Leyendecker and Kevin Penn

5K:
There were 35 participants which raised approximately $350 for the Diabetes Support Group

Poker:
There were over 150 participants with prizes totaling $4,400.

1. Every year, carnival games are offered at Quileute Days, which is a huge hit with the children.
2. Earla Penn's talent at "La Push Has Talent" was singing an original song she wrote.
3. Coast Guardsmen represented the U.S.C.G. Station Quillayute River in the Quileute Days parade Saturday afternoon.
4. There was an audience along the sidelines of the horseshoe pits.
5. Lela Mae Morganroth was named the Grand Marshal for Quileute Days.
6. On Friday night, Quileute youth competed in the royalty pageant.

Photos by Cheryl Barth

Quileute Days in Review

1. Fireworks lit up Main Street Saturday night, just before the talent show. Photo by Cheryl Barth
2. Robert Coberly is up to bat for Bob's Team. Photo by Cheryl Barth
3. Isaiah Jackson's talent at the royalty pageant was traditional dancing. Photo by Cheryl Barth
4. Teams of two compete at the horseshoe tournament. Photo by Cheryl Barth
5. Poker took place in the Tribal Office West Wing. It was a cramped space with over 150 people participating in this year's games. Photo by Cheryl Barth.
6. Canoe races often draw a large crowd. Photo by Cheryl Barth
7. James Salazar waits for the stick games to start. Photo by Cheryl Barth
8. Rueben and Rhonda Flores participated in the 5K Fun Run/ Walk on Sunday. Human Services staff organized the event to raise money for the Diabetes Support Group.
9. The La Push youth softball team sits on their bench during the championship game. They took 2nd place. Photo by Cheryl Barth.

Jackie Jacobs Reporting

Thank you Tinsel Korey and Kiowa Gordon!

Photos by Eye Behold Photography

Youth Tour University of Washington Campus

The Youth and Family Intervention Program brought youth on a field trip to tour the University of Washington Seattle campus on July 14th. It was a larger campus than many of the other campus tours the group has gone on, with the tour lasting about 90 minutes.

The students learned that although tens of thousands of students attend UW, the average class size is approximately 35 students. UW is the second largest campus on the West Coast (behind Stanford University.) It is also one of the largest research institutes and unique because UW offers undergrads the ability to conduct research—most universities' research is reserved for upper level students or grad students.

The University of Washington has a diverse student population with over 550 student organizations catering to the interests of its students. UW is home to the Burke Museum, which features American Indian artwork. There is also a First Nations club that organizes the largest student-run event, the Annual Spring Powwow at the Alaska Airlines Arena.

At the end of the tour, the guide gave the same advice he received when he was applying to college: Ask what the freshmen retention rate is—students who return for their sophomore year. If a college's freshmen retention rate is low, ask them why. The guide also suggested grabbing the school's newspaper and flipping through it to see what student life is like and what the issues on campus are.

The Youth and Family Intervention Program takes youth on field trips to tour college campuses throughout the year. Besides visiting UW, they have been to Northwest School of Wooden Boat Building, Reed College, Portland State University, Washington State University, and Evergreen State College. Coming up in August, the program is bringing youth to tour Peninsula College. After each campus tours, the Youth and Family Intervention Program always has a fun activity planned. If you would like to know about future college trips, contact Casey Keith at (360) 374-4349 or Tara Newman at (360) 374-3138.

Hiba' Kwashkwash [HAY-buh quash-quash]: The Jay Squawks

Jay transforming into Kwashkwash, the Blue Jay

Tsaḳíťsa [tsah-KAY-tsuh] *"Getting to be the time of no berries" (August)*

Well, it's August, the time when the last of the berries are ripening and by the end of this moon there will be no berries at all. So far, this year we have had three seasons:

Tí·tat [TAY-h-tut, pronounce that h sound] "winter (stay at home time)"

Yálowałi [YAH-lo-wuh-thee] "springtime (southeast wind and storms)"

Ṫaxáts [tuh-HAH-ts] "summer (hot weather time)"

And there are two seasons left this year:

Xʷaʔáts [hwuh-AH-ts] "early autumn (could mean 'the time to get your elk')," and

Tsadáts [tsuh-DAH-ts] "late autumn (year almost over)"

Just a minute! There are only four seasons, aren't there? Well, yes. In the mainstream American year there are only four seasons. But the traditional Quileute way of reckoning seasons had five, including both an early fall and a late fall. There are lots of things that are different in the oldtime Quileute perspective. Let's talk about a few of them.

The way people talked about cars gives a sense of how they thought. I remember Old Man Woody saying, **"Hayáli s kas!"** *Make the car shout!* (meaning, "Honk the horn"). The car's motor was called the **láḳił**, *"the living, moving thing."* The wheels were the **kás-tsokʷs**, *"the feet of the car that it runs on."* The gears were the **kás-dił**, *"the teeth of the car"* and transmission fluid was **tsak-kʷáʔat-sidat**, *"chewing tobacco liquid for the 'teeth of the car.'"* The old timers used to smile when they'd say those things, but I think they saw humor in the way that the first Quileutes tried to describe those incredible machines that were totally outside their experience. There just were no words in the language to explain the mechanical parts of something that ran on a process they didn't yet understand.

They often used words for things they DID traditionally have to explain what the parts of new things did. I hooted when Old Man Dewey Cleveland called the gas tank the **tsiyáxʷa-chówat**, the word for *"the bladder of a seal used for storing oil"* in the days before cans and bottles. Pansy used to call the trunk of her car the **ḳáʔwats**, *"a pack basket used for carrying things."* And I heard that Billy Hudson said that his father called the bumper **ťosaliḳʷółwa**, *"the thing you use for pushing like the plow on a bulldozer."*

Then there were all the Quileute words for things that, like a radio, with no understanding of what was inside that made it work, were simply described as the thing with songs inside…They all end in **–c'hoʔ**, which means *"inside of it."* Words like:

Ḱiyá-c'hoʔ- *(fire inside)* a match

Adaʔadalá-c'hoʔ *(talking inside)* a radio, juke box

Pikcháʔ-c'hoʔ *(picture inside)* a tv

Láb-c'hoʔ *(Whiskey inside)* a bottle

T'sobót-c'hoʔ *(feathers inside)* a mattress

But, by far the most revealing things the old people said about the traditional Quileute perspective had to do with spiritual things. One night Herb Fisher told me what his grandfather had told him about being a good Indian. The way I remember it, Herb said, "**Abáʔ aťot** (my grandpa) said that if you are a good person, you won't have to look for game. The game will look for you. If you are a good person, he said, the word will spread. The animals will submit themselves to you. They'll show up if you are a good person and grateful. That's a Quileute version of the **yalá** (the soul)."

Charlie Howeattle told me the same thing. He said that his uncle taught him that the **póʔ oḳʷ** (people) weren't the only living creatures that had a soul. Charlie said that he felt that many kinds of living things had souls, including all the animals, fish, shellfish and big trees (but not little ones). He said he believed that Old Time Quileutes thought that the winds and transformed things like Crying Lady Rock over on Third Beach had souls. But each of the other species of animals all shared a single big soul. So every elk shared the elk soul, and when one elk believed something, every elk knew it. And when one king salmon thought something, every king salmon knew it. That's how every one of each type of salmon knew that the Quileutes were good people to be caught by, because the Quileutes *are* good people.

Finally, Charlie Howeattle said, "And when one humpy salmon dies, the big humpy **yalá** (soul) keeps living, shared by all the humpies who are still alive. The same is true of eagles or squirrels or land otters. The soul shared among all members of each species of animal and fish and birds lives until the last one dies, and the species goes extinct…and then the soul of that species dies." That's a very Quileute perspective.

The Quileute way of thinking isn't just about having five seasons instead of four. I'm sure all Quileutes will agree that the Quileute way of thinking is still alive and well in many ways. Quileutes are really lucky to have that heritage perspective.

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We Miss You, Bobby Coberly Jr.
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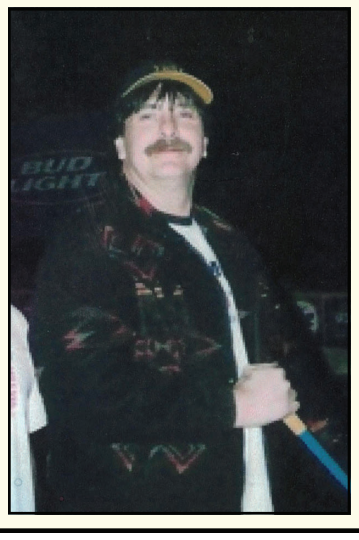

Today is the day you were born, and we miss you everyday since you left us, but we know you are in a better place with Tiff, and both of you are smiling down on us. We love you Bobby, Dad, Grandpa.

Love, Mary, Mae, Perr, Robert, Sassy, Tie and Mark, Sarah and Dustin, and grandchildren Andrea, Bobbie, Jae, Tristin, Cameron, Queen, Devin, and Carter

Our Condolences

Our condolences go to the family of the late Donald "Rookie" Black. He will truly be missed in our village.

-Quileute Tribal Council

Quileute Tribe

Take Back The Night

Aug. 25th; 6-9 P.M.

free

A-Ka-Lat, La Push

PRIZES

Face Painting

Crafts for Kids

Art Display

Puppet Show

Info Booths & Vendors

Clothesline Project

Desserts

Silent Witness Exhibit

Music by Therapy Session

Candlelight Vigil

T-shirt Decorating

Shatter the Silence, Stop the Violence!

For additional information, contact Monica Henry @ 360.374.5110

Should it rain, TBTN will take place inside

Counselor's Corner

It's been another tough loss for everyone that loved him but certainly for each and every member of the family. Losing anyone before their time is especially tough. To all that are feeling the pains that a loss can bring on, may you be comforted with the knowledge that there is a Higher Power and that all good people that pass on are in good hands and feel no pain. I have a strong, unbreakable *belief* in the creator. I know he is here for us. Faith is my key. And if you can wrap yourself up in this act of faith you will gain a sense of completeness in all things. I have tremendous faith that the Creator is here and that he helps all that pass on, regardless of their beliefs. I say that nothing, yes nothing at all, happens without somehow changing the universe. All things matter, or if not, then all things don't matter. Everything matters or nothing matters. It has to one or the other. It can't be both. That is also one of my beliefs.

Many people also have a *belief* that drinking and using goes well at these grief-filled times. We think it is totally appropriate to toast to or to get drunk for or to "pound one down, or to snort/toke one for," in memory of the person we lost. Little do most of us seem to know, that drinking and/or drugging only makes the pain greater, the suffering more intense and gee, it all gets to last much, much longer.

If that's what you really want, then so be it. Nobody can change your mind if you aren't willing to listen and learn. But staying clean and sober through the grieving always results in better processing of grief and pain. In fact, all emotions can be processed far more successfully if we do not use a chemical like alcohol or drugs to comfort us. Not using allows us to feel what we are supposed to feel at that moment in time. Sometimes feeling a feeling hurts. Is that a good reason to avoid what you are feeling? We must not develop a habit of avoiding pain, either mental or physical, because processing and feeling feelings is one of the basic facts of life. And truthfully, we also need to know and have pain at times to help us recognize when things are good. How would you really know that something feels good if you don't also know how pain feels?

By the way, the more we avoid feelings that are painful the more we avoid maturing. The more we avoid maturing the more we produce mental health problems in us and we become a nuisance to others. The more we have mental health problems the more we avoid painful feelings. And around we go but we also sink into an abyss, so that pretty soon we don't even try to face reality. We avoid almost anything that is at all uncomfortable; working hard, keeping jobs, eating right, getting up on a schedule, cleaning our homes and cars, fixing things that need fixing, keeping our licenses and insurance current, seeing the dentist, good personal hygiene, going to fun and healthy events and on and on and on. We check out and check into a false reality—one full of false pride and elevated emotions when threatened by anything at all. We started out just avoiding, now we are avoiders. Our personalities have been changed. We are not what we planned to become. So we drink and drug, sometimes to death. That's a fact. And just try to get an active chronic drinker to do a few things that would help herself/himself. They usually won't. They avoid. They might (rarely) want us to do it for them but they won't do it for themselves. They've decided to check out of true reality, and without any interruptions they will eventually check out of living too.

Remember, I am not talking about those of you that do drink small amounts and do so responsibly or those of you that *really do* have serious physical problems that require "small" amounts of pain relief to help you cope with your job, your work, or your projects to improve your life.

So to conclude, I'd like to encourage the people that have made promises to quit using and drinking to any loved one that has passed on, to now step up to the plate of life and truth. Step up to life. Step up to true freedom and in doing so give up your slavery to a chemical to cope with how you feel. That's all it is you know. Using and drinking to feel high is just a way to avoid facing your true self and how you feel. You might say it's about feeling the high and how cool it is, but in truth it's about hiding from your true self and your responsibilities. The time and money and emotional balance we rob from our families is all the proof you really need to know that it's time. But you are an avoider…right? Well, I really do know exactly what you are going through, so now is the moment of truth. Are you too addicted to avoiding your humanity or are you now ready to step up and deliver on your promises? I will do what I can to help YOU deliver yourself. This would be your greatest gift to all you know that *really* care.

Bless any and all of you, *no matter what*.

Kevin McCall

The Reservation Based Community Determined Program at Evergreen State College Wants You!!!

Are you are working, have a family and other obligations, don't like to commute but would like to finish your degree? Look no further, you can attend college and continue to fulfill all your obligations at one of 6 locations in Western Washington: Muckleshoot, Nisqually, Port Gamble, Quinault, Tulalip and our new site at Peninsula College. Individual pathways can be developed for you as you seek your degree. Explore the possibilities.

The Evergreen State College offers a BA degree program in liberal arts and is accepting applications now for fall quarter. The Reservation Based Community Determined (RBCD) Program has been serving native communities since 1989 and has consistently strived to meet the needs of the students and tribes. Students who attend this program have already earned an AA degree or approximately 90 transferable credits. Students attend Monday and Thursday evenings on the reservation and 4 Saturdays at the Longhouse on campus. Classes are face to face with independent study opportunities available. The curriculum is designed to prepare students in critical thinking, leadership, applied research, administrative process and organization, social science, ethics, literature, and more. Students who complete the program will have a better understanding of the dynamics of their communities and a broader world view. The Evergreen State College and the Reservation Based Program have earned national recognition for its innovative teaching and commitment to student learning.

The Grays Harbor College Reservation Based AA degree program, known as "the bridge program", is also accepting applications. This offering is part of a partnership with The Evergreen State College featuring a distance education hybrid program using both "online classes" and "face to face" classes to deliver the curriculum. Over the 10 week quarter, students in the program meet 4 Saturdays on the Evergreen campus at the Longhouse. They also may attend a weekly study session at their site with a study leader to provide additional support. Through this culturally relevant, specially designed curriculum, students meet all the regular state requirements and are fully prepared with the foundational skills and knowledge to continue with more advanced work. Students earn a transferable AA degree accepted at Washington State Colleges and Universities upon admission. This program has won recognition as an exemplary program by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, and has received national attention.

Soon there will also be a similar program located at Peninsula College in Port Angeles. If this would be more suited to your needs please feel free to contact our office and we will guide you on your path to higher education.

The Evergreen State College also offers a MPA/Tribal degree as a weekend program for those wanting to pursue a master's degree in administration with a tribal emphasis. The program accepts students in cohorts every two years.

For more information on these programs contact:

Grays Harbor College, Mark Ramon, Coordinator (360) 538-4090; mramon@ghc.edu http://www.ghc.edu/distance/reservation

Peninsula College, Ami Magisos, Multicultural Services Coordinator (360) 417-7987 or toll-free (877) 452-9277 ext. 7987; amagisos@pencol.edu

The Evergreen State College, RBCD, Stephanie Sotomish, Administration Assistant (360) 867-6286; sotomiss@evergreen.edu or www.evergreen.edu/tribal

Welcome Aboard: New Coast Guard Crew Members

Ryan Walvatne, age 27, grew up in the San Juan Islands in Washington state. At age 18, he joined the Coast Guard and started his U.S.C.G. career out of Port Townsend. He served overseas for one year on a volunteer basis, and now Ryan works as an Engineer at Station Quillayute River. In his free time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, riding dirt bikes or street bikes, wood-working, and landscaping.

James Walker, age 35, is from Forest City, NC. He has been in the Coast Guard for 11 years and has earned the Surfman badge, meaning he can operate a surf boat in extreme weather conditions. He recently took over as Training Petty Officer and is in charge of scheduling trainings for the crew. James said his favorite station is Quillayute River because everyone in the community is nice, sincere and helpful, which reminds him of North Carolina (except with more rain.)

Frank Comunidad, age 21, comes from Phoenix, AR. Before being stationed at La Push, Frank was on the cutter, Midgett, in Seattle, WA for almost two years. He is currently in training to become a lifeboat Engineer, and what he loves about U.S.C.G. is the hands-on experience that comes with the job. His goal is to make Second Class Petty Officer and apply to the Officer Candidate School in New London, CT. Aside from working, Frank loves to spend time with his wife as well as practice his barber skills.

Join the Mailing Lists!

The Talking Raven has a Mailing List and an Email List! If you would like to join either of them, contact Emily Foster at:
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Submit your name and email address or mailing address. Thank you!

Meet the new employees

For those of you who don't know me, I'm **Heather Dawn Schumack** and I'm a proud Quileute tribal member. I have taken on the position of TANF Intake/Special Programs Assistant and look forward to the challenges of this job. My duties include helping clients with General Assistance, LIHEAP, CITGO, food vouchers, and doing some TANF data entry. My goal is to help our people become self-sufficient—to help fellow community members reach their working goals.

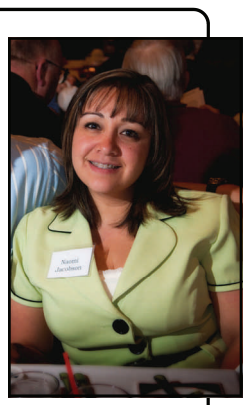
Outside of work, I focus on my family. I love to spend time with my fiancé, Mr. Brux, and my three children: my twins Jeffrey and Garrison, age 12, and Harley, age 8. When I'm not busy with the family or watching my kids play sports, I also enjoy walking the beach or camping.

My office is at Human Services, so feel free to stop by and visit. You can also reach me at (360) 374-5185 or email me at heather.schumack@quileutenation.org. I look forward to working with you.

My name is **Naomi Jacobson** and I am excited to be back and working with the tribe again. I was originally hired as the Operations Manager at the Tribal Office, but I am currently filling in as the Interim Executive Director. My past work experience includes, which I consider "Journeys in Life": Early Childhood Coordinator at the Quileute Tribal School; and most recently, a Mental Health Case Manager at West End Outreach Services. Each of those journeys had many stops along the way, where I have gathered knowledge and experiences that will help me in my current position. I look forward to hearing from our community members and most respectably our Elders, to guide me in projects that will benefit our community as a whole.

My goal in my work with our tribe is to assist in advancing the collaborative, comprehensive services that have been in motion through the many years of hard work that our past, present, and future Directors and Council Members have begun.

I have been married to my best friend for 19 years. We have four sons and one daughter. My goal is to make sure that I give my children all the tools they need to be independent and successful in whatever they choose to do in life. And when I ever have spare time, I enjoy reading, weaving, and camping with the family.



Hi, my name is **Cathy Smith** and I am your new Lonesome Creek Store Manager. Previously, I have been a Concession Manager for Black Ball Ferry Line, and I also owned a local gift shop in Port Angeles called "Something to Crow About." My goals with Lonesome Creek are to: create a healthier selection of food, such as offering soups, chowders, and salads; get the store and staff more organized; train the staff so they know the inventory better; create a happy work environment; and have a display area for showcasing local artists.

I like my downtime, and I love to sit on my porch, visiting family and watching the sunset; I also enjoy yard work and maintaining my flower beds. I am a Grand Ronde tribal member, and I was born and raised in Forks. I have been married for 16 years and have one son who is a fireman and EMT in East Jefferson County.

Hello, I'm **Gene Harrison** and I'm a Quileute tribal member. I started working at the marina several months ago and I like my job as Harbor Master Assistant. I check on the gas tanks, make reservations for customers, handle money, assist boats with fueling up, and more. My hours vary, but I am often scheduled for mornings to help the fishermen. I'm in my office 50 percent of the time, so it's nice to get out on the docks so I'm not always cooped up inside.

When I'm not at work, I love to spend time with my son. We like to watch the sci-fi channel or dink around looking for eagle feathers together.

If you ever have any questions or suggestions regarding the marina, give me a call at my office number, (360) 374-5392 or stop by the office and I will be happy to speak with you.

Happy Birthday to Enrolled Quileute Tribal Members

August Birthdays:

Kevin Penn	3
Kasie Mohr	
Emma Wegener	4
Jennie Black	
Ronni Story	
Priscilla Williams	
Giles Jackson	5
James Williams	
Vernon Black	7
Kimberly Matson	
Michael Wallerstedt	8
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Paddle to Swinomish 2011

1. Tommy and Roger Jackson blessed the canoe, Sea Wolf, before the journeys started.
2. The canoe, OS-Chuck-A-Bick, included many Quileute pullers. Photo by Tony Foster
3. The Quileute dancers and drummers performed at protocol at Swinomish. Photo by Arnold Black

Submit your photos from canoe journeys for the next issue of the *Talking Raven*!

***Bá·yaḳ The Talking Raven* welcomes feedback!**

Please feel free to share your opinions or suggestions with:

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