

bá·yak The Talking Raven

A Quileute Newsletter



Tribal Council traveled to Washington DC to discuss land legislation with Senator Cantwell

The Quileute Tribal Council traveled to Washington DC on February 15th through the 19th to discuss the importance of the proposed land legislation with Washington State Senator Maria Cantwell.

In December, Washington State Representative Norm Dicks introduced the Tsunami Protection Legislation to Congress. The proposed legislation would transfer almost 800 acres of higher and safer land in the Olympic National Park to the Quileute Tribe.

This land acquisition is much needed by the tribe due to natural disasters and the threat of tsunamis. Besides a concern for safety, the tribe cannot continue to expand on land within the reservation boundaries because the land is in a flood zone and unable to be developed.

In the last decade, the tribe has seen damage due to storms and flooding. This autumn, community volunteers

and members of the Coast Guard were busy sandbagging areas that were threatened by flooding.

The Senior Center, Tribal School, and lower housing are all located in the tsunami and flood zones, and Tribal Council considers the safety of the elders, children, and those who live in the lower village a top priority.

Threat of Tsunamis

The Pacific Ocean is the most active tsunami zone in the world. (U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – NOAA)

The Cascadia Subduction Zone, which is located off the west coast of North America and extends from southern British Columbia to northern California, poses a huge threat to the Pacific Northwest.

According to National Geographic News, "Until 20 years ago, the Cascadia fault was believed to be benign by most scientists. But then



Vice Chairman Tony Foster, Senator Maria Cantwell, and Chairwoman Bonita Cleveland in February 2011.

several discoveries in North America showed that the fault produces earthquakes of magnitude 8 or larger at irregular intervals, averaging about 500 years...Of course, a tsunami caused by a rupture along the Cascadia fault would first hit the coast nearest to it—North America...The chances of another earthquake occurring along the Cascadia fault is 100 percent."

A tsunami at La

Push will likely occur at some time.

For more information on Tribal Council's trip to Washington D.C., see "From the Desk of Chairwoman Cleveland" on page 2.

Sources:
National Geographic News:
http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2003/12/1208_031208_tsunami.html

NOAA: <http://nctr.pmel.noaa.gov/index.html>

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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.



During a storm in February 2006, waves deposited large beach logs in front of the Tribal School and damaged some of the property. Photo by Tony Foster.

From the Desk of Chairwoman Cleveland



The five (5) members of Quileute Tribal Council traveled afar only to echo the words of our ancestors

and many Tribal Council leaders who have journeyed on and those who still remain in the village and surrounding area today. Harold Bailey, Attorney with the Law Firm Garvey Schubert & Baer, accompanied us for three days of meetings in Washington DC. Quileute Tribal Council asked Senator Maria Cantwell for her sincere understanding and humbly asked for her support for the Quileute Land Legislation.

Tribal Council conveyed to the Senator that our reservation was placed on one (1) square mile, surrounded by the Olympic National Park with the Pacific Ocean on the west side and the Quillayute River on the north side of the reservation with no additional land to move out of danger zones.

Quileute Tribal Council expressed to Senator Cantwell that upon entering our reservation there is one way in and one way out with no escape routes. We alluded to the facts of not having anymore land base to build our future homes upon, no more land base to protect our children and relocate our school to higher ground, and no safe haven to relocate our Elders' (our wisdom keepers) homes and Senior Center.

We also welcomed Senator Cantwell to visit our community. This would allow her to witness firsthand what our people have been enduring, year after year, with flooding and high wind. We asked her to come see the erosion of our land

base, and visit our tribal school and its location, which remains unsafe for our children who are the future generation, who we cherish immensely.

Tribal Council also covered the emergency response team and the tsunami drills and the length of time it takes to evacuate our community. We shared many photos of the yearly winter flooding.

Senator Cantwell's message was very optimistic; she showed great enthusiasm. She committed to working with Congressman Norm Dicks in assisting with the legislation. Senator Cantwell mentioned that there are a few glitches to work out; however, nothing alarming that cannot be agreed upon.

It was very pleasing and filled my heart with contentment to have the full strength of our entire Tribal Council participate along with our support staff in the visit back east. I cannot convey how proud it made me feel as the Tribal Council Leader for the Quileutes. I witnessed our Tribal Council express what was in their hearts and souls on behalf of our Quileute people. It made me feel really good. This is how it truly should be.

Please know Quileute members, invited staffers and guests, the entire Tribal Council gave 100% of themselves negotiating during our very important scheduled meetings with the many Senators, Congressmen and their Chief staffers and the other entities in Washington D.C. We brought forth issues from back at home, prospectively keeping our people in our hearts and minds. I am proud to be a Quileute!! This was extremely helpful expressing the Quileute views and the concerns we face as Quileute tribal people.

Tribal Council concluded the very successful meet-

ing by presenting Maria Cantwell's office with a traditional Quileute Indian basket made by Tribal Elder Lela Mae Morganroth and earrings made by Quileute member Pam Morganroth. We informed her that all things are woven together as one. We provided the message of the canoe people, shared the significance of the sea birds on the baskets - meaning, all birds bring forth messages - this is the old way of thinking. The message on her basket and earrings is the seabird who is going to whisper into Senator Cantwell's ear, "We humbly ask you to embrace the protection and safety of our Quileute people by supporting the land legislation." Senator Cantwell was very excited about the gifts; she thanked the Quileute Tribal Council for traveling to Washington D.C., expressing the need to schedule a visit to Quileute. She also asked questions about "Twilight." She said she watched the movies only to see the beautiful scenery of the coast. She also asked if any Quileutes were in the movie.

Day two consisted of a scheduled meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers on dredging our mouth of the river and much added work needed to our harbor. We also met with the BIA Law Enforcement regarding budgets and the need for upgrading our obsolete equipment and other pertinent issues. The meeting was extremely productive. BIA went out of their way to assist the Tribal Council with many great opportunities and recommendations regarding our enforcement department.

A very special Wa-ta-lich-ta-aso-os ta (Thank you) to our Tribal Council and support staff. My heart is praise worthy!!! A job well done!!!

Upcoming Events:

- Tsunami Public Forum at

Akalat from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on March 8th

- Spring Break April 4th - 8th
- Welcoming of the Whales Ceremony on April 20th
- Elders Week Kickoff May 16th - 20th
- Highway Ribbon Cutting / Pettit Oil - Quileute was invited to sing Honor Song by the Veterans.

The Quileute Tribal Council would be honored to include and encourage our tribal members to feel the sense of involvement in expressing your views for the children and elders of the community. Please watch for the notifications posted.

Thanks to Emily Foster, Editor of the *Talking Raven*, and Cathy Salazar, Finance & Administrative Assistant, at Quileute Natural Resources for all their dedication and commitment to answering the General Council's request in restructuring the *Talking Raven*. Change is not always easy as many think. Nevertheless, these ladies made every effort to see that the *Talking Raven* was much more attractive to capture the eye of those reading it and those who want to read it.

You both are greatly appreciated. The new restructured *Talking Raven* has had many, many compliments about how nice it looks and how it captures the eye of all readers and those who wanted to read it and never could make the effort due to the small photos and font size. We have received so much positive feedback. We have also had request for mail outs. Please know ladies, all your hard work does not go unnoticed. Your dedication, loyalty and commitment have proven you to stand strong through the winds of change. Again thank you for all your great work!! Our hands go up to you.



Treasurer Carol Hatch, Member at Large Lonnie Foster, Vice Chair Tony Foster, Senator Maria Cantwell, Chairwoman Bonita Cleveland, and Secretary DeAnna Hobson in February 2011.

Elder Feature: Bertha Wallerstedt



Bertha Wallerstedt prefers the old days. She says, "It was quieter and people paid more attention to their kids...[we] got to listen to people singing and drumming and telling stories." Bertha and her family would always share traditional meals, which consisted of fresh seafood. She says, "Seal was good. We ate fur seal, with seal oil and potatoes. It was really good for our bones."

Born to Fred and Sarah Woodruff on March 31, 1943 in La Push, WA, Bertha has lived here all her life and says she had a very happy childhood. Many of her favorite memories include spending time with her grandmother when they would attend parties in the village, pick berries on Thunder Road, and gather firewood from the beach and pack it in a burden basket.

As a young girl, Bertha and her little friends used to get small fish from the local fishing boats, and they would sell those fish to tourists at the resort. They sold each fish for about \$2 and used the money to

have picnics. Bertha would also help out a group of ladies in the village whenever they were canning fruits and vegetables. In return, the ladies gave her some of those fruits and vegetables, which she shared with her grandma and uncle.

Bertha attended the Forks schools from 1st through 9th grade—back then they did not have kindergarten. Her favorite subject was spelling. Although she enjoyed playing sports and loved her PE class, Bertha says there were no sports teams for girls. By the time she reached 9th grade, her parents divorced, so she dropped out of school to help her father.

In 1968, Bertha received her GED in order to fulfill a requirement to work as an Assistant Cook at Quileute Head Start. Since that time, she has also worked at the Quileute Tribal School as a Cook's Aide, at the Forks Elementary School as a Teacher's Aide, and finally for the tribe as a Drug and Alcohol Counselor before retiring.

Bertha learned a lot from her elders about tradi-

tions and honoring and helping others. Within the community, Bertha and her sisters helped cook for big events for approximately 25 years. In the 90's, they also raised money for the dining hall by selling their food. Bertha explains the difficulty of cooking for large crowds, "It's a lot of work and can take a toll on your health. I get so cramped up it's hard to move."

When asked about her greatest accomplishments, Bertha says she is proudest of raising her two sons, Mike and Gus. They were brought up in religion

and were stressed the importance of education. Bertha is happy they pursued higher education and have been successful in their careers. Today, she is now a proud grandmother to six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Bertha adds congratulations to the Tribal Council, saying "I know that they are good leaders and they pay attention to what their people say or what they need. I'm very proud of them. They're really helpful."

Photos by Cheryl Barth



16th Annual Native American Health Science Institute: Na-ha-shnee

The 16th Annual Native American Health Science Institute through the Native American Health Sciences Program at Washington State University will be held from June 20—July 1, 2011 at both the Pullman and Spokane campuses.

The purpose of this camp is to encourage Native American High School stu-

dents to pursue Health Science degrees and prepare themselves for the future.

Native American male and female students who will be entering the 10th, 11th, and 12th grade in the fall of 2011 are invited to apply. Only students who live in the states of Washington, Idaho, and Oregon can apply (unless your tribe or family pays for trans-

portation.)

The cost of this camp is free, but students must have a "C" average in their math/science classes and a strong interest in the health field, such as nursing, medicine, dental, pharmacy, physical therapy, speech and hearing, and exercise physiology.

The deadline for application is Monday, May 2,

2011. You can find the application online at: nursing.wsu.edu.

For further information, please contact Dr. Robbie Paul, Director Native American Health Sciences at (509) 324-7440 or email paul@wsu.edu.

Department Updates

Public Utilities

No dumping at the old dump site. All material should be taken to the Utilities entrance gate or contact the Utilities Department at (360) 374-4179.

Fish and Wildlife Enforcement

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Officer Brian Fairbanks and Quileute Natural Resources Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Officers Tony Foster and Morris Jacobson confiscated two elk in December. One elk was donated to the Quileute Senior Center and the other was donated to the Hoh Tribe.

Senior Center

Please return all blue to-go containers.

For those who have their meals delivered: if you do not plan on being home, please notify the Senior Center in the morning, so they do

not try to deliver food that day.

To meet the requests of improving the menu, all seniors are able to give input on meals they want served. When the menu comes out each month, each meal listed will credit the senior who chose it.

Beverly Loudon and Kristi Williams attended a three-day caregivers conference at the Great Wolf Lodge.

Another caregivers conference is coming up on March 30th and 31st at the Spirit Mountain Casino and Resort in Grand Ronde, OR. The deadline to apply is March 11th, so any caregivers in the community please let the Senior Center know soon!

Bingo with the Tribal School's 1st and 2nd grade class will be held on Friday, March 11th at lunchtime.

Personnel Department

Congratulations to **Gary Dean Jackson** and **Sue**

Payne for receiving Employee and Community Member of the Month for February!

Lonesome Creek Store

The Lonesome Creek RV Park is now under management of the Oceanside Resort.

The new Point Of Sale system is up and running.

Papa Murphy's Pizza is now available for sale.

The store is always looking for feedback from community members.

Oceanside Resort

During February, some cabins received new electrical work and new hardwood flooring. Upcoming projects in March include residing and roofing cabins to match the rest of the property.

The maintenance crew installed a new sign for the RV Park, with five more signs to come.

Job Openings at the Quileute Tribe

Operations Manager at the Tribal Office opened February 23, 2011 and closes March 9, 2011. **Salary: DOE/Q.** The Operations Manager is responsible for a diverse range of management and administrative functions, from daily operations and personnel management to special projects. The Operations Manager provides administrative support to the Executive Director and the Tribal Council, including: planning, research, communications, personnel, recordkeeping, and property management. Working with the management team, the Operations Manager contributes to the development and implementation of organizational strategies, policies and practices.

Medical Maintenance and Security Technician at the Health Clinic opened February 23, 2011 and closes March 9, 2011. **Salary: \$14.00-\$16.00 DOE/Q.** This position requires the maintenance of the Quileute Health Clinic to include cleaning and repairs, set up and break down for meetings, maintain the outside grounds, assist medical staff with errands, help the staff maintain security of patient records, and more. A

statement of confidentiality must be signed.

Classroom Assistant at Head Start opened February 23, 2011 and closes March 9, 2011. **Salary: \$9.00-\$9.65 DOE/Q.** The Classroom Assistant will help with planning and implementing developmentally appropriate practices during indoor and outdoor activities. They will assist in recording daily attendance, accident reports, anecdotal notes, and observations; keep the classroom clean, healthy and safe; prepare projects and instructional materials for the students; assist children to and from the bus; demonstrate positive interactions with children, staff, and families; support parent involvement in the classroom; and more.

TANF Intake/Special Program Assistant at Human Services opened February 23, 2011 and closes March 9, 2011. **Salary: \$13.00-\$16.00 DOE/Q.** The TANF Intake/Special Program Assistant is responsible for entering all client information into the TANF Program's computer database and verifying that client files are complete before approval. They will oversee day-to-day activities and maintain all necessary paperwork for the Gen-

eral Assistance, LIHEAP, and the Food Voucher Program. This individual will also work closely with the TANF Director and the Human Services Director on any necessary projects.

Accounts Payable Accountant at the Tribal Office opened February 23, 2011 and closes March 9, 2011. **Salary: \$10.00-\$14.00 DOE/Q.** This position reports to the Controller and will be responsible for: inputting all approved accounts payable; reviewing appropriate purchase requisition approvals; verifying that all supporting data is attached; maintaining control over the insurance and numerical control of purchase requisitions; preparing detailed monthly aging reports for accounts payable; reconciling accounts payable detail with the accounts payable control account; preparing needed accounts payable and vendor data for the annual financial audit; assisting the Controller and General Ledger Accountant to resolve all charts of accounts, accounts payable, and vendor matters; and other duties as assigned.

Harbor Master Assistant opened January 21, 2011 and closed February 11, 2011.

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Interim Lonesome Creek Manager opened February 4, 2011 and closed February 14, 2011.

Public Works Worker II opened February 1, 2011 and closed February 14, 2011.

Lonesome Creek Manager opened February 4, 2011 and closes February 18, 2011 or until filled.

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

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

Yashàbáłktiyat [yah-shah-BUT-th-tee-yaht]

March - Fur Seal Hunting days

Well, it's March, when the Oldtime Quileutes used to go out in big sealing canoes called **álotk** [AH-low-tk] and spear fur seals as they migrated north in great herds on their way to their "pupping grounds" in the Pribilof Islands. Russell went up there years ago. Ask him about that.

Fur seal hunting was considered to be real **t'axilit-fovásk^wa** "work that requires a strong spirit power." During the March moon, the old Weathermen would go up before dawn daily and sit on a bench located where the Senior Center is now. There, they would observe the dawn, clouds, wind and waves... watching, listening, sniffing and chanting. It was their job to decide whether this would be a successful and safe day for the tribal sealers to go out. If so, several canoes would start out with four paddlers, one of whom was the harpooner. It took hours to go the 30-50 miles to the sealing grounds, pulling an empty canoe behind. If they were lucky, when they returned that tow-canoe would be full, mounded up with fur seals. Fur seals are called **kíłados** [KITH-ah-dos], but fur seal hunting is **yashábat** [yah-SHAH-bah-th]. That's the reason March is called **yashàbáłktiyat**.

But in order to get this to Emily in time for this edition of the newsletter, I'm having to write it on Valentine's Day. Ah, February 14th, the day when thoughts turn to love and romance and we send cards with hearts on them to the objects of our affection. Well, the **tàłáykila pofsók^w**, the *oldtime people*, didn't send any cards.

But they were experts at courting! I remember how the elders used to giggle and tell stories about Quileute romance in the old days. Sooner or later, most gossip would get around to who used to sneak out and "spark" with whom. It seems like it was the whole village's outdoor sport.

In fact, we know a lot about love and marriage Quileute style, and there are some really surprising things. For one thing, in most cases there were no actual marriage ceremonies in the old days. Nowadays, getting married is a religious ritual and a legal action, but in the old days becoming a couple was the pure and simple action of a man and a woman starting to live together. And there were several acceptable ways for this to happen.

Há?tol – The most common form of "marriage" was for the boy's family to pick out an acceptable bride. When they had found such a bride-to-be, they asked the other members of the family whether they agreed that it would be a useful alliance between the two families. Think about it...when two families were joined by the marriage of their children, those two families started to co-operate rather than to compete. If acceptable, the boy's family offered the bride's family a "purchase present" **há?tol-ka** (-ka is a present). In fact, it appears that it wasn't really a present. The emphasis is on the purchase part, because if the bride later died, proved infertile, or ran away, her family was obligated by having accepted that present to provide the groom with a replacement (a sister or other kinsman of the original bride) or to refund the value of the purchase present. In fact, it was

still common until recently for Quileute widowers to marry the sister of their deceased wife. The last case I remember was Big Bill Penn marrying the sister of his first wife. The bride present might be canoes or slaves or simply spears and arrows with a special power. The boy (bridegroom) might spend the first few nights with his wife and her family in her **tíkal** [longhouse], but eventually she would accompany him to his family's house, where they would live. In some cases, friends or the whole village would accompany them walking from her house to his and these well-wishers would enter and cover her with gift blankets. Indeed, that was a kind of community recognition of the union. But, there were no white ermine dresses, bride's maids or "I do" in the old days. The **há?tol** was only done among chiefly families.

Tiwáskal – In ordinary families a boy would simply choose the girl he wanted, sometimes at the urging of his family. He would take over whatever presents he could put together and ask the girl's family. It was common for them to make him wait a day or two for an answer, during which time he had to sit outside beside the door (rain or shine) and prove that he was serious. I remember asking Helen Harrison, when discussing the Hobucket family history, "What did LOVE have to do with it back then?" She laughed and replied, "Oh, my mother, Ruby Bright (b1909) told me that she just couldn't wait to marry Tyler. And, HER mother, my grandma Josie Eastman (Hiwalítsa) was born in the same year as California (1853) and, all the time she was growing up, she was **yilóx^wa** [starry-eyed love struck] over him and never got over it her

whole life." That sounds like oldtime Quileute love to me.

Liwíxal – Another type of union was when a boy would sneak over to the girl's longhouse and wake her up and they would sneak back to his family longhouse where they'd spend the night together. It was like eloping. They'd usually agreed to do it earlier, but love can make for spur of the moment decisions, eh. The first that either family would know about it was when they woke up and found the new couple. Sometimes the "groom's" family would take a gift over to the "bride's" family as an indication that they didn't object to the union.

Shik^wołk^wasíddo – Old Man Woodruff used to say, "This was caveman style marriage." **Shík^wol** means "to drag" and it refers to a tradition among members of the Quileute **Tłók^wali**, the warrior society. If the girl wasn't agreeable to marry or the girl's family didn't agree to the union, the warrior suitor would simply wait until the object of his affections was out digging roots, or gathering firewood, and he would grab her and carry her off. The girl might escape. But at some point, if it was clear that the girl wasn't happy about being "wife-napped," the family would try to get her back. It could get violent.

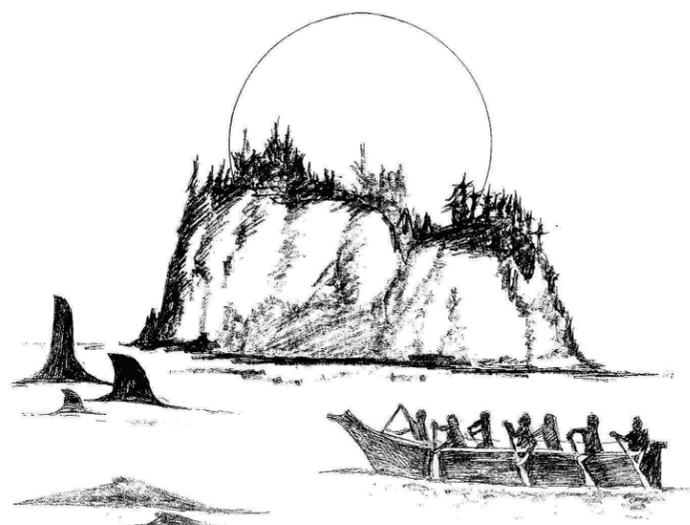
According to the knowledgeable old people that Leo Frachtenberg interviewed at La Push in 1916, those were the old tribal marriage customs. The current Quileute traditions started when missionaries, the Shaker movement, and the Whiteman arrived.

-Jay Powell
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The Quileute Tribal Schools hosts: Welcoming the Whales Ceremony

April 20th

Located on First Beach
More details coming soon. Look for
notices around the village.



Jackie Jacobs Reporting



Who are Scott and Adam?

I know most of you are already acquainted with Scott Braman and Adam Preskill. They have been around the reservation on a number of occasions since February of last year.

Scott and Adam visited La Push again in February 2011 to gather footage for a new video project. The goal of this project is to create two educational videos about the importance of the Quileute Tsunami legislation previously introduced by Congressman Norm Dicks. These videos will be posted online on multiple sites to educate the public on

the complexities of this issue.

They are creating an 8-10 minute video with a complete overview of the topic, and a 2-3 minute video designed as a summary of the issue and call to action for the public. Both videos will include interviews, footage of the land, maps, narration, music and still images as references.

But who are these guys? It is my pleasure to share with you information regarding Scott and Adam's professional experience and educational credentials.

Filmmaking partners Scott Braman and Adam Pre-

skill are indeed a "Dynamic Duo".

Scott is a Fulbright Scholar and award-winning filmmaker with over 10 years of experience working with indigenous and Native peoples around the world. Adam is a Harvard graduate, former journalist, and a veteran musician and composer with over five years of documentary film experience. Their most recent film, an hour-long documentary about surfers in Cuba entitled *Surfing With The Enemy*, was acquired by Polaris Global Media in late 2009 and is

scheduled for release in select theaters and on DVD in March 2010.

I hope this provides interesting insight regarding these two gentlemen. I will definitely keep everyone posted once the videos have been viewed and approved for posting. They will serve as very important tools in sharing a very significant message with the world about the safety and protection of the Quileute Tribe.

In Service,
Jackie Jacobs



Scott and Adam interviewed DeAnna Hobson for the documentary.

School Board held retreat at NWIFC Office in Forks



The Quileute Tribal School Board held a

retreat on February 23, 2011 at the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC) Coastal Office in Forks. NWIFC was very accommodating to our Tribal needs and allowed for the Quileute School Board retreat to take place in their meeting room. We very much appreciate the service they provide the Coastal Tribes. We were extremely pleased with a great turnout and very positive dialog pertaining to the Tribal School and children's needs.

Events that will be taking place in the near future; i.e., Welcoming of the Whale Ceremony, Elders' Week, Dedication of the Highway Veterans' Memo-

rial, Spring Break, Cultural Activities and much more. The Quileute Tribal School Board is very committed and focused on enhancing more learning activities, focusing on academics for the Tribal School and finding ways to obtain parent involvement.

A friendly reminder to all parents: you're the very first teacher in your children's lives. We encourage you to please lead by example. Show your children and grandchildren you care about their education, and support them by showing up for them during school functions, i.e. reading, math night, family night, and other special events.

The School Board is a very caring School Board. We have much compassion and want to see all the chil-

dren graduate and succeed in life. The concerns for our future generation are a priority! It is essential to support our education program. Thank you parents and School Board Members for your commitment to our children and Tribal School.

Respectfully,
Carol Hatch
Chairwoman
Quileute Tribal School
Board



Back Row: Carol Hatch, Bonita Cleveland, Rhonda Flores, and Frank Hanson. **Front Row:** Nellie Williams, Cathy Salazar, and Sharon Pullen

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Tsunami Public Forum to be held March 8th

A Tsunami Public Forum will be held on March 8th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Akalat.

Tsunamis are a series of very long waves generated by any rapid, large-scale disturbance of the sea. Most are generated by sea floor displacements from large under-sea earthquakes. Tsunamis

can cause great destruction and loss of life within minutes on shores near their source, and some tsunamis can cause destruction within hours across an entire ocean basin.

Most tsunamis occur in the Pacific region, but they are known to happen in every ocean and sea. Although infrequent, tsunamis are a signifi-

cant natural hazard with great destructive potential. They can only be dealt with effectively through programs of preparedness, mitigation, and education.

To learn more about tsunamis and tsunami preparedness, come to the public forum.

For additional information, please contact the Washington State Emergency Management at (253) 512-7067 or the Clallam County Emergency Management at (360) 417-2525.

Readiness to Learn consortium meeting held

Readiness To Learn (RTL) is a 17-year old program that has expanded to reach thousands of at-risk students and families in the state of Washington; it is part of Washington State's Education Reform. The purpose of the program is to reduce dropout rates and provide a broad range of services so every student is able to come to school ready to learn. Services include: tutoring and mentoring; transportation and financial support; mental health and substance abuse; food, clothing, housing and employment assistance; and much more.

Within the Quillayute Valley School District (QVSD), the RTL consortium is made up of representatives from QVSD and the Quileute Tribal School; Forks community; Quileute and Hoh communities; human services agencies; and the faith community. They were invited to generate ideas of potential solutions for bullying and harassment in QVSD and the communities. Several Quileute tribal members and employees attended the meeting.

The issues that were identified are:

- Parents report harassment of child to school. Unless the child reports it to a staff member, the school is unaware of it
- Self-esteem is an underlying cause of bullying and victimization.
- There were spikes in incidents late last year – are they gang-related?
- Address the parents who are modeling the bullying behavior in the home.
- Cultural differences can be underlying reasons for bullying.
- Three high school students described to the school board how relationships between cultures changed in a negative way between elementary school and high school.
- Cyber-bullying through cell phones and social networking sites is an issue.
- Alcohol and drugs is the predominant culture in the community and nearly every student has someone in their life that is affected by one or the other.

• It does not feel like QVSD respects the different cultures of the student body, because culture is not visible when walking through the school halls.

Possible solutions include:

- QVSD recently updated their harassment/bullying/intimidation policy. There will be training for all QVSD employees in the near future.
- Forks Abuse Program is interested in partnering with the school district to provide prevention education and social-emotional development.
- Students need to be empowered to communicate effectively.
- Strengthening Families curriculum is available, with several people trained to present it.
- Teen Truth Live www.teentruthlive.com is a group Quileute Youth & Family Intervention Program is bringing in to work with youth on substance abuse issues, but they also deal with bullying. Perhaps it can be extended to QVSD.
- A series of articles can be featured in the Forks Forum and *The Talking Raven*, as well as radio spots read by students.
- Invite student leaders from

the middle schools and high schools, including POSSE (Positive Ongoing Social Skills Education) students and students who are bullies to participate in future discussions and help generate ideas. Offer as senior project to juniors.

- Teach cultural respect starting at a young age.
- Involve parents.
- City of Forks is willing to work with the school district and community. One example - providing officers on campus to interact with students.
- Have students generate a "safe adults" list consisting of school staff, family members, neighbors and friends.

To be able to reduce harassment and bullying incidents, it is going to require a collaborative effort from not only consortium members, but from families and communities. A committee will be formed to explore the best options. Please contact Sandra Heinrich at sandra.heinrich@qvschools.org or 374-6262 ext. 256 if you would like to be a committee member.

The next consortium meeting will be held at 3:30 pm on Monday, March 7th at the Forks Middle School Library.

Higher Education

Thanks to the generous support from Quileute Tribal Council, the number of registered Quileutes enrolled in Higher Education continues to break records. It's never too late to continue your education.

The longest and hardest part about applying for the Quileute Tribal Scholarship is the Financial Aid requirement. FAFSA can be done now for the 2011-2012 Academic Year. For priority consideration, this should be completed by March 31st. It must be done once a year, every year for all full-time students.

If you think higher education isn't for you, or full-time is simply not possible, then there are other options. Don't eliminate the possibility of taking one class at a time to get your feet wet. Peninsula College courses in Forks are offered in the afternoons and GED preparation is offered yearlong as well.

There are 3 GED options available to community members:

QTS High School Lab with Darren Greeno from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call (360) 640-0065.

Parenting Room at Head Star with Sue Zalokar from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Call (360) 374-0390.

Peninsula College Extension Site in Forks with Jennifer Roberts from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 2:40 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Call (360) 374-9281.

My door is always open for anyone seeking information about their pursuits in education. My office hours are now 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday – Friday. My phone number is (360) 374-5657 and e-mail is victor.velazquez@quileutenation.org.

Victor Velazquez
Quileute Tribal School
Director of Vocational & Higher Education

Schumack elected FMS Vice President



Jeffrey Schumack, a 6th grader at Forks Middle School, was recently

elected as the Associated Student Body (ASB) Vice President for the 2011-2012 school year. Jeffrey explained that this is a learning year where he will attend all ASB meetings so he will be prepared to serve on the ASB next year.

In his election speech, Jeffrey listed the qualities he possesses—such as being a great listener and also having the ability to help others—in order to persuade classmates

to vote for him.

As Vice President, Jeffrey will be helping plan assemblies, and he hopes to make the school a better place.

In order to serve on the ASB, students must pass all their classes and can receive no more than two disciplinary referrals to "Dugout." Besides serving on ASB, Jeffrey is actively involved in FMS as the 6th grade Class President; he also plays football and basketball. When asked who his heroes are, he replied, "My heroes are my mom, my step dad, and Kobe Bryant."

The *Other* Counselor's Corner



In the last issue of the *Bayak*, Kevin McCall wrote about the pain he was feeling with the recent

death of his father. At the same time of Kevin's loss, the Quileute community mourned the passing of a revered elder. It is during these times that I am reminded that grief, loss and sadness are universal human emotions. I am also reminded that multiple, unresolved losses put people at high risk for depression.

In my line of work, I have often been asked: "Why does it hurt so much when a loved one dies?" Well, there's not an easy answer for that, but there are some things to consider.

There are people who specialize in loss and grief, such as Dr. Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, who is famous for identifying what are called the Five Stages of Grief. The first stage is DENIAL – "This isn't happening! This can't be happening to me!" Sometimes this comes with a sense of shock, and people can be initially paralyzed when they hear the news. The second stage is ANGER – sometimes this stage is an emotional out-

pouring of "Why me? Why my family? Who can I blame for this?" The third stage is BARGAINING – an example is someone who says: "God! Take me instead!" The fourth stage is DEPRESSION – "I miss my loved one. What's the point of going on?" The fifth stage is ACCEPTANCE – "I can't change this, but maybe I can find my way through it." Kübler-Ross said these steps or stages do not always come in order, nor are all of these experienced by everybody. But she does believe a person will always experience at least two of the above stages. Sometimes there is a "roller coaster" effect where you go back-and-forth between stages before eventually working through the grief.

Another thing that makes grief so difficult is that our losses in life are not a neat, clean series of independent events. Rather, it's a cumulative thing. Our losses build up inside us. They stack on top of each other. This means that every time a loved one dies, we are flooded with memories and images of previous losses. So it's not just a single loss that we're grieving – it's now really two, four, six (or more!) losses that are all combined together!

If you or a loved one is dealing with grief, remember that this is a highly personal process. Not everybody grieves

at the same time or in the same way. This is particularly true with children!

I'm not sure about this, but I suspect that grief and loss is more intense in a Native community such as La Push. In part, this is because the connections with family, extended family, and community are stronger. Consequently, the sense of loss is magnified!

But I also suspect the opportunity for healing is greater down here in La Push for some or the very same rea-

sons! In your families, in your churches, and in your community Drum Circle you have wonderful opportunities for the support, presence and prayers of many people – all working to help you gain strength, wisdom and guidance. This is a powerful thing! So don't be afraid to seek out this support! And, certainly, don't be afraid to accept it...

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Letter from the Senior Center

Hello to everyone from the staff at the Quileute Seniors Program. We hope that you all are safe and staying warm during our bizarre weather we have been having! Just a little update on the upcoming events at the Quileute Senior Program:

- First and foremost, we would like to welcome aboard Denise Graham, who is our newly hired Human Services Director. We are so thankful that this position has finally been filled. We are all looking forward to working and collaborating on ideas with her.

- In February we had started a new idea with our Senior Meal Menus. At our last senior meeting we had everyone who had attended write down what meal that they would like to have on the menu. We informed our seniors who have their meals delivered to them, and asked them to do the same. Everyone had given two requests. We then put the meals on the menu, with their name under whichever meal that they had suggested. This seems to be working great, and it is also another opportunity to give us cooks some more fresh ideas. So thank you, seniors who have helped out with this, and please keep the suggestions coming! Just a reminder, if you didn't see your request on the February menu, then you will most definitely be on the March menu.

- We are having another senior monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 30th at 3 p.m. Please come and share some of your ideas or any of your concerns that you may have.

- Nutrition meeting with the nutritionist will be Tuesday, March 22nd at 11 a.m. We will still be eating at our regular time on this day.

Family/Senior BINGO will be on Friday March 11th @ 12 sharp! This is a great opportunity for moms, dads, aunts, uncles, grandmas, grandpas, and seniors to all come and play BINGO with the kids and win some great prizes. This is

our third year that TANF has funded this event for us, and we all are so thankful. We always have such a FUN time, and Mrs. Crippen does an amazing job. So thank you.

Now for a couple of reminders:

- For all of the home deliveries, if you are aware that you are not going to be home at the time that we deliver, then we would very much appreciate if you could give us a phone call, letting us know: 374-6040.

- For any dog owners, please keep your dog on a leash or in your home when we are delivering. We want to make sure that our ladies are safe whenever they are approaching your home.

- PLEASE RETURN ANY OF THE BLUE CONTAINERS THAT BELONG TO THE SENIOR PROGRAM. We have been missing a lot of them, and would sure like to use them again, so if you could take a look to see if you may still have one, it would be appreciated.

Thank you to the Quileute Wildlife Enforcement for the generosity of supplying our program with the elk, and to the Tribal Council for the purchasing of the butchering. Thank to the Fish Hatchery staff for always thinking of us whenever you have fish to donate. A big thank you to Billy Brux for coming in at a split second and cutting up our deer for us!

If anyone would like to donate any cultural foods for our seniors, e.g. fish, crab, elk, deer, oysters, Indian tea, anything, we would gladly accept it!

The Senior Program is no longer doing wood deliveries, but you can refer to the Human Services Building and ask for Darren.

So from us here at the Senior Program; Lisa, Kristi, and Heather would like to wish you a very happy March!

-Heather Schumack

Smokey Bear visits Head Start classrooms



Smokey Bear visited the Head Start classrooms on Thursday, February 10th. A representative for Smokey Bear talked to the children about the importance of fire safety. After the short lesson, the students met Smokey Bear and took some pictures with him.

Quileute wrestlers worked hard to make it to Regionals



Regionals were held on February 12th at Elma, WA. Here are pictures of James Salazar and Stephen Smith from other tournaments, on their road to Regionals. The Tribe is proud of them for their hard work and dedication!

Left: Sophomore James Salazar placed 3rd at a tournament in Bainbridge Island.

Right: Freshman Stephen Smith is "locking up" with another wrestler at a tournament in Raymond.

Assembly of God News

On February 13th, the La Push Assembly of God held a youth outreach activity for Valentine's Day. They had story time, songs, cookie-decorating and card-making. At the end of the day, the youth received gift-filled shoeboxes that were donated by children from other communities. This gift program is called the Shoebox Project, and it originates from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

The American Indian Fellowship was also recently hosted at the La Push Assem-

bly of God on February 12th. Other churches were invited to La Push for a service starting at noon. Pastor Jim Chase was the guest speaker. Approximately 90 people packed the church. Pastor George Kallappa thanks all the volunteers who made these events successful.

The next fellowship will be held in Skokomish on March 12th.

The Assembly of God thanks Tribal Council for being so supportive.



Tahahawat Sablan and Damon Jones-Smith participated in the Shoebox Project that the Assembly of God hosted.

QVSD Scholarship Auction set for March 19th and 20th

The Quillayute Valley Scholarship Auction will be held on Saturday, March 19th from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, March 20th from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Bank of America building, 481 S. Forks Ave, in Forks, WA.

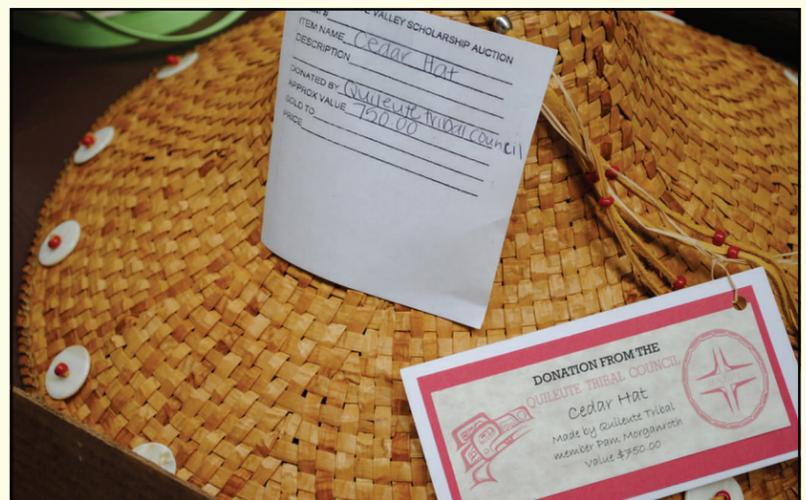
Every year, the senior class organizes the auction, with the help of community volunteers, to raise money for scholarships. Last year's class raised over \$69,000.

There will be several ways to bid on auction items. You can bid in person at the Bank of Amer-

ica, listen to the auction on the radio and call in, or bid on items on the Facebook page, "Quillayute Auction."

To make a donation, contact any Forks High School senior, or call Brigitte Paul at (360) 640-8830, Taylor Morris at (360) 640-8693, or Brian Santman at (360) 640-4579.

Students who graduate from Forks High School, Forks Alternative School, and Quileute Tribal School may apply for these scholarships.



Last year, Quileute Tribal Council donated many items to the QVSD Scholarship Auction, including this cedar hat made by Pam Morganroth.

Meet the new employees



My name is **Vernon Robert Black**, but you can call me Vern. I was hired at Oceanside Resort as a Mainte-

nance worker. I previously worked here before I left the reservation in 1991. I have also worked at Muckleshoot, Emerald Queen Casino, the Puyallup Bingo Palace, some warehouse jobs, and I also filled in as a temporary employee at the Quileute Marina for several

months.

I graduated the 8th grade from the Quileute Tribal School, and I graduated from Forks High School in 1989. In my free time, I like to play basketball and fix cars. This month I even shot my first elk! I

have two children, Jady and Jydee, who live in Tacoma and I love spending time with them during their winter and summer vacations.

My name is **Denise Graham** and I am very honored to be the Quileute Human Services Director.

I grew up in Memphis, TN and originally came to Forks via the Coast Guard; I was stationed at the U.S. Coast Guard Station Quillayute River from 1992-1994 where I was the only female operational

search and rescue crew member. After serving in La Push, I was at Air Station Astoria in 1995. When I finished my service, I continued with my education at Washington State University and received my Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences with an emphasis in Women's studies, and I received my Master's De-

gree in Human Services with a Graduate Certification in Public Administration from Indiana State University.

I want all those who come into Human Services to feel welcome and receive whatever help they may need—whether it is a cup of coffee, a warm smile, or something more substantial.

My goal is to respond to all expectations of the Quileute Tribal Council; of Bill Peach, the Executive Director; of staff; and especially of community members. I hope that people will come and meet me at my office where we can sit and chat over a cup of coffee.

Hi, my name is **Nola Woodruff**. I was recently hired as a housekeeper at Oceanside Resort, and I love working here because I get to interact with the guests. I also like having Nathan LaPlante as a manager—he's an excellent boss that knows when to be serious and when to make jokes. My goal in this posi-

tion is to make the workplace a friendly atmosphere, and keep the resort clean. After all, this place is *our* resort, and it is one of the most beautiful places; it needs to be respected.

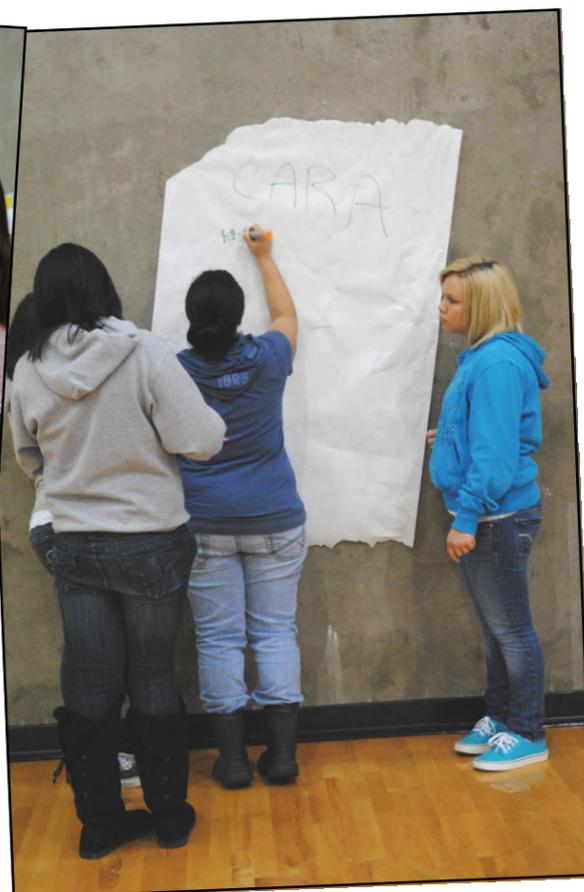
I went to school in Forks, and ended up getting my GED. I continued on to Bates Technical College in

Tacoma where I studied computers and secretarial work. I've held plenty of jobs, from a cashier at the store to the court clerk. You name it, I've probably done it.

I enjoy going to church at the La Push Assembly of God. My family and friends mean every-

thing to me. I enjoy spending time with my kids and my grandkids, and I'm really thankful for my friendships with Nellie Williams, Bonita Cleveland, and Carol Hatch. They keep me on a straight arrow.

Tribal school students walk "In Their Shoes"



Middle school and high school students participated in a New Beginnings activity, called "In Their Shoes." They were divided into groups, and each group was assigned a character that was the victim of an abusive relationship. The students received an introduction to their character and were required to visit different stations, read cards, make decisions, and see the results of those decisions. The purpose of "In Their Shoes" was to show unhealthy relations and their effects. After the activity, each group held a discussion on the warning signs of an unhealthy relationship and resources available.

Happy Birthday to Enrolled Quileute Tribal Members

March Birthdays:

Michael Estrada	1	Laura Wayne	11	Susan Penn	21
Carlos Soto		Randy Eastman Jr.		Rae Lynn Martinez	
Keishaun Ramsey	2	Douglas Wiedemeier Jr.		Vincent Rosander Jr.	
Leo Williams	3	Jai Levitt-Ward		Beau Lawrence	
Allen Black		Delores Woodruff	12	Fawn Gabales	22
Donald Black		Catherine Ceja-Cisneros		Jordan Davis-Jackson	
Jasmine Wallace		Joshua Penn		Douglas Pullen Sr.	23
Joe Moore Jr.	4	Violet Williams		Beronica Galeana-Penn	
Harold Jefferson		Javier Roldan-Schmitt		Candra Baker	24
Jonah Black		Theo Penn	13	Suzanna Black	
Madison Burnside		Walter Jackson	14	Sheila Harrison	
Deanna Hobson	5	Jacqueline Connell		Brandi Story	
Edwin Poulin		Erik Sovde		Leilani Eastman	
Andria James		Cordell Black-Stillwell		Michael Stewart	27
Zoe Zimmerman		Roy Black Jr.	15	Elizabeth Satiacum	28
Rosita Matson	7	Philip Ward Jr.		Patricia Ward	
Henry Morganroth Jr.		Kali Martinez		Eva Sanchez	
Felisha Jackson		Odin Zimmerman		Ronald Eastman	
Roland Black	8	Janice Smith	16	Ezekiel Gaddie	
Rieda Van Volkenburg		Jacob Smith		Sarah Burnside	30
James Richeson-Penn		Miranda Jackson-Ward	17	Bertha Wallerstedt	31
Hailey Larkin		Crysania Morganroth	18	Jason Lawrence	
Serena lotte	9	Rio Foster		Keith Penn	
Angeline Baker		Ashlynn Jones	18		
Logan Hatch		Doneen Penn	19		
Pamela Morganroth	10	Thomas Baker Jr.			
Darrin Rosander		Donald Colfax			

Basketball Tournament Action from February 26th



1. Willie Hatch shoots a free throw during the Bob Ward Memorial Tournament.

2. Elwha and Skokomish jump for possession of the ball.

3. Michelle Ward ran the scoreboard while Sarah Cobberly kept the stats.



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

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