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A Quileute Newsletter



President Obama signed Quileute Tsunami and Flood Protection bill

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President Barack Obama signed H.R. 1162 Quileute Tsunami and Flood Protection legislation on February 27, 2012. Quileute Tribal Council Chairman Tony Foster departed that same day for Washington, DC. During his visit, Chairman Foster met with the Department of Interior, the National Park Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to discuss implementation of the legislation and ways to accelerate the relocation of the tribe to higher ground.

The land legislation bill allocates higher ground to the tribe in order for the Quileute to move the tribal school, senior center, administrative offices, and residences out of the tsunami zone. Thank you goes out to Representative Norm Dicks and Senator Maria Cantwell, Karen Gustin of the Olympic National Park, and all those who submitted documents of support.

In the last month, the land legislation has been of much focus. It passed 381-7 in the House of Representatives on February 6, 2012 and unanimously in the Senate on February 13, 2012. Council Member Chas Woodruff said, "Nobody expected this to

happen so quickly. It generally takes quite a long time to go from the House to the Senate."

Secretary Naomi Jacobson explained her reaction when she first heard about the passage of the legislation in the Senate. "Chas, DeAnna and I were at the ATNI [Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians] conference. It was very exciting. We were getting emails from Attorney Buzz Bailey and text messages from the Chairman, with the historic news that decades of hard work put forth by our tribal leaders has paid off." While at the conference, Vice Chair Hobson made a speech to the rest of the tribal leaders, sharing that the Quileute legislation just passed and the next step would be at the presidential level. Vice Chair Hobson said she cried. "It was really emotional. All of a sudden, flashes of people came to my mind, people who were all involved."

Speaking on the passage of the legislation, Chairman Foster said, "It wasn't just this council that did it. We aren't the only players. We would also like to recognize previous chairs and councils for their hard work and dedication." The support

from Representative Norm Dicks and Senator Maria Cantwell was also essential. They introduced the Quileute land bills and pushed them through Congress. Treasurer Lonnie Foster noted that the "Twilight" phenomenon was also of importance to the Quileute Tribe, having the support from "Twilight" fans all over the world. In addition, the media coverage and the documentary depicting the tribe's situation also played a major role in the legislation's passage. Chairman Foster added, "There are so many people that made this happen that it would be hard to list every person."

Council expressed their interest in holding an appreciation dinner in the near future—appreciation for past council members and Executive Directors, dignitaries and agencies who supported the tribe, and especially community members.

A resolution was passed by the council to support a Planning Committee, which will be organized by Russ Woodruff and Bert Black. Their goal is to develop a tribal planning process for the community and projects, with both short-term and long-term goals, that will

include moving the lower village structures out of the tsunami zone. Meetings will be open to the public. Look for future notices. A Strategic Planning Meeting has also been set for March 6-8, 2012 at the Akalat from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., which will be led by facilitator Clayton Small, Ph.D. Everyone is encouraged to attend these meetings.

Interim Executive Director Larry Burtness added that ever since the House and Senate passed the legislation, contractors and companies have been calling the tribe. Burtness said, "I've started building a file of potential contractors. It's good that we're getting that kind of contact. We'll have a strong pool of architects, engineering companies, and more. It's competitive."

Chairman Foster added, "As far as the land goes, there's going to be a lot of analysis and looking at the layout of the land. It's not going to be an overnight thing. That's going to take a lot of time to get the components working together."

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



An aerial shot of the lower village in La Push.

From Council Chambers



Since the newly elected members, Naomi Jacobson and Chas Woodruff, were inducted into council on January 26, 2012, Quileute Tribal Council has been extremely busy. The Council reorganized as follows:

Tony Foster, Chairman
DeAnna Hobson, Vice Chair
Naomi Jacobson, Secretary
Lonnie Foster, Treasurer
Chas Woodruff, Council Member

Thank you goes to outgoing Chairwoman Bonita Cleveland and Treasurer Carol Hatch for your years of service to the tribe. The tribe would not be where it is today without all your hard work. Council wishes you well in your endeavors.

