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A Quileute Newsletter



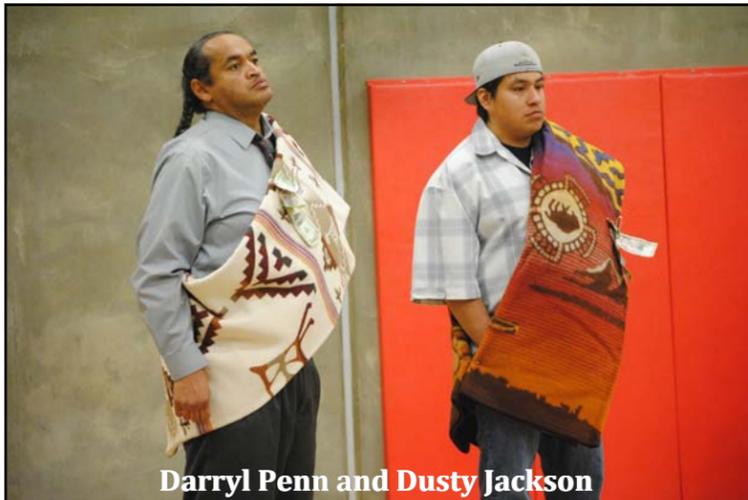
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Directors Reports and General Council 2015

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Darryl Penn and Dusty Jackson



Nellie Ratliff



Sharon Pullen



Bob Bouck, James Hobucket, Leroy Black

Re-elected officials sworn into Council



On January 22, 2015, Chas Woodruff and Naomi Jacobson were sworn into Quileute Tribal Council by Judge John Doherty.

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

From Council Chambers



Rio Jaime, Chas Woodruff, Naomi Jacobson, Cathy Salazar, Crystal Lyons

on the election ballot for Quileute Tribal Council. Congratulations to Chas Woodruff and Naomi Jacobson on their re-elections.

The swearing-in ceremony was scheduled on January 22, 2015. Following the ceremony, the Quileute Tribal Council elected to hold the same positions as last year:

- Chairman – Chas Woodruff
- Vice Chair – Naomi Jacobson
- Treasurer – Crystal Lyons
- Secretary – Cathy Salazar
- Member at Large – Rio Jaime

With the General Council meeting and Tribal Council elections over, the Tribal Council is optimistic for a productive and progressive 2015.

Each year, all Department Directors are required to make a presentation on their respective programs, summarizing the year's successes and challenges, and updating the tribe on any changes. At this time, the La Push community is given the opportunity to make comments or ask questions during the Directors Reports, which was held on January 15th at the Akalat Center. There were 18 Directors who presented that day.

Secretary Cathy Salazar: The Directors exceeded expectations and outdid themselves by meticulously preparing written reports for our tribal members. It was a reflection of their commitment to their jobs and their respon-

sibility to serve the community. Every director, in their own way, takes to heart the needs of the community and they are always looking for ways to use their resources to maximize program services.

The next day on January 16th, we saw a productive General Council meeting. There were many concerns and questions that arose, and we thank you all for sharing your views. It helps us focus on the matters that the community deems a priority, and it assists us in running our government.

Chairman Chas Woodruff: It's always beneficial to the tribe as a whole when we get to hear our tribal members' perspectives at General Council. On behalf of the

Tribal Council, we thank you all for your involvement at the Directors Reports and General Council meetings. Your feedback is vital in our decision-making process and gives us direction in serving the tribe.

Vice Chair Naomi Jacobson: This year's General Council meeting had a great turnout. It is always nice to see our family from near and far, and to listen to your input on tribal issues. This meeting as well as the quarterly update meetings help guide the Council and prepare us for prioritizing in our annual planning. Thank you for attending and letting your voice be heard.

Following the close of the General Council meeting, election polls were opened. There were nine candidates

Member at Large Rio Jaime: There are many things I am looking forward to working on this coming year. We have a few policies that we are in the process of updating and I look forward to having those finalized. Also, with our newly acquired property at the 110 Business Park, I look forward to seeing that land working for us as a positive Tribal Enterprise. One of our big issues we are still addressing is our lack of Broadband Internet.

And lastly, congratulations are in order for Council Treasurer Crystal Lyons and her family on the birth of baby Cultus Lyons. Welcome to the Quileute community!

| Quileute Tribal Council Election Results | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Ballot | | Write-In | |
| 58 | Charles (Chas) Woodruff | 23 | Bonita Cleveland |
| 56 | Naomi Jacobson | 12 | Charlotte Penn |
| 41 | James Jackson Sr. | 1 | Jackie Smith |
| 38 | Michael Foster | 1 | Bert Black |
| 30 | Douglas Woodruff Jr. | 1 | Tony Foster |
| 28 | Roseann Fonzi | | |
| 22 | Charles (Chuck) Harrison | | |
| 16 | Roy Black III | | |
| 13 | Christian Morganroth IV | | |

| Constitution Committee Election Results | |
|--|-------------------------|
| 112 | Tonya Garcia |
| 104 | James Jaime |
| 101 | Fern Penn |
| 99 | Leticia Jaime |
| 98 | Bob Bouck |
| 91 | Ann Penn-Charles |
| 62 | Heather Schumack |
| 57 | Roger Jackson Sr. |
| 38 | David Kaikaka |
| 1 | Earline Penn |

ATTENTION QUILEUTE SENIORS
ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2015

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

WHERE: SENIORS BUILDING



PLEASE ATTEND AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS!

QUILEUTE TRIBE & QUILEUTE TRIBAL SCHOOL

**WELCOMING
THE WHALES**

FRIDAY 4.3.15



10:00AM FIRST BEACH, LA PUSH WA

1:00PM AKALAT MEAL & FESTIVITIES

**8th Annual Welcoming the
Whales Ceremony . La Push WA**

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Vice Chair

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Move To Higher Ground Updates

Tribal School Site Options:



- Susan Devine is the Move To Higher Ground Project (MTHG) Coordinator
- MTHG status reports were completed and made available at the Directors Reports and General Council meetings in January
- To obtain a copy of the MTHG status report, contact Susan: susan.devine@quileutenation.org
- The school and senior center have been deemed priority areas by the community



- MTHG issues are discussed at Planning Committee meetings, which are held the **second and fourth Tuesday of each month** in the Tribal Office West Wing, beginning at **10 a.m.** Anybody may attend these meetings
- MTHG meetings are held twice a month with Tribal Council and staff
- Planning work is expected to continue throughout 2015 and 2016

Tribal Campus Site Options:



What do you think of these site options?

These site options are the current options (not necessarily the final options) for discussion and consideration.

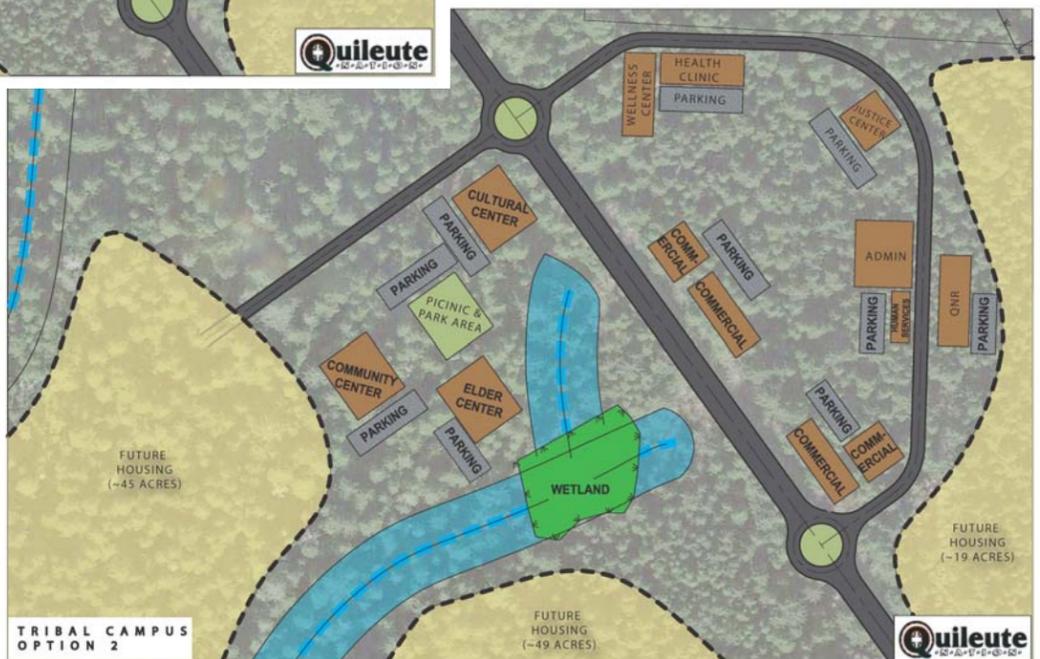
Community feedback is needed on these options for the tribal school, senior center, and tribal campus.

To express your ideas, contact Susan Devine at: susan.devine@quileutenation.org

Which site options do you prefer?

What are the pros and cons of each option?

What alternative site options would you suggest for consideration?



A Heartfelt Thank You



Margaret Black

The family of Margaret Rose Black would like to thank all of you in our trying time. Thank you for your thoughtfulness, all the prayers, the cards, flowers, and phone calls. Our appreciation goes out to each of you. You made her journey more meaningful.

Thank you especially to the nieces and nephews that traveled far and near; the food for the dinner, the cooks, all the help; Margaret's late husband, Clyde (Rusty) Black's family; and the Ward family. We appreciate all of you.

Thanks to: the Forks

Community Hospital Long Term Care; Quileute Tribal Council; Reverend David Lou Hudson Fowler for officiating; Pastor Bob Schwartz of the Baptist Church; Tom Jackson of the Shaker Church; Harper Ridge View of Port Angeles; and Priscilla Hormel for stepping up and doing a great job.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Jackson, Sr. (brother)
Bev Loudon (sister)
Lorraine Jackson (sister)

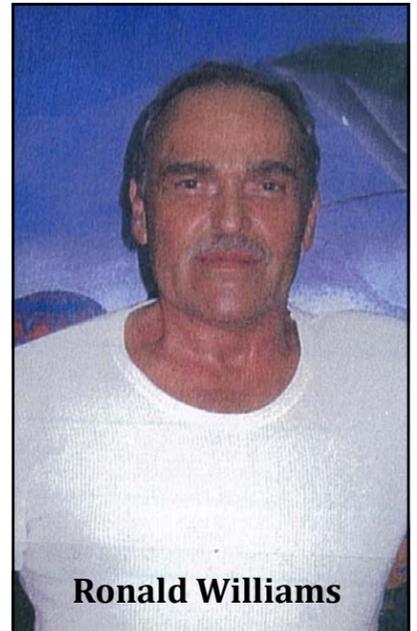
Farewell to a Father

I am sorry to have to tell those of us Quileutes that knew and loved my dad, Ronald Lee Williams, that his final journey ended suddenly on the morning of Saturday, January 24, 2015.

Although he wasn't a perfect man by any means, he had a genuine, good nature and charm about him that made anyone on his path want to be his friend.

I would be lying if I said he was a perfect father, but I can say with all my heart that he tried genuinely to be the best that he could be every chance he had.

I believe that his healthiest and happiest times in his life were spent here in our little village, La Push. Not only because it's here that he met my beautiful Quileute mother, Jackie Hill, and not just because it's here that they created me, or even because he felt at home here. I truly believe my dad was the happiest here because it's here, amongst us Quileutes, that he learned and finally knew



Ronald Williams

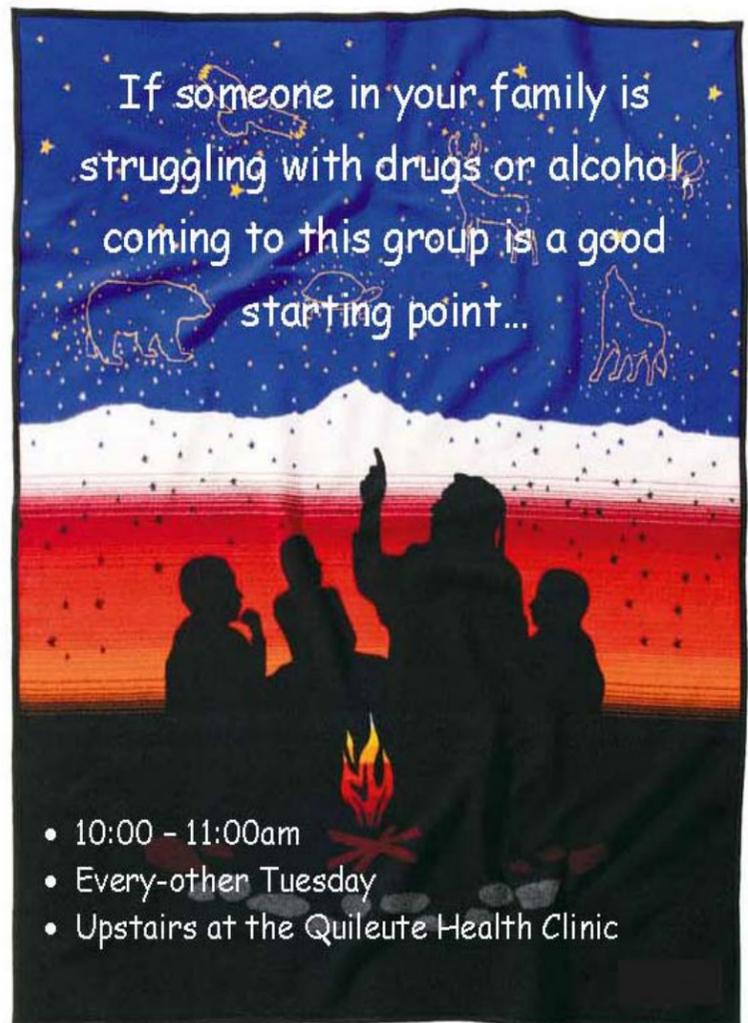
friendship. And so in my heart I know he felt most at home here with you – his friends.

Thank you to you all.

Hoyt,
Nicole Elan

To make a contribution to Ron Williams' celebration of life, or if you have any questions, please call Nicole at (360) 461-2127.

Family Support Group



If someone in your family is struggling with drugs or alcohol, coming to this group is a good starting point...

- 10:00 - 11:00am
- Every-other Tuesday
- Upstairs at the Quileute Health Clinic

Starts January 13, 2015

Quileute Tribal Council Listening Session

Monday, February 23, 2015

Must sign up between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. at the Tribal Office Front Desk

Listening Session begins at 9 a.m.

First come, first served.

February Constitution Committee Meetings

February 11th at 7 p.m. in the West Wing
February 25th at 10 a.m. in the Court House

The committee wants to accommodate work schedules, so there will be one after-hours meeting held each month. All Quileute tribal members are welcome to attend.

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



Jay Powell transforming into kwashkwash, the Blue Jay.

Word of the Week

Last month, James Jaime and I suggested that the Quileutes do a symbolic group activity in reaction to the claim that their language is extinct. We encouraged that the tribe engage in an effort to learn and use one Quileute word per week for a year. We called it *Word of the Week*. That would result in the language not disappearing, and that it would start to be heard in the homes, offices, streets and school classes of Quileute country.

Most Quileutes will already know many of the words. That will make it easier! But, they will still have to remember to get in the habit of using the words in their English conversation.

We are not going to worry about exact pronunciation with the clicks and back sounds of "culture class" pronunciation. If you are comfortable making those back and clicked sounds, be sure to do so. But that isn't what this effort is about. This is a symbolic community effort to keep the language alive in the daily life of Quileute country.

It would be useful in making the activity part of our lives if people would get in the habit of asking "What's the word of the week?" This has to be fun and become a habit or it won't work. Every time someone uses the Word of the Week, it will help signify that the Word of the Week is a community effort.

So, here are February's four Words of the Week:

WEEK #1 - **Hokwat** [HOH-quaht]

White man, non-Indian

Feb. 2-7. One can use it to refer to hokwat talk (English), hokwat food (hamburgers, spaghetti and non-Indian food), the hokwat republic (America), the hokwat way, hokwat thinking, hokwat chief and council (county, state and federal government), hokwat cops and hokwat pickpocket (taxes).

WEEK #2 - **Po'ok** [POH-oak
Indian (person or way of doing things)

Feb. 9-14. One can use po'ok to refer to Indian people, po'ok food (fish, elk, clams or camas bulbs), po'ok land (the rez, LaPush), po'ok car (a beat-up car with a flat spare and no jack in the back and the gas gauge on empty). The Quileute word **pó'ok^w** originally meant "a person," but when the **hók^wat** showed up, it came to mean an Indian person.

WEEK #3 - **Achit** [AH-chit]
Chief, but also used for "boss"

Feb. 16-21. You can use achit to refer to Chas or whoever is tribal chief councilor at the time. Many of you use "boss" for your "old man" or "old lady." It could also be used for your teacher, your supervisor or a playmate. Start to think in terms of "You betcha, achit!" or "If you're so smart, achit, how come you're not rich?" Achit meaning "chief" is a very traditional Quileute word and concept. It deserves to be one of the words kept alive by the Word of the Week program.

WEEK #4 - **Tithalatee** [tith-AH-lah-tee]
Store (literally "buying house")

Feb. 23-28. This is the difficult word for this month. It's a long word because the ending -tee means "house." A way to help remember it might be to start by thinking of the English word *frivolity* (a frivolous thing to do). Think of parking the pickup in front of the store and loading the back of it totally full of a hundred cases of Diet Coke, which would be a frivolous thing to do...a frivolity. It would be a frivolity at the tithalatee. Try to say that five times and then say it five times again several times during a day. Pretty soon you will be able to think of tithalatee without having to say a whole phrase. This is a good Word of the Week, because people refer to the store a lot. So, Quileutes could usefully get in the habit of saying, "Run down to the tithalatee and get some milk," or "While you're in town, hit the tithalatee and get me a pound of hamburger."

The Quileute word **tíhálati** was used a lot by the elders. The first store at La Push, which as not just a trading post, was set up in David Hud-

son's Hotel after he sold it to Ed Ryan in the 1920s. It shut down when a store and post office was set up at the Resort office site by Fred Hart, which closed in the 1930s. The store then moved back to the old Hudson Hotel building where Ed Tuttle, then Fred Eversman and, finally, Al Wood ran it as the La Push Grocery until 1995. All those stores were called **tíhálati** by the old people. So, it's an old word that deserves to continue in use. It's Word of the Week #4.

So, those are the first four of the 50 Words of the Week that will be given each month for the next year as the Quileutes' loud and clear statement that they are not going to simply shrug at the claim that their language is extinct.

Next month, March, we'll give the four Words of the Week for month #2, and we will also get back to the Quileute folk history of the Bogachiel River.

-Kwashkwash and James

Quileute Head Start Parent Committee hosting a

Spring Silent Auction and Food Sale

The Quileute Head Start Parent Committee event, featuring a **silent auction**, is scheduled for:

Friday, April 17, 2015
110 Business Park (Round House)
5:00 p.m.

This event will help with expenses for the senior graduation, junior barbecue, extracurricular student activities such as field trips, and future Head Start students that will take part in the Quileute Head Start Program.

The Committee is requesting donations for the silent auction.

Examples of donations:

- Gift Baskets
- Baked Goods
- Cultural Items
- Gift Certificates
- Artwork, and More!

Thank you,
Quileute Head Start Parent Committee

QTS After School Enrichment Program

Dear Parents,

The Quileute Tribal School is pleased to announce that our After School Enrichment program is going to begin on February 3rd.

Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Times: 3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

- 3:30 p.m.—4 p.m. Snack and homework time
- 4 p.m.—5 p.m. Enrichment/Academic time

Who can attend: QTS K-12 students who are registered for the After School Enrichment program.

Transportation: QTS will not

have a bus driver available for after school activities until mid-April. Transportation until then will be provided for students living in La Push only. QTS students living outside of La Push will need to have parents provide transportation until mid-April.

Registration:

- Registration has begun and will end on February 10th.
- A second registration opportunity will begin after spring vacation when a bus driver is available.

Activities:

- Currently, we are planning to offer many enrichment activities between February and June such as: nutrition, cooking, recipes and menu planning, food handler’s certification, gardening and greenhouse, health, safety, sewing/knitting, archery, Quileute culture, Quileute language, natural resources, photography, school annual, leather-making, ballet, horsemanship, and gifted and talented support.
- Additional services are being offered this spring and summer by the Na-

tional Park Services, Department of Education, and NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) in combination with QNR (Quileute Natural Resources) to share learning experiences from our many natural resources.

Contact: Please contact Anita Baisley at (360) 374-5602 or Mark Jacobson at (360) 374-5609 if you have any questions.

We thank you for your continued support,
Anita Baisley

Challenges of finding a bus driver for QTS

By Mark Jacobson

As you may know, Quileute Tribal School (QTS) has been using only one bus for the past couple months. The administration and School Board appreciates the patience that parents and students have had while the school works through the challenges of finding and training our new driver.

Serving as a bus driver isn’t for everyone. Bus drivers frequently start work at 5:30 or 6:00 am, work for a couple hours, and then they are done working until they reverse their routes and take the students home at the end of the

school day. In many schools, bus drivers only work part time and it can be difficult financially trying to feed a family with a part time job. Bus drivers have a lot of responsibility. They must take every precaution to make certain that students arrive at their destination safe and sound, regardless of weather, traffic, and road conditions. They are also responsible for student conduct, which can be challenging when trying to watch the road and students at the same time.

Last summer, the school posted a job opening for a bus driver. The position

was posted for a couple months before any applications were received and a finalist hired. Once hired, one would think that the candidate could start driving. However, bus drivers must have a CDL with an “S” endorsement (the “S” stands for students). To obtain the “S” endorsement, a driver must go through state approved training. The QTS has an Interlocal Agreement with Quillayute Valley School District to train bus drivers for QTS. However, the Superintendent from Quillayute Valley informed QTS that their trainer wasn’t available to conduct any training until next summer. As a re-

sult, QTS has been searching for a trainer. After contacting the state’s regional transportation director and several other schools, QTS located a trainer who can conduct the training during spring break. If things go as planned, the new bus driver should have the “S” endorsement as soon as the training and testing has been completed in April. If you have any questions or know someone who may be interested in becoming a bus driver, please contact Superintendent Mark Jacobson at (360) 374-5609.

Mrs. Griffith’s class conducts egg drop experiment



Students in Mrs. Griffith’s class were required to build a container that would prevent a raw egg from cracking when dropped from the second story of the Quileute Tribal School.

Carol Hatch and Mark Jacobson assisted the class in dropping the containers. Some floated down that had makeshift parachutes attached, one exploded with peanut butter when it hit the pavement, but only one egg cracked in the entire class.

Power outages and school closures

By Mark Jacobson

Power outages seem to occur frequently in our area. If school is in session when an outage occurs, school will continue unless the classrooms get too cold or some other issue is present, such as localized flooding. The school has food, shelter, water, and bathrooms and there are battery-operated flashlights and lanterns in the classrooms.

In respect to flooding, the school administration monitors the river height and receives hourly updates whenever the water level exceeds 36 feet. According to information provided to the school, flood-

ing does not occur until the water level reaches 40 feet. The tide can also impact the river height and flooding.

If school is closed and students must be sent home early, every effort will be made to contact each child's parent in advance. The bus driver will not drop a child off at a house unless a parent is home. It is important to keep emergency contact information up to date at the school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mark Jacobson, Principal/Superintendent at (360) 374-5609.

FAFSA Workshop

All community colleges and universities, and some other programs, require students to complete FAFSA every year. In addition, most students are required to fill out FAFSA in order to apply for the Quileute Scholarship.

If you are going (or considering going) to college or a higher education program during 2015-2016, come learn about FAFSA.

We will be discussing the following topics:

- What is FAFSA?
- How do I fill out FAFSA?
- Where can I get help to fill out FAFSA?

The Quileute Higher Education Scholarship Program will be hosting four workshops at the **Tribal Office West Wing**:

- Monday, February 9th 12 p.m.—1 p.m.
- Monday, February 9th 5 p.m.—6 p.m.
- Monday, March 9th 12 p.m.—1 p.m.
- Monday, March 9th 5 p.m.—6 p.m.

Questions? Contact Brittney Echeita at (360) 374-4349 or Tara Huggins at (360) 374-3138.

Friends of Forks Animals Supports

USA Spay Month of February

Please contact (360) 374-3332 if your pet needs a spay and your family is low income.

♥ **Female Cats \$20.00**

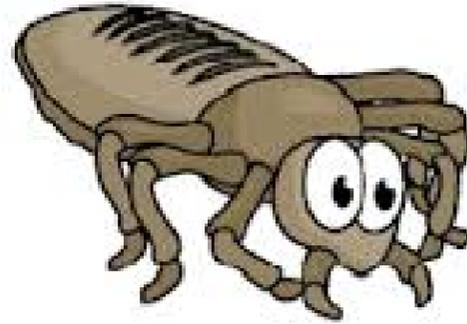
♥ **Female Dogs \$40.00**

FOFA and your pets thank you for taking care of them.

Help us to control the overpopulation of pets on the West End.

Quileute Head Start Presents

"It's a Bug's Night"



Friday, February 13th 5:30—7 p.m.
Akalat Center, La Push

Quileute Head Start would like to invite you to join us for our annual event, "It's A Bug's Night." This event is designed to raise awareness and educate families on lice prevention and management. There will be fun for the whole family including prize drawings, crafts, a movie, and lots of information and resources to take home. We will be providing dinner for all families. Concerned Citizens will be providing a shuttle service from Forks to La Push and back for families in need of transportation. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Quileute Head Start

By-Yak Loop
PO Box 100
La Push, WA 98350

Phone: (360) 374-2631
Fax: (360) 374-5066

Students receive certificates of achievement



At the tribal school's morning drum circle on February 2nd, students who tested as proficient in their NWEA math and reading tests were recognized and given certificates. Congratulations to the students on their accomplishments!

New Beginnings

Człebbrates Rzeognizes Supports

Healthy Relationships
Wednesday, February 11, 2015

*T-shirts with pledge
 will be awarded
 at Drum Group (at QTS)*

Please sign up to bring baked items with Valentine's theme, for example, hearts shaped cookies, pink or red cupcakes.

Note: requests for low-sugar, sugar-free, and gluten-free treats to include/welcome those with dietary challenges.

*For more information: contact Liz Sanchez,
 New Beginnings Program Manager & Victim Advocate 374-5110,
 email: newbeginnings@quileutenation.org*

First Aid at Sea

Quileute Natural Resources and Washington Sea Grant are cosponsoring a Coast Guard Approved **First Aid at Sea** Workshop. Topics include CPR, patient assessment, burns, fractures, lacerations, cold water near drowning, hypothermia, discussion of First Aid Kits and more.

***The class has been rescheduled for
 February 17, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.***

The class is currently full, but you may sign up to be on the wait-list in case of no-shows.

The fee is \$50 (free to Quileute tribal members).

Sign up at the Quileute Natural Resources Department or call the front desk at (360) 374-2247.

Get vaccinated for measles

While many of us were watching the Super Bowl, a measles case appeared in Clallam County in Port Angeles. The Quileute Health Center and other public health officials recommend unvaccinated individuals 1 year and older receive a measles vaccination to protect themselves and those around them.

"Measles is an acute, highly contagious viral disease. A small number of cases are capable of quickly producing epidemics," says Andrew Shogren, Health Director.

Symptoms include fever, runny nose, cough and rash. Although measles is usually considered a childhood disease, it can be contracted at any age. Generally, preschool children, adolescents, young adults and inadequately immunized individuals comprise the majority of measles cases in the United States. There is no specific treatment for measles.

"The best way to protect yourself and your family against measles and other vaccine-preventable diseases is by immunization. The Health

Clinic actively reaches out to families and encourages them to get immunized," Shogren says. Children should receive their first dose of measles vaccine between 12 and 15 months of age; another dose at 4-6 years of age. Measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine is generally first given at 12 months of age in the United States, but is sometimes recommended for children as young as 6 months of age who are traveling outside the United States or could be infected in an outbreak.

In 2014, the U.S. has seen the highest number of measles cases in 20 years. A more recent outbreak originating at Disneyland in California in December 2014 has resulted in at least 58 cases of the highly infectious disease.

We encourage you to check whether you and your family have been vaccinated to protect against measles. Call the Health Clinic at (360) 374-9035 if you have any questions.



QUILEUTE
HEALTH CLINIC

**WALK-IN
services**

The Quileute Health Clinic will now be offering dedicated

WALK-IN SERVICES TO

Elders and Veterans

Walk-Ins Start: 1:00PM-2:00PM, Monday-Friday

**560 QUILEUTE HEIGHTS
LA PUSH, WA 98350**

(360) 374-9035



La Push Recovery Group
Cordially invites you to
Our First Annual

Valentine's Day Dance

Saturday, February 14, 2015
7 p.m. till Midnight
Round House
110 Business Park

Tickets:
Couples — \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door
Singles — \$15.00 in advance or \$20.00 at the door

Ages 11 and Up

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!

For information, call:
Nicole Rosander (360) 640-3613
Bitsy Ceja (360) 640-2272
Darrin Rosander (360) 640-9025

Happy Valentine's Day!
All proceeds go to the La Push Recovery Group for clean and
sober events and activities



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You can now follow the Quileute Tribe
on Instagram!
@quileutetribe

QUILEUTE DAYS '15

MEETING TUES. 2/17
WEST WING 12PM



LUNCH PROVIDED BY



What is Y & F for anyway?!

In response to community needs, the Quileute Youth & Family Intervention Program began seven years ago and is administered through the TANF Department. Currently staffed by Tara Huggins and Brittney Echeita, the program's events and activities continue to support the original vision laid out in the mission statement:

*"We envision a community with a **low teen pregnancy rate** where youth who have good decision making skills are actively engaged in their culture, educational success and career planning and a **high capacity for effective parenting**, where destructive multigenerational cycles are understood and where parent-child relationships are strong."*

The grant is discretionary, which means we had to compete to receive it, and is meant to strengthen the relationship between the TANF and ICW Programs. Our goal at Quileute is prevention-focused. We want to reduce involvement in TANF and ICW altogether by helping educate youth and families of their potential and to support them in breaking intergenerational reliance on TANF and involvement in Child Welfare.

All of the events the community has been enjoying from Y & F are filtered through four objectives. One of the program's objectives is **to broaden perspectives of youth through exposure to occupations, leadership training, and diverse cultures**. To meet this goal the program takes quarterly trips to tour colleges/trade schools and always incorporates an entertainment element as well. These trips have been very successful and have im-

proved over time.

Another objective is **to develop in youth the skills to recognize unhealthy life choices and provide the tools and knowledge for healthy decision-making**. The boys and girls groups began to achieve this goal. Groups are held during school hours for middle and high school students at Forks and the Tribal School. If you would like to make sure your child is benefiting from these groups contact Tara or Brittney for a group schedule.

The Y & F program's third objective is **to build parenting skills and better parent/child relationships**. Each month at Moms Lunch, a speaker provides information on their area of expertise and the moms enjoy a healthy lunch. Each mom also receives a gift relating to the topic of the day. These lunches take place on the fourth Friday of every month in the Tribal Office West Wing. Any native mother or mother of a native child ages 0-5 is welcome to attend.

The program's final objective is **to increase the amount of time families engage in activities, which promotes healthy living and positive parent-child communication**. To fulfill this requirement, we host monthly Family Fun Nights. These events provide a night for families to enjoy dinner together and participate in a family-friendly, high-interaction event. Not only do the families benefit from these monthly activities, but the goal is also to equip the families with ideas to bring home and use to continue family-bonding throughout the month.

Parent Advisory Committee was also added to the



program in recent years with the hope to involve parents of teenagers in the planning process and to discuss topics relevant to parenting teens. We urge parents with children 12-19 years old to attend these meetings. It is a great way to stay on top of upcoming events to make sure your kids are benefiting from them, and also a way to provide us with feedback and ideas for the fu-

ture.

The Y & F advocates are looking forward to the next phase of the program, in hopes that their efforts will result in strong and healthy families. If you are not currently participating in the events Y & F offer, contact Tara at 374-3138 or Brittney at 374-4349, or stop by their office located in the Human Services building.



Youth and Family's **Gras** 

Mardi  **Fun**  **Night**

Family 

Tuesday, February 17th
5:00pm-6:30pm
Dinner served at 5pm

All children must be with an adult



Happy Birthday to Enrolled Quileute Tribal Members

February Birthdays:

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|------------------------|----|-----------------------|----|--------------------------|----|
| Chasity Matson | 1 | Glenda Melton | 12 | Neva California-Hobucket | 18 |
| Edward Foster | | Thomas Williams-Penn | | Chaleigh Beck | 19 |
| Jeffrey Rosander | | Demetrio Gonzales | 14 | Shanna Brewer | |
| Balente Pubigee Jr. | 2 | David Jackson Jr. | | Jeremy Payne | |
| Vicki Munyon | | Kenneth Ward | | Katherine Ward-Black | 20 |
| Jordan Foster | | Candice Jackson | | Lisa Reid | 21 |
| James Jackson Sr. | 3 | Marvella Adamire | | Donald Reid Jr. | 23 |
| David Kaikaka | | Dominique Sampson | | Christian Morganroth III | 24 |
| Carla Black | 4 | David Pubigee | | Saddie Jackson | 25 |
| Christina Williams | 5 | Telena Martinez | 15 | Arnold Black Jr. | |
| Duran Ward | | Randy Jackson Jr. | | Marley Zimmerman | 26 |
| Kimberly Bender | 6 | Priscilla Scarborough | | Soloman Jackson | |
| Rochelle Warner | 7 | Steven Ratliff | | Harry Jones | |
| Ronald McNutt | | Johnathan Sparks | | Reuben Flores Jr. | |
| Peyton Sablan | | Kaitlyn Lorentzen | | Mark Williams | 27 |
| James Hobucket | 8 | Darryl Penn | | Ahia Jackson | |
| Alicia Black | 9 | Charles Woodruff | 16 | Noah Foster | 28 |
| Michael Marshall | | Steven Bell | | Lacie Schmitt | |
| Steven Easter | 11 | Anita Wheeler | | William Wilken Jr. | |
| Mario Black-Perete Jr. | | Larry Jackson Sr. | | | |
| Ronald Eastman | | James Jaime | 18 | | |



Super Blue Friday

Seahawks fans gathered at the point for a group photo on Friday, January 30th, to show support of the Seattle team before Super Bowl XLIX



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