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A Quileute Newsletter



Quileute wolf pack representatives attend "Breaking Dawn" world premiere

Quileute Tribal Council received an exclusive invitation to attend the "Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1" premiere and after party on November 14, 2011 in Los Angeles, CA. This is the third premiere council has been invited to; they previously attended "Twilight Saga: New Moon" and "Twilight Saga: Eclipse."

Chairwoman Bonita Cleveland invited Damon Jones and Mariah Eastman; Vice Chairman Tony Foster's guests were Narcissus and Page Foster; Treasurer Carol Hatch invited Willie Hatch and Bryson King; Secretary DeAnna Hobson gave her tickets to Frank Ward and Quileute Royalty king and queen, Jonah Black and Alexis Ward; and Member at Large Lonnie Foster gave his tickets to

Emily Foster and Shayla Penn.

Also in attendance were chaperone Leticia Jaime and several students who were chosen in a random drawing. The students were: Hailey Larkin, Alejandra Oropeza, Clarissa Black, Joey Richeson, and Clint Black.

On the day of the premiere, Leticia Jamie had coordinated with two LA stylists to do hair and makeup for many of the Quileute women attending the premiere. The girls all pitched in money to spoil themselves for this special event.

At the Nokia Theater, where "Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1" was premiering, Chairwoman Cleveland walked the black and white carpet with

tribal publicist Jackie Jacobs.

In the theater, which seats over 7,000 people, the Quileute group sat in close proximity to members of the Wolf Pack, such as Julia Jones, Kiowa Gordon, Boo Boo Stewart, and Tinsel Korey, as well as other celebrities.

Jonah Black, who is Mr. Quileute, said his favorite part of the experience was watching the movie. Hailey Larkin explained, "I loved the movie. It's the best one they ever came out with."

For many of the Quileute representatives, the after party was a memorable experience because they were able to mingle with famous actors and musicians. Alejandra Oropeza exclaimed that

she and Hailey Larkin danced with Bruno Mars, a popular musician who has a hit song on the "Breaking Dawn" soundtrack. Willie Hatch said the after party was his favorite part of the trip. He explained, "We danced, ate good food, got a lot of pictures with celebrities like Ashley Tisdale [of "High School Musical"] and Sharni Vinson [of "Step Up 3D."]"

The Quileute group returned home on Tuesday, November 15th. It was an honor and privilege to have been extended an invitation a third year in a row to the movie premiere. Everyone, especially the students, enjoyed themselves and appreciated the opportunity to represent the Quileute Tribe at this exclusive premiere.

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THE **DEADLINE** FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PRINT IN *THE TALKING RAVEN* IS THE **3RD FRIDAY** OF EVERY MONTH.



Left: Shayla Penn pictured with "Twilight" actress Tinsel Korey at the after party.

Right: Alejandra Oropeza, Hailey Larkin, Alexis Ward and Clarissa Black wait in line at the Nokia Theater.

From the Desk of Chairwoman Cleveland



Achieving a Brighter Future for Tribal Nations 2011 White House Tribal Nations Conference United States Department of the Interior

Chairwoman Cleveland was extremely grateful to have the experience in my lifetime to attend the 2011 White House Nations Conference, United States Department of the Interior with President Barack Obama. I was one of the very fortunate ones to shake his hand and have exceptional

seating arrangements.

Blessing this year's conference was none other than Brooklyn, always willing to give a traditional blessing for all nations and for all participants. The Navajo Codetalkers posted the colors following the blessing. Traditional National Anthem and traditional prayer songs were sang by tribal participants. It was certainly overwhelming to all who witnessed.

The conference was

very touching as we all know that, ultimately they have a trust responsibility to the Native Nations. This year, they proudly announced the proclamation of education was signed by President Obama, to bring every American Indian/Native Alaskan who has the desire to attend and obtain their education certificate can do so.

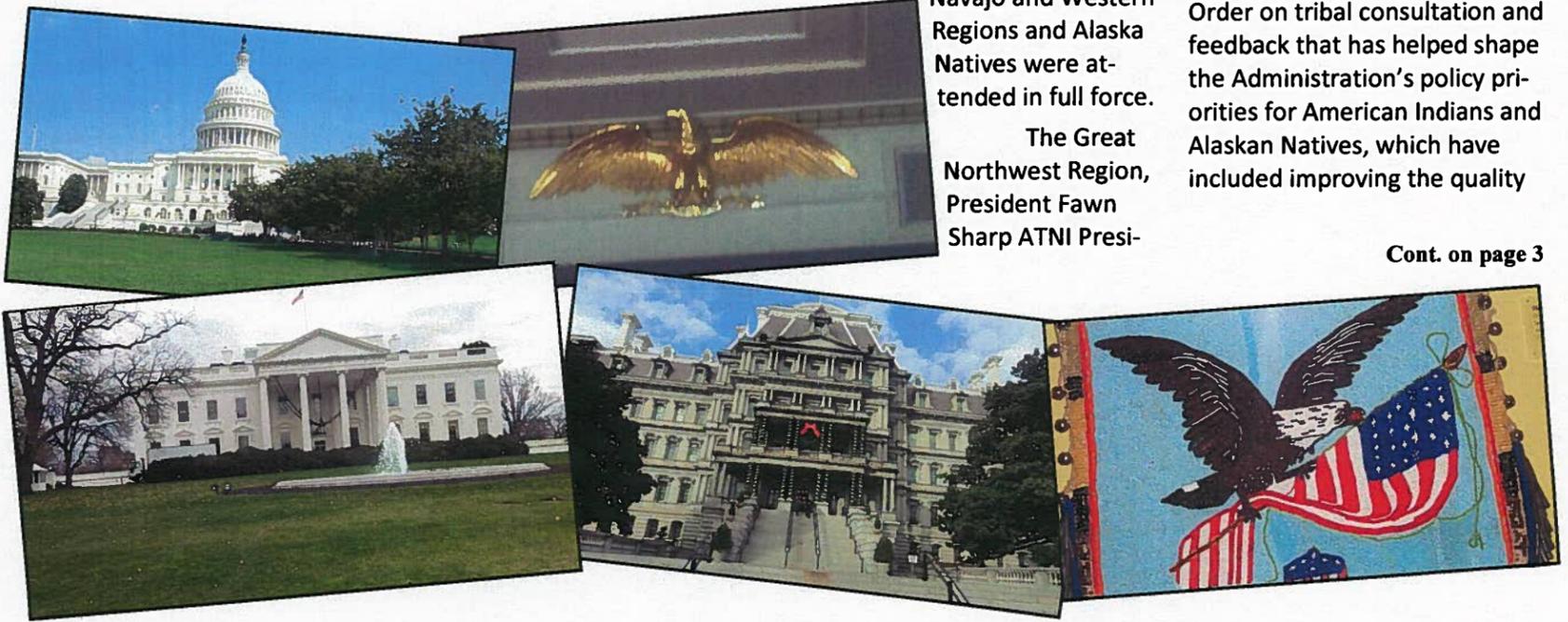
General Assemblies were conducted, an overview of NCAI Tribal Leaders Briefing Book, Logistical Updates & Review of Activities went on through the week. Twelve regions were meeting to discuss priorities for their regional White House meeting and their core message for President Obama. Representatives from the Eastern, Eastern Oklahoma, Southern Plains, Great Plains, Midwest and Rocky Mountain Regions, the Pacific and Great/Northwest Region, Southwest, Navajo and Western Regions and Alaska Natives were attended in full force.

The Great Northwest Region, President Fawn Sharp ATNI Presi-

dent, gave the significant needs: 1) Land & Natural Resources, 2) Trust Responsibilities, 3) Super committee recommendations, 4) Federal Taxations, 5) Hold harmless basic commitments to health, education, budget cuts. She provided exceptional briefing to our regional strategy sessions. We were most confident that she provided the same ample discussion with President Obama when meeting in Executive Session. We're extremely proud of Fawn Sharp and hold her up with high honors on behalf of the Great Northwest.

Obama's has a strong belief that all tribal leaders must be a part of solutions and have a seat at the table with him and his cabinet officials. He fully implements an Executive Order on tribal consultation and feedback that has helped shape the Administration's policy priorities for American Indians and Alaskan Natives, which have included improving the quality

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of care offered by IHS Health Services, promoting economic development in Indian Country, and making tribal communities safer. President Obama made clear: What matters far more than words- what matters far more than any resolution or declaration- are actions to match those words....

- Strengthening the Government to Government Relationships
- Improving Health Care and Healthy Living
- Promoting Sustainable Eco-

conomic Development in Indian Country

- Making Tribal Communities Safer
- Resolving Long Standing Disputes
- Addressing Indigenous Issues
- Ensuring Greater Representation for Native Americans
- Reducing Unemployment in Indian Country
- Supporting Self-Governance
- Support Native American Small Businesses and so on.

President Obama believes that tribal leaders must

be a part of the solutions and have a seat at the table, which is why he is honored to host the third White House Tribal Nations Conference on December 2, 2011. The conference will continue to be the important dialog between tribal leaders and senior members of his administration. The President believes that we have made significant strides and continue to strengthen the government to government relationship, and at the same time improve the quality of life in Indian Country, yet understands that our work is far from done...He is yet committed to achieving a brighter future for tribal nations and looks forward to continued partnerships with tribal governments on solutions that address the challenges facing tribal nations. What a great week to be a part of history and a part of continued work to partnerships. That is what we're called to do, that is the reason we're here. We must keep up our efforts for a brighter future for First Americans and all Americans.

Paying Love & Condolences to the Family of late James Williams

Who passed away on November 9, 2011. He was born and raised in the homelands of the Quileute tribe.

James was known for being an avid fisherman, hunter, gatherer, and he worked on the seafood docks in his early years, as well as a logger in the woods.

He was married to the late Priscilla Williams of La Push and survived by son Mark Williams, Theresa Wil-

liams, Roseanne Fonzi, Kristi Williams, Jaime Williams, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He also lived his late years with his companion Priscilla Pat Penn. His friendly character, his humor and words of wisdom will be greatly missed in our community. RIP

Legacy of Native Leader

Statement from President Barack Obama of the passing of the respected legacy of Elouise Cobell:

Michelle and I were saddened to hear about the passing of Elouise Cobell October 16, 2011 Elouise spoke out when she saw that the Interior Department had failed to account for billions of dollars that they were to collect on behalf of more than 300,000 of fellow Native Americans. Because she did justice to those who were affected. That law also creates a scholarship fund to provide more Native American access to higher education, and give tribes more control over their lands. Elouise helped to strengthen the government to government relationship with Indian Country, and our thoughts and prayers are with her family and all of those who mourn her passing,

Elouise Cobell fought a tireless battle because she truly wanted to make actions and show her love for the people she sought justice to address historical wrongs that have weighed on our Nations.

"As we pause to reflect on her life and achievements,

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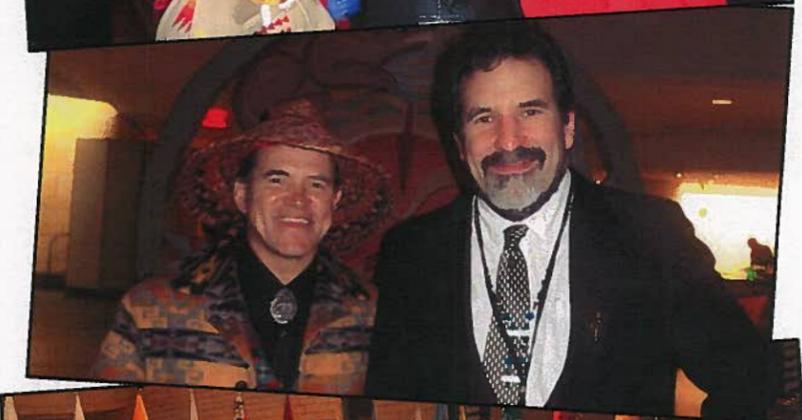


Photo by Daniel Kelley

From the Desk of Chairwoman Cleveland

let us be inspired to do better by the first Americans and uphold our nations promise of justice and opportunity for all”

We will always brave the journey of time, In quest of those who have journeyed on before us, seeking the path to once become reunited....

Veterans Recognition

Quileute Tribal Council joins all Americans in honoring the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces, and the men and women from every walk of life and from every corner of our country, to protect our freedom. It has been custom and a privilege to recognize the sacrifice and selfless contributions

of our nation’s service members, of both Native and non-Native heritage alike. Our great country has always recognized our veterans first. They open our ceremonies, they carry the flags of our nations, and they walk proudly for they are the most valiant warriors.

We as a country and as tribal nations can always open our hearts. We can do more on a daily basis to honor and serve our veterans. In the days and months to come it will be imperative that we continue to improve our services for our returning veterans. Quileute Tribal Council and our community are united to see that we all extend our deepest gratitude

to our nation’s veterans of today and of the past to all their families. “Thank you for your dedicated services to our country”.

Our hands go up to our community who worked tirelessly to make sure this event come to fruition for our community: Cooks, Lisa & Darrel Penn, Crysania Morganroth, Naomi Jacobson and all the volunteers who stepped up to serve our Veterans. We appreciate everyone’s services to the recognition of our Veterans.

Hollywood As It Is...

Quileute Tribal Council was officially invited to attend the “Twilight Saga: Breaking

Dawn Part 1” Premiere in Hollywood on November 14th.

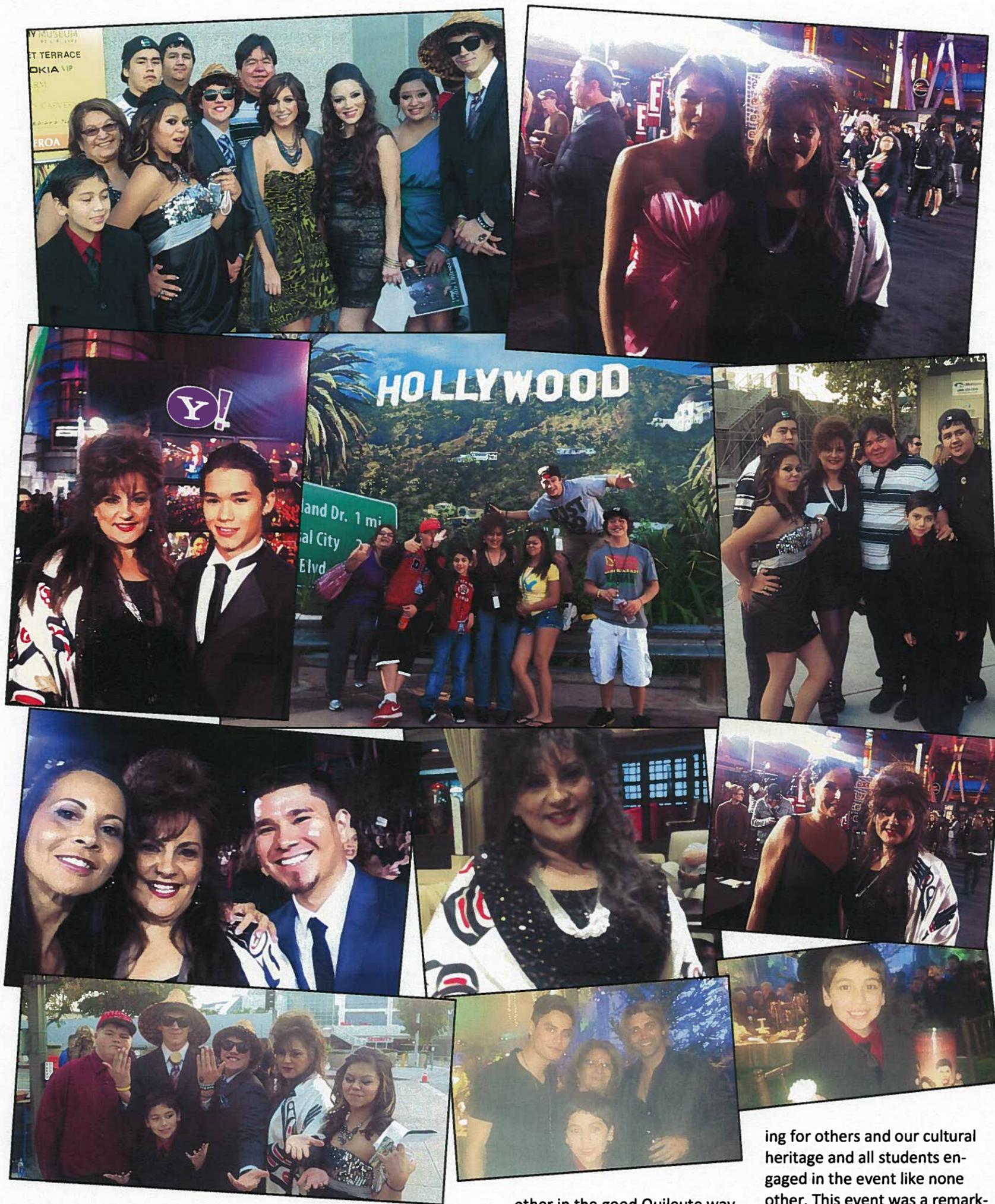
At the 2010 general council meeting, past Tribal Chairman Mr. Woodruff recommended the council take students back to Hollywood. We introduced this idea to our publicist Jackie Jacobs who was fortunate enough to receive extra tickets with her professional contacts; this allowed us to fulfill this dream. Bringing this dream to a reality for our students and tribal chaperones was a great blessing.

This was truly a most remarkable event and what a thoughtful recommendation in

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including our students in this event. During the initial event, students were able to visit Beverly Hills, Universal Studios, and the Hollywood Walk of Fame; some were able to visit with Miss Pearla, one of our past teachers at our tribal school. She was always so accommodating and yet accommodating in her way, she took the time out of her life to meet with us and transport a few of us to the beach in her BMW.

I am very proud and honored to announce our Quileute delegation was very well represented, in a fashion you would have all been so proud of on behalf of the Quileute Tribe. They showed respect and had great manners; they consistently demonstrated deep respect and understanding for one another, others around them, and other event participants. They were always looking after one an-

other in the good Quileute way. They definitely allowed our tribe "Quileute to shine in the lights."

Each had the opportunity to join in the terrific time at the movie "Breaking Dawn," attend the after party meeting all the stars, hoping to see some that were not in the movie as well, enjoying the great spread, music, and dancing the night away in great company of Hollywood. They consistently demonstrated deep respect and understand-

ing for others and our cultural heritage and all students engaged in the event like none other. This event was a remarkable opportunity to become the premiere stars in movies of today for Native American actors. Allowing all of them in gaining skills that will prepare them to life's challenges, amend, and improve the conditions of American Indian people...a true dream.

The red carpet in this case was black with beautiful white writing on it "Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1." I

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really honestly do not know how the actresses can keep this type of work up, it is really a lot of work...walking, talking, turning, smiling looking ever so beautiful...flashes going off, signing autographs, meeting stars on the carpet. OMG is all I have to say about that. I have to admit what an experience; I have the deepest respect for

their profession.

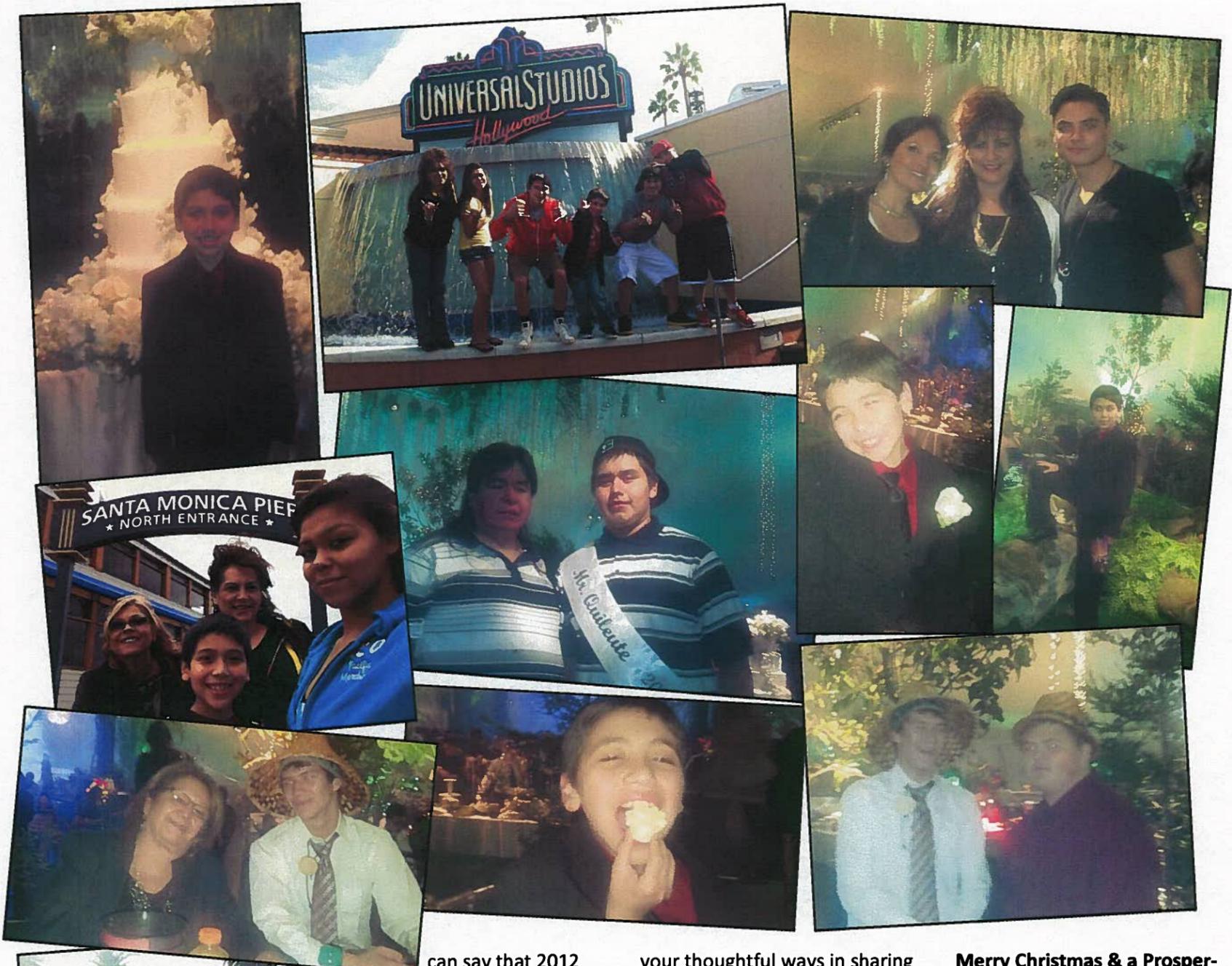
My year with the students truly had great meaning to me, the time with all the students and the fun and excitement of visiting Hollywood just to see the smiles on their

faces made my heart good!! They made us proud!! I hope they enjoyed it as much as we wanted to be able to bring the experience to them in the spiritual, mental, physical and emotional interests in enhancing the opportunity of a lifetime for

each and every one of them selected this year. Most importantly, the Quileute youth are our future, and the mechanism they achieve as a leadership experience and for us to cultivate those who we may see fit

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to follow the footsteps that have been laid down for them, and pick up, and most importantly to carry on. My hands go up to each one of you!!! My heart is good...

**Quileute Tribe
General Council Meeting
Quileute Ak a lat Center
January 19-20, 2011**

As we look back over the past year, the Quileute Tribe would like to extend our warmest gratitude and wishes for the upcoming holidays to our community.

We only ask that in the year of 2011 that we please recognize the clear fact that Indian Country has been faced with so many challenges. We

can say that 2012 will be an extremely uncertain year both finically and politically, if early indicators of the federal budgets are a sign of more to come. It is time tribes again stay united to ensure our voices will be heard and our nations will be provided for and we will not be stepped aside for other interests. It is essential to bring our voices to the steps of Congress.

Cherish Our Children Event

Thanking all the volunteers and contributors to a very special event. All proceeds donated to Quileute Housing Authority and Forks Santa's Workshop.

Our Hands Go Up

To the Makah Nation Red Devils Football State Champs. Congratulations are in order to our neighbors to the north, Makah Nation on their State win at the Tacoma Dome. We're very proud to be a part in cheering you on!!

Your Quileute neighbors

Crab Season

Our hands go up to our Quileute fishing fleet, thanking all the skippers and crew for

your thoughtful ways in sharing your catch for the upcoming holidays with community members and community events. My mother always said in order to receive you must give and that is just what some of you have done!! We raise our hands to you for your gracefulness!!

Merry Christmas & a Prosperous New Year

To our community and surrounding neighbors~ Love peace and much prosperity to all. God bless you each and every day.

Respectfully,
Quileute Tribal Chairwoman
Hah-Yeh-Letsa
Bonita Cleveland

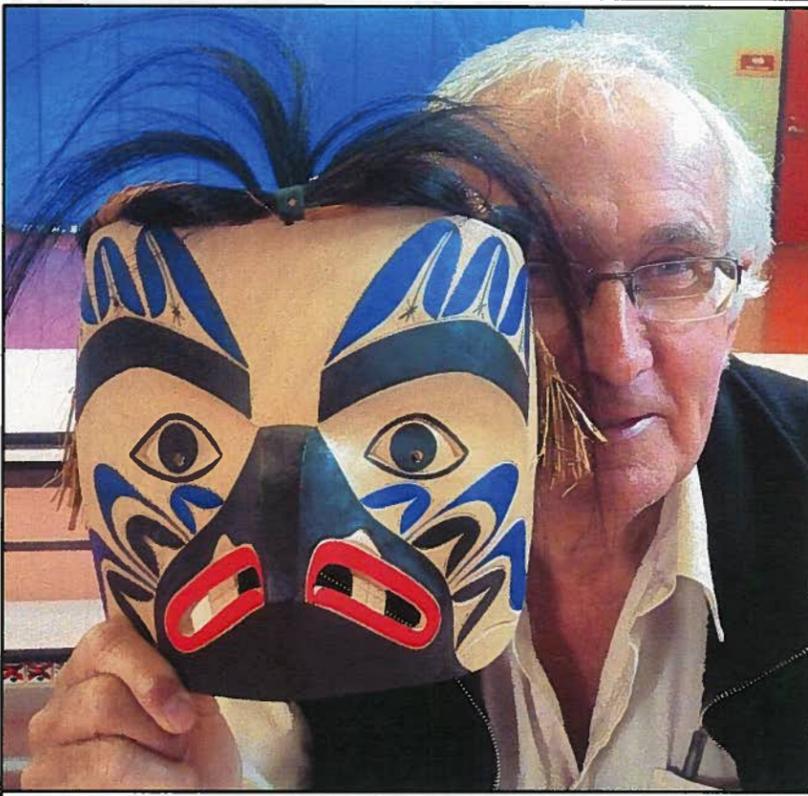
Cherish Our Children

The Quileute Tribal Council and tribal community members would like to thank all the committee members and volunteers who were involved with "Cherish our Children." Everyone had such a good time visiting, bidding on items, and eating with each other.

Thank you to Mrs. Crippen's class from the Quileute Tribal School who performed the Christmas songs for everyone to enjoy. To all the table volunteers, you did a great job changing and keeping up with the bidders. To the cooks, what wonderful food. Thank you to the bankers (literally); to Anna Parris and her kitchen crew; to Anne Stallard and her helpers; Bill Sperry and Vince Penn and your helpers; Pat Soderlind; Sandra Heinrich; Karen Beyer; Cathy Salazar; La Push Coast Guard; AmeriCorps; FCCLA from Forks High School; and a big thank you to Santa Claus who took beautiful pictures with the community. To all the community tribal members and to all the visitors from Forks and vicinity—a big thank you for all you monetary support. It is greatly appreciated...from all the tots and families of La Push and Forks.

-Carol Hatch, Tribal Council Treasurer

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



Jay Powell transforming into Kwashkwash, the blue jay.

Baskálidix – December (*buss-KAH-lid-deek*), which means “Bad weather time”

Well, last month I was surprised that I had forgotten to mention Halloween (face changing day or “wearing a mask day”) in October. And now I’m trying to figure out why I didn’t mention *Dido’osxáktiyat* (*day-doe-ohs-HUCK-tee yah!*) which means “bird eating day.” And when I say it, I always chuckle remembering how old man Roy Black laughed when he called Thanksgiving Day that while inviting me over for turkey dinner back in 1969. In any case, I sure won’t forget to mention *Kísbis* (*KISS-biss*, Christmas) this month.

Kísbis is a real Quileute word although some members of the *Hók’at* nation think it sounds like baby talk. The Old People, who started calling it *Kísbis*, were just pronouncing the holiday the Quileute way. Since Quileute language doesn’t have an r, the *Chris-* of Christmas gets pronounced KIS. And since Quileute has no m-sounds, speakers change m to b, so the *-mas* of Christmas gets pronounced “BIS.” So....

Wisá Kísbis xabá!

(*wiss-SAH KIS-bis huh-BAH*) Merry Christmas, everybody!

I laugh when I think of what the oldtimers told me about Christmas in La Push in the old days because Quileutes seem to have delighted so in it. Wesley Smith described what might have been the first Quileute Christmas in a letter to Indian Agent W.L. Powell (Dec. 27, 1883). “We held a Christmas service in the school on Christmas morning. It was so well attended that our supply of candy allowed each visitant but one piece. Yet they were happy and learned 2 lines of Silent Night, which they sang over and over with candy in their mouth.

When they left the building, they stood outside as if they were surprised that they had nothing to do.” Isn’t it amazing to think that those Quileute ancestors had probably never had a holiday before. There were no weekends, no days off from the year-round chore of subsistence hunting, fishing and gathering; smoking food, drying food and storing it for winter; and harvesting materials to weave and carve. Imagine a whole village that didn’t know how to “do” a holiday. Well, those old people eventually got really good at celebrating Christmas. And after the Shaker movement arrived in La Push during the 1890s, they built the old Shaker Assembly Hall in 1911, and that became the place where Christmas was celebrated with enthusiasm. By that time, there were Christmas songs in Chinook Jargon like “Seesuklai kloh moosum kopa lemuto” (Jesus slept good with the sheep) and seems to have been the rez version of *Away in a Manger*. And Hal George remembered and sang a Quileute song that went something like this:

*Hákoṭlas sáṭta Klas xáxi awí,
Xáxi awí, xáxi awí,
Liw’ṭlas chi’ kadtí xat chi’ álad chas,
Xáxi awí, xáxi awí.*

Which means, “*Santa Claus is coming tonight, tonight. And He’s bringing candy and oranges, tonight, tonight.*” Yeah, kids get excited by a visit from the big fat man with the long, white beard. And even the adults had things to laugh about. Like the time that rascal Jack Ward, Treasurer of the Council, was sent to town on Christmas Eve morning to buy candy and nuts and fruit for the community party and hadn’t returned by supper-time. So the whole village did heroic measures and got together enough goodies for the party... and Jack was found hungover in

Sequim several days later. La Push Christmas stories. They make me smile.

On the other hand, I never forget that back then the Quileutes were poor. There were no jobs, few sources of income and very low wages for Indians. It’s true that back then the Quileutes occasionally went out fur sealing and made a few dollars on the pelts, or got some hourly jobs. But mostly we heard about women who picked berries and came to town, going door to door selling the berries in Indian baskets and, in the end, often traded the berries for a bag of old clothes, and the “buyer” just kept the basket, too. Quileutes who dug potatoes for farmers in the prairie would get a couple of sacks of spuds for their work. Without entitlement programs or assistance of any sort, Quileute families lived largely on what they hunted, fished and gathered. Most families had no real money for Christmas at all. Big Bill once told me that when he was “about 9” he found a rusty #2 spring trap and got it working. He put it under a big spruce near where the Coast Guard housing used to be. He got three squirrels in two weeks and “worked on those hides and got a nickel apiece for them. The first nickels I ever had. And that was my Christmas money. I gave it to my granny.” The *K’o’liyóṭilo Kísbis kixí?*, the “Quileute Christmas Story,” has some joy and some bitter-sweet truths. And both seem important to remember. In a way, we are our history.

This brings up the issue of giving and gifts, which allows us to try to make sense of an aspect of the old time cultural perspective. Traditional Quileutes were no strangers to giving and receiving gifts. The old-time Quileute potlatch ceremony called *ha’wók’wil* (*hah-WOKE-sil*) is sometimes called a “giveaway ceremony.” It’s a ritual in which a family puts on record an event such as a name-giving or initiation into a spirit society, and then gives gifts to those attending in order to “pay” them for witnessing the event. But the obligations of the *ha’wók’wil* gift giving are very different from Christmas presents. Hal George explained that in the old days, when you received a gift at a Quileute potlatch, you were expected at some time to give a gift back to the person who gave you one, and that gift should be equal to the one you were given “with a little more on top.” However, a gift like a Christmas present, that was simply given with no obligation to give back a bigger gift later, was called in Chinook Jargon a *cultus potlatch* (“a worthless gift”) as opposed to a *potlatch*, which was the ordinary, respectable way of giving with an obligation to

give it back. I don’t know of a Quileute way of expressing that distinction between the two types of giving, but smart oldtime people like Hal George and Charlie Howeattle talked to me on occasion as if it was a common aspect of traditional Quileute thought. I think it was so common that in the old days white folks noticed that Indians had different expectations relating to giving gifts, which led to talking about an “Indian giver” as someone who gives you something and then expects you to give it back. Now, I guess we’ll never know for sure exactly how the Old People thought about giving and gifts. But, as *Kísbis*, the time of giving and presents approaches, it is an intriguing gift to think we might be able to think about giving as the ancestors did.

So, *wisá Kísbis xabá*, and may you think twice when another Quileute gives you a present.

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Bella's Mushroom Ravioli benefits Quileute Tribal School and Forks High School



Lonnie Foster, Mark Feasel, Cindy Feasel, Diana Reaume, Jackie Jacobs, and Neil Conklin

Port Angeles restaurant, Bella Italia, has launched a freezer version of their iconic pasta dish, Bella's Mushroom Ravioli, which was made popular in the famous "Twilight" series.

The frozen entrée may be purchased for \$10.99 MSRP at Bella Italia, Sunny Farms in Sequim, select grocery retailers nationwide, online at Amazon Fresh, and www.bellaitaliapa.com. Bella Italia owner, Neil Conklin, hopes to also sell Bella's Mushroom Ravioli at Forks Outfitters and the Quileute Tribe's Lonesome Creek Store.

A percentage of the proceeds from the sale of Bella's Mushroom Ravioli will benefit the Quileute Tribal

School and Forks High School. Neil cites Paul Newman as his inspiration—an actor who founded Newman's Own, a company that started out selling salad dressing and has expanded to a line of food products, which donates all proceeds to charities.

As part of the product launch, Bella Italia invited press and representatives from the Quileute Tribe and Forks High School to sample Bella's Mushroom Ravioli. Councilmember Lonnie Foster, Talking Raven Editor Emily Foster, and Tribal Publicist Jackie Jacobs attended the event, as well as Quillayute Valley School District Superintendent Diana Reaume, FHS Athletic Director Mark Feasel

and FHS Assistant Principal Cindy Feasel.

Bella's Mushroom Ravioli has already been featured on numerous "Twilight" fansites and in the Peninsula Daily News. It is made from fresh, all-natural ingredients with no preservatives. The entrée features hearty mushroom ravioli in a creamy besciamella sauce with rich mushrooms.

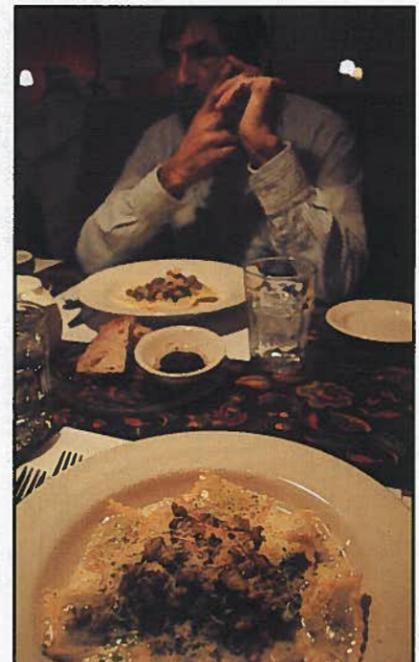
For fan giveaways, "Twilight" actress Tinsel Korey signed boxes of Bella's Mushroom Ravioli for the restaurant because of the donations Bella Italia will be making to the Tribal School and Forks High School. To enter to win an autographed box of Bella's Mushroom Ravioli,

visit the Bella Italia Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BellaitaliaPA.

Neil said, "This is a bigger project than I imagined. I hope to get this into distribution around the country, possibly exporting the product as well." Neil is striving to make the frozen entrée a success.

Neil has had a long-standing relationship with the Quileute Tribe since the first Paddle to Seattle in 1989. He helped with fundraising and participated in the ground crew for the canoes. Neil also has many friendships within the tribe, and has made donations to various auctions in Forks and La Push. He added, "It's not because of the movie I'm doing this. It comes from a heartfelt place."

Please support the Quileute Tribal School and Forks High School by purchasing some of Bella's Mushroom Ravioli today!



LIHEAP, GA, and Food Vouchers

LIHEAP and Emergency Food Vouchers are available.

We are now accepting General Assistance applicants. Even if you were a former GA client, you will still need to come in and fill out a new application, and go through the application process once again.

Please visit me at Human Services or call (360) 374-5185 for more information.
-Heather Schumack,
TANF Intake/Special Programs Assistant

Jackie Jacobs Reporting



Pictured: Chairwoman Cleveland, Senator Cantwell and Jackie Jacobs.

November was filled with so many exciting events for the tribe, which you will read about in other sections of this month's newsletter.

However, one of the most important events for me was the attendance of NCAI, where we met with Senator Cantwell regarding support for her campaign and the status of the Quileute tsunami protection legislation.

Family Literacy program provides skills and opportunities

By Michele Scouten

Every week in the House of Children's parent room in La Push, students spend up to twelve hours of their time improving both their academics and their parenting skills. These students are here for a variety of reasons ranging from attaining their GED to gaining the skills for a new career. The goal is that students use these new skills to create a better future for themselves and their family.

The Family Literacy program is presented in two parts – adult basic skills and parenting skills. Monday through Wednesday I teach the basic skills and on Thursday the parenting instructor, Eddie Bowlby, takes the class through skills more specific to parenting like discipline, reading to children, learning to teach your children, etc. Both the parenting instructor and I are new to the program this year.

Currently five women make up this class, each with a

different background and set of goals. Three of the women are working towards their GED. The others have their high school diploma, but would like to expand their career options and prepare themselves to go back to school.

Because of our small class size, work is often done independently. Those students who are working towards the GED can prepare for it in a variety of ways. Work can be done online through a program called GED Academy, which helps students track their progress through a series of lessons and tests. We also have many GED prep books that serve the same purpose as the online program. Once students see the gaps in what they know about a particular subject, they can work to improve those skills.

For those who are working towards more general basic skill improvement, coursework can be even more specialized. One student, for example, needs to work on improving her math

skills to prepare her for more advanced positions in the medical field. We have started with basic multiplication and division as well as fractions before we move on to more advanced math.

Students can work on any skills they feel they need or that might be required for the new job they seek. Since all students currently in the program are interested in getting a job or a better job in the near future, we have explored various career options, education required, and local schools to attain the education. We intend to work on resumes and even sample interviews to better prepare each student for the job they want.

Not only am I the new Family Literacy instructor, I am also new to the area. I moved here from Fairbanks, Alaska in September. My goal for a few years has been to expand my teaching experience from high school classrooms to adult education. My interest soon focused on Peninsula College, so I was

happy to accept the position in La Push and embrace this new adventure. I hope to help others pursue their goals now and find ways to improve their lives and the lives of their children through education.

The Family Literacy program is open to any parent in La Push or Forks. Childcare is available on site for young children. Students may register at any time during the school year and registration is done in person with the instructor. Classes are held every Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The current Fall quarter runs through December 15th, with classes starting up again on January 3, 2012 for Winter quarter. Interested students can contact the basic skills instructor at m scouten@pencol.edu or stop by and visit the class in person.

Job Listings at the Quileute Tribe

Executive Director at the Quileute Tribe, opened November 14, 2011 and closes December 1, 2011 or *until filled*.

Pay Rate: \$63,000 to \$68,000 + Fringe Benefits or DOQ. The Executive Director is directly accountable for the overall supervision and day-to-day management of the operations and affairs of the Quileute Tribe. Duties include: schedule and attend all council and directors meetings; prepare all formal communications for council approval; keep council informed on progress of all organizations; attend meetings, conferences and workshops (with council approval); monitor personnel policies and procedures; and ensure maintenance of tribal records.

Events Coordinator at the Quileute Tribe, opened November 14, 2011 and closes December 1, 2011 or *until filled*.

Pay Rate: DOQ. This position will be responsible for planning and organizing special events such as potlatches, collaborated community events, meetings and other similar activities.

Benefits Coordinator at the Quileute Health Clinic, opened November 14, 2011 and closes December 1, 2011 or *until filled*. **Pay Rate:** \$12.50 to \$15.00 an hour. The primary

responsibility of the Benefits Coordinator requires extensive knowledge of Indian Health Service Contract Health Eligibility, Private Insurance, DSHS, Basic Health, Social Security Benefits, Veterans Benefits, and other programs associated with medical coverage.

Fisheries Biologist I at Quileute Natural Resources, opened November 14, 2011 and closes December 1, 2011 or *until filled*. **Pay Rate:** \$22.00 an hour DOQ. This position will work with QNR personnel in the collection of commercial sampling data, spawning survey data, and other information necessary for the management of fisheries resources. Applicants will be required to 1) supervise technical staff, 2) conduct spawning surveys, 3) calculate escapements, 4) sample commercial harvest, 5) assist in routine maintenance tasks, and 6) other duties as assigned.

General Manager at Oceanside Resort, opened November 2, 2011 and closes November 16, 2011 or *until filled*. **Pay Rate:** DOE. The manager oversees all aspects of the hotel operations including: guest relations, front desk, housekeeping, maintenance, finances, team building, and staff development. The manager must possess

strong communication skills, both verbal and written, and demonstrate outstanding leadership, as well as delegate responsibilities, organize complex projects, and establish priorities consistent with hotel objectives.

Elders Panel Coordinator at the Quileute Tribal Court, opened November 2, 2011 and closes November 16, 2011 or *until filled*. **Pay Rate:** \$10.00 to \$12.00 an hour. The coordinator is responsible for making contact with elders who are interested in serving in the Elders Court and registering them into a training program to be designed for that purpose. The coordinator will also serve as the clerk for the Elders Panel and will manage all case files referred to the Elders Panel for adjudication.

Maintenance I—Regular Part-time at Oceanside Resort, opened November 2, 2011 and closes November 16, 2011 or *until filled*. **Pay Rate:** \$9.53 to \$12.00 an hour. Maintenance I must have general knowledge of various types of maintenance duties, such as plumbing, electrical, and carpentry.

Police Officer/Sex Offender Registration, Management and Notification Program Manager at La Push Police Department, opened November 2,

2011 and closes November 16, 2011 or *until filled*. **Pay Rate:** \$16.16 an hour. The officer is responsible for registering convicted sex offenders within the jurisdiction of the Quileute, inputting data into the Tribe and Territory Sex Offender Registry System, monitoring convicted sex offenders, attending trainings and conferences, and more.

Public Works Worker I at Quileute Public Works, opened November 2, 2011 and closes November 16, 2011 or *until filled*. **Pay Rate:** \$11.00 to \$12.00 an hour. Public Works Worker I must operate and maintain: wastewater collection system for the Quileute reservation, wastewater plant and associated equipment, Quileute water production and treatment plant at Three Rivers, and the Quileute solid waste collection and disposal system.

The Talking Raven is published once a month, so we encourage you to check in regularly with the Personnel Department for current job openings.

For the complete job descriptions, visit the website at www.quileutenation.org/employment/job-openings or contact the Personnel Department at (360) 374-4366.

A letter from Julia Davis: Quileute clinic celebrates first ever diabetes health fair

Dear Friends,

On Friday, November 4th, the Quileute Health Clinic hosted its first ever diabetic health fair. This all day event gave our patients and their caregivers an opportunity to join together for good food, good company, fun education and a chance to get caught up on annual screenings, as well as provide eyeglasses and shoes for those who were eligible. We had a remarkable turnout, about 14 people in all, some with diabetes, some guests from other communities (we were grateful that you stopped by!), several support persons, and even a few folks sent by their employers to learn more about diabetes and how it affects our community (Thanks bosses!)

We began the day with traditional drumming with Russell Woodruff and Vince Penn, then enjoyed a hearty and healthy breakfast including yogurt, fresh fruit, hard-boiled eggs provided by nurse Pat, smoked salmon from Vince, and some crazy tomato and spinach egg concoction I somehow managed to get almost everyone to try.

After breakfast, Russell shared some of his wisdom and life stories and expressed a desire to help our young ones stay healthy and avoid diabetes. Greg Smith from Chinook Pharmacy gave a fantastic lecture on diabetes and medications, and Norm Englund provided a presentation about how diabetes and depression are intricately linked. Dr. Canale shared with us the importance of good dental care when living with diabetes, and Verlie Garibay invited folks to join her chronic diseases management group.

About mid-day, we all enjoyed a bit more drumming and a yummy lunch including a tummy-warming chicken and barley soup made by nurse Julie, some vegetable soup, fresh vegetables and whole wheat tortilla roll sandwiches. Once we had all over-indulged, Amanda Cash gave an enlightening presentation on portion-control and some other good tips on good nutrition. Ruby Swagerty joined us for some exercise education and got us moving about to some hip-hop music. Kevin Thomas provided a passionate discussion about good foot care and the importance of proper shoes, insoles and stretching. Everyone seemed very interested in all of the topics, asked great questions and some even volunteered to share some of their own struggles with diabetes. (We are amazed by your courage and generosity!)

While all of the fun was going on, we also had all of our attendees with diabetes scheduled to see the nurses to check their blood pressures, hemoglobin A1c and kidney function, and those who were due received dental, eye and foot exams, a nutritional consult, and those who were eligible received a new pair of shoes. After all, it was a great chance to get down to the serious business of this serious illness in our community.

We handed out lots of literature, most tailored to native persons living with diabetes. Some were affirmation books from native communities around the country, others were devoted to specific health topics such as eye, heart and kidney care. Everyone was also given a personal journal, a stopwatch to use to time exercise, eating times, and time after eating so they know when to check their sugars. Amanda provided a portion poster to help us better plan our meals. Nurse Pat gifted everyone umbrellas to encourage walking even on our rainy days. Samples of foot cream, extra glucometers and glucose logs were also provided by Chinook Pharmacy. We had attendance raffles all day and prizes included everything from pocket knives from Bob's True Value Hardware, free salads from Three Rivers, sugar-free cookies and candy baskets and even a \$50.00 Wal-Mart gift card.

All-in-all, the day was a great success. For those of you who were able to attend, we were blessed to have you here. For those who were unable to attend, we do hope you'll join us for our next event!

In good health!

Julia Davis
PA-C
Quileute Health Clinic

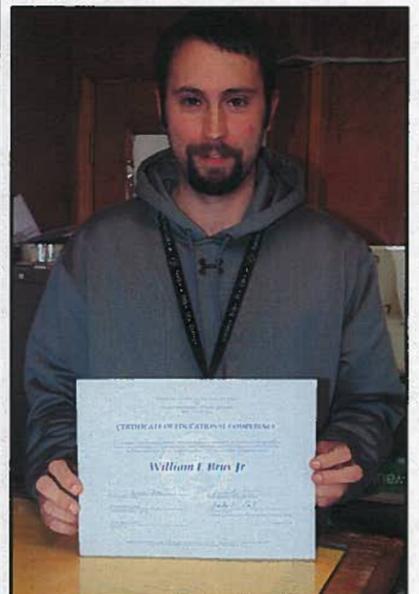
P.S. Please join us for our sugar-free Christmas Cookie Contest December 20th at 9:30 am in the Clinic Kitchen!

“We Believe in the Power of the Diabetic Support Group!”



Left to Right: Roger Jackson, Doug Pullen, Jr., Arlene Jackson, Russell Woodruff, Nola Woodruff, Georgejean Smith and Leroy Jackson. **Front:** Bobina

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Billy Brux for receiving his GED. His loving fiancé Heather Schumack held a celebratory luncheon at Human Services, in which former Tribal Chairman Russell Woodruff was in attendance.

Counselor's Corner



Christmas is just around the corner. We are, one and all, busy preparing for this amazing

Holiday...or at least maybe we should be? So this month I will try to keep it short. But I am going to talk a bit about Jesus and Christmas.

Christmas is a time when we are to put away all of our ill feelings toward each other and instead look for the similarities. There are so many. Across the globe we are different only because of the centuries of living in different climates. Other than that we are identical, except for our behaviors and beliefs. Some of us across the globe are more interested in power and receiving wealth than we are in giving. We are all God's children, so why should we act and demand so much, like we are Gods ourselves?

According to the bible, God sent his only son to us. In doing so, this son named Jesus was able to experience the temptations of living a physical life. He was offered all

types of sins and pleasures if he would only renounce his father and try the behaviors himself. Yet, as far as we know, Jesus never did submit to sin. Not once.

Jesus also wasn't in the habit of taking from others. No, in fact, he was in the habit of giving. He would give so many gifts to thousands of people, so many that in fact thousands of people would come to Jesus from hundreds, even thousands of miles just to be able to have a chance to receive his miracles and emotional healings. Jesus could have compiled a fortune, however, he remained a poor man.

And then one day Jesus even gave up his life for us. And he did so in a painful ceremony called crucifixion. Jesus is said to have chosen this fate too. He was offered a chance to save his life but he refused to conform to the judge's wish. So he gave his life, only he gave it for us. He gave his life to provide us with a way to be forgiven for our sins. Jesus had learned so much about the hardships living as humans that he gave his blood and his life so that he could then be the one in heaven to forgive us from then

on, or so I'm told.

Is this all true? Was Jesus a real person? I would ask you to remember that time has a way of weeding out all the falsities of life. But in over two thousand years since his death, no one has been able to prove he wasn't here. In fact, the evidence is clear that he did indeed live and that he indeed had thousands of believers.

So now, many, many centuries later we celebrate his birthday and call that day "Christmas." And just as three wise men were said to have brought Jesus gifts when he was born, Jesus brought us all the gift of forgiveness if we would only have faith in him and seek true forgiveness.

Now we have a day, a week, month, a year, yes even a lifetime in which we can give too. Instead of "getting" we have the opportunity to give. And as I have said before, giving is the key to a happy life. Because you can never, never, ever, ever get what you want for long. Once you have what you want the want changes to something you don't have. And on and on we go...never enough... NEVER.

So give; give your energy and prayers to God for your tribe's health, spirituality and wealth. Give work away to others that are too old to work in their yards or on their houses. Give help to others so that they may have a wonderful Christmas. And give so that others can hold onto hope for our human race. Because if we stop giving we start wanting and if everyone wants, our human race with extinct itself.

Ask yourself one question each day; just **what would Jesus do?** Jesus would give and give. That was his behavior, what about ours?

Bless any and all of you, *and no matter what...* please have a joyous Christmas.

FYI. I will be out a great deal until New Years since I'm having a total knee replacement operation a few days before Christmas. So I'm giving away my knee and getting a new one. That is my gift and my present...best I can do this year... and yes, it's going to hurt!

Kevin McCall

Budgeting Class Tips: Ways to Save On Christmas Gifts

Homemade cookies are an old standby for food gift givers: Create your own festive cookie baskets and gifts by filling discount store containers and trays with your own cookie specialties.

Design a soup mix gift basket for a cold weather gift: Have a great soup recipe? Package up all of the non-perishable ingredients, such as noodles, spices, rice or beans along with a detailed recipe card, and maybe soup bowls and spoons for a special food

gift.

Skip the coffee shop's creations and make your own specialty tea or coffee gifts: Pick up sample packs of specialty teas or coffees and fill a teapot or coffee mug from a discount or antique shop.

Create containers of cookie mixes: As with soup mixes, package the non-perishable cookie dough ingredients along with a detailed recipe so that the recipient can quickly make a batch of homemade cookies. Get

creative with the packaging, using cookie jars or clean canisters with decorative ribbons.

Break up a set for inexpensive Christmas gifts: Find a great deal on glasses (look for a holiday theme.) Fill them with Christmas candy. Put in a candy cane and wrap with green plastic wrap. All added up, the cost per gift is as low as \$2.00!

The gift of art: If your children are pint-size Picassos, frame some of their artwork for family members: Nice-looking frames can be found at dollar stores or secondhand stores all year round.

Save on the wrapping: When we budget for gifts, we don't often account for the price of wrapping paper, ribbons and bows, or accent pieces and cards. It can easily add another \$10 to your gift. Use packing paper instead of wrapping paper. Large rolls cost as little as \$2.00 and you can easily decorate them

yourself using raffia, a sprig of holly, or stencils and craft paint. Save on card costs by reusing the front of old Christmas cards. Simply cut the design and glue it to a blank card from a craft store. Just make sure the card you're reusing doesn't has something like "Best wishes in 2002!"

Buy on clearance after the holidays: Save your money now for next year. With a little planning ahead, you can find wrapping, decorations, cards and ornaments at 75% off a week or two after Christmas. Save this in a Rubbermaid or box for gifts and cards next year.

Seeking Quileute Elders for Elders Panel

Quileute elders interested in serving on the Elders Panel for juvenile court must contact Fern Penn at (360) 374-4305.

The panel will meet approximately once a month, and panel members will receive lunch and \$50 gift cards.

Happy 1st Anniversary!
To my wife, Lisa.
Love, Rodney

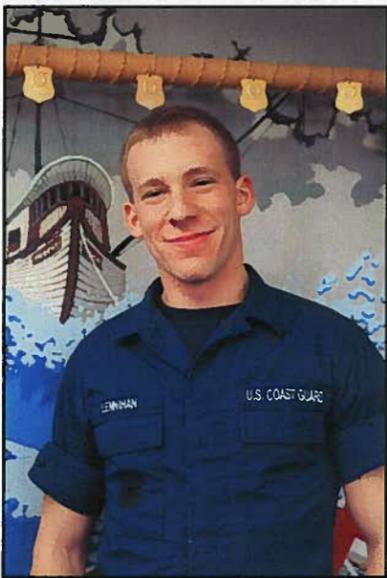
Welcome Aboard: New Coast Guard Crew Members



Executive Petty Officer Jim Pond, age 38, has been on active duty for 15 years. His father was in the Coast Guard, which is why he joined—he already knew what the job entailed and loved it. This is the second time Jim has been stationed at La Push; he is excited to be back and plans to get involved with tribal events. In his free time, he loves football and hockey, and claims to be the best volleyball player at the station. Jim added that anyone in the community should feel free to stop by the station to chat.



Seaman Jessica Allen, age 25, comes to Station Quillayute River straight out of boot camp. She joined the Coast Guard because she wants to make a contribution to others. Previously, she worked in sales and attended Western Nevada Community College, receiving her Associate in Arts degree in General Studies as well as her Business Certificate. When Jessica is not on duty, she enjoys photography and art, hiking, skiing on the snow or water, and traveling.



Fireman Peter Lennihan, age 26, enlisted in the Coast Guard in March 2011. Before joining, he attended Polytechnic Institute of New York University and studied engineering—an area he is interested in pursuing in the Coast Guard. Peter's hobbies include: geocaching, working out, reading, watching movies, and hanging out with friends. He recently volunteered at the La Push Halloween Carnival and plans to volunteer at other events that come up while he is on duty.

Coast Guard Photos by Cheryl Barth

Public Works certified in Water Distribution



The Quileute Public Works crew has completed the Department of Health Water Works Operator Certification Program for the state of Washington, and now are all certified Water Distribution Managers. Congratulations Danny Hinchon, John Simpson, Chad Foster, and John McGuire.

Right: The Tribal School students honored Veterans with songs and a breakfast on Veterans Day. The Tribe also held a luncheon and handed out gifts, recognizing all tribal members and staff who have served.

Quileute Tribe honors veterans

Veterans:
 Karen Beyer
 Leroy Black
 Bob Bouck
 Edward Bouck
 Chuck Cleveland Sr.
 Robert Coberly Sr.
 Brian Demorest
 Joseph Garrick Sr.
 Gene Harrison
 Lloyd Hatch Jr.
 Sean Hoban
 James Hobucket
 Roger Jackson Sr.
 Thomas Jackson
 John Jones
 Daniel Kite
 Teresa Lazzar
 Bill Lyon
 Mike Marshall
 Chris Morganroth III
 Kenneth Payne
 William Penn
 John Pinon
 Douglas Pullen Jr.
 Donald Reid Sr.
 Chuck Rice
 Richard Rice
 Vincent Rosander Sr.
 Joey Salazar—Active Duty
 Huey Simmons
 Leo Williams

In Loving Memory:
 Clarence Black
 Clyde Black
 Roland Black Sr.
 Samuel Black
 Verne Black
 Alfred Bryan Sr.

Aubrey Cleveland
 Leslie Conlow
 Theodore Eastman
 Herb Fisher
 Calvin George
 Charles Harrison Sr.
 Floyd Hudson
 Eugene Jackson
 Frank Jackson
 Henry M. Jackson
 Larry Jackson
 Melvin Jackson
 Oliver Jackson
 James Jaime Sr.
 Gerald James
 John Harvey James
 John Jack Loudon
 Miller Mason
 Chris Morganroth II
 Kilbane Obi
 Christian Penn
 Earl Penn Sr.
 Glenn Penn
 Morton Penn
 Steven Esau Penn
 William "Big Bill" Penn
 William "Little Bill" Penn
 Bob Rice
 James Richards
 Paul Richards
 Martin Saux
 Wes Schumack
 Cecil Wallerstedt
 Phillip Ward
 Ray Ward
 Reginald Ward
 Gordon Williams
 Archie Williams
 Fred Woodruff Sr.

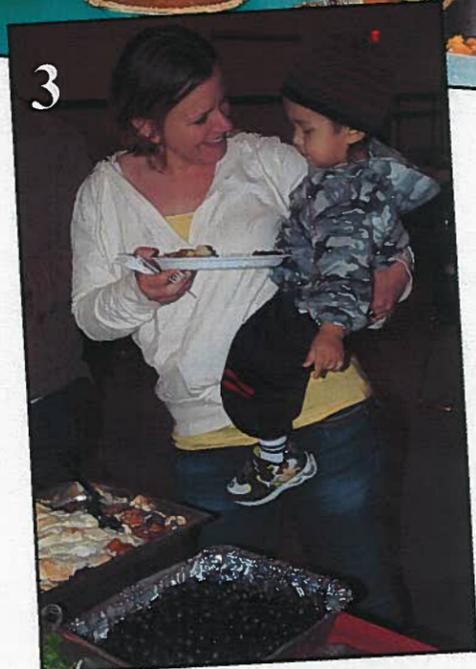
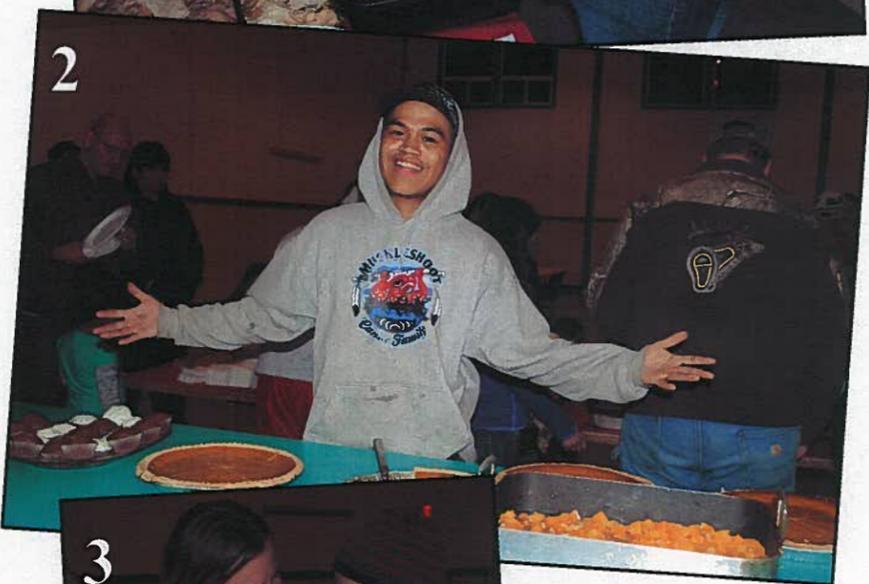


Happy Birthday to Enrolled Quileute Tribal Members

December Birthdays:

Dawn Rasmussen	1	Melanie Zimmerman	10	Kailani Gorum	22
Johnson Wood	2	Kylie Flores	11	Vincent Reid Sr.	
Ruby Stacey		Cody Simmons		Victoria Jackson	
Keisha Bouck		Melvin Wood	12	Catherine Salazar	
Jay Jaime		Murina Davis		Peggy Rice	24
Johnny Jackson		Maydelia Sanders	13	Jayden Scheller	
Regina Dan	3	Yvonne Davis		Shawnta Williams-Payne	25
Angeline Francis		Elizabeth Soto		Leonardo Guerrero Jr.	
Edward Bouck		Jacob Trainor	14	Mason Wilbur	
Cheryl Wilcox		Brittany Eastman		James King	26
Sandra Leyendecker	4	Eric Ceja-Cisneros		Patricia Cooper	
Juan Penn		Georgia Schumack-Penn	15	Larry Christiansen	28
Donetta Morales		Anne Walker		Cameron Coberly	29
Laura Reed		Ardis Pullen	16	Gary Jackson Sr.	
Patricia Matson	5	Cecelia Ward		Carrie Jackson	
Frank Hobucket		Craig Penn		Nelson Morganroth	30
Ivy Colfax		Tyron Jackson	17	Autumn Penn	
Jessica Green	6	Lindsay Obi-Williams		James Christiansen	
Kenneth Payne	7	Carol Hatch	19		
Charles Harrison	8	Jonathan Trainor			
Angela Black	9	Tonia Jack-Bryan	20		
Jose Salazar		Cruz Fernandez-Black Jr.			
Richard Hensley	10	Hannah Meneely	21		

Tribe celebrates Thanksgiving



1. Dana Williams cooked a fabulous Thanksgiving meal for the community.
2. Benjamin Black was all smiles at the Thanksgiving community dinner, which was sponsored by the tribe.
3. Becky Jackson dishes up dinner for her and her grandson, Dusty.

The Diabetic Support Group is hosting a **Christmas Cookie Contest**

December 20, 2011

9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Quileute Clinic Kitchen

Submit a dozen sugar-free cookies along with a recipe by 9:45 a.m. and a \$3.00 donation

Winner will be announced at 11 a.m. and receive 50% of proceeds (need not be present to win)

Judges: Roger Jackson, Julia Davis and a randomly selected guest!

Show your support for community members with diabetes

Santa's Workshop

Tuesday, December 20th

Quileute Tribal School

Multipurpose Room

12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Parents will be able to choose and wrap gifts for their children who are 18 and under (and are in school, full-time)

Eligible children:

La Push community children

Quileute children that live in Forks or Port Angeles

ONLY parents or guardians
NOT grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.

Children will **NOT** be allowed in the QTS Multipurpose Room during Santa's Workshop