Since the reorganization, tribal council has concentrated on H.R. 1162 Quileute Tsunami and Flood Protection legislation, which passed in the House of Representatives and the Senate and was signed by President Obama on February 27, 2012. The work on this

legislation has been ongoing for decades, so this is a historic moment for the tribe. The next step for the tribe is to begin planning and prioritizing in order to move the tribal school, senior center, administrative offices and residences out of the tsunami zone. (For more information on the land legislation, read the front page article, "President Obama signed Quileute Tsunami and Flood Protection bill.")

Vice Chairwoman Hobson said, "The current tribal council has been trying to get back on track with council business by meeting on a regular basis." Council plans to meet every Thursday at the Tribal Office to conduct general business, though they have been meeting more than once a week as needed. In order to get on the council agenda, the deadline to submit a request is 12 p.m. on Mondays to the Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary can be reached at (360) 374-7413. These meetings are also open to Qui-

leute tribal members, with the exception of when council goes into Executive Session.

Secretary Jacobson explained, "We've also really been focusing our attention on addressing policy and procedure and being consistent." It is imperative to tribal business that the chain of command is followed.

Council appointed grants writer Larry Burtness as Interim Executive Director until the tribe can complete the hiring process of filling the position of Executive Director. Burtness has initiated the replacement of the fuel dock in the marina; he is monitoring the erosion of the jetty, which is an ongoing project with the Army Corps of Engineers; and he has also applied and gained access to the GSA Excess Property System. Through this system, the tribe can requisition and select materials and goods from the federal government that are surplus and are no longer needed. Items include office equipment, furni-

ture, heavy machinery, and more. If no agency or tribe applies, then the items go to auction for the general public. So far through this program the Quileute Tribe has accrued a cargo truck and trailer, several tents for emergency shelters, a field kitchen that can provide food service for several hundred people, and other miscellaneous items. This is very beneficial to the tribe, because the only cost the tribe accumulates is in transporting the goods back to La Push. Burtness reported, "Even in the last few weeks, the material we've requisitioned is in the neighborhood of \$300,000."

Council members Hobson, Jacobson and Woodruff attended the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians conference. Secretary Jacobson said, "For me, it was learning about tribal issues all over the northwest and how we can work together in a larger unit to be stronger and make things happen in our tribal communities." Councilmember Woodruff explained that it was very beneficial, especially for himself and Secretary Jacobson because they are new to council, to see the various tribal issues, to network with other leaders, and to experience what tribal leadership conferences are about.

Tribal Council would like community members to know that they have an open door policy. They want to hear questions and concerns from everybody, so feel free to stop by the Tribal Office to voice those concerns. "After all," Treasurer Foster added, "we want to be positive and have a positive outcome in what we do."

Strategic Planning Meeting

March 6th—8th
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Akalat

Facilitator Clayton Small, Ph.D., will help guide the Quileute leadership and community in a positive direction, to address the needs in order to move Quileute programs and tribal enterprises forward.

Any youth, elders and other community members are welcome to attend and help develop short-term and long-term goals for the Quileute community.

The Quarterly Informational Meeting

is tentatively set for the end of April. Please look for future notices.

Department Updates

Quileute Natural Resources

Fish Committee elections will be held March 8th at QNR from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Four seats on the committee are open, which are two-year terms. If you are interested in running for a seat, you may sign up at QNR, Lonesome Creek Store, Tribal Office, Marina, Clinic, and Post Office. The lists will be collected by 12 p.m. on March 7th.

Law Enforcement

Law Enforcement, both civil and Fish and Wildlife, went through training for a

new in-car video and computer system. Chief Bill Lyon and Chief Tony Foster would like to advise the community that with the new system, the majority of incidents officers respond to will be recorded both visually and audibly.

During the February Leadership Meeting, the La Push Police Department received requests to start enforcing handicap parking and the loose dog ordinance. LPPD has responded and started fining people who break these laws.

Fines for parking in a handicap parking spot without a permit are up to \$250. According to the loose dog ordinance, a pet owner may be criminally cited and fined.

Message from Chief Lyon:

On behalf of the La Push Police Department, I would like to take the opportunity to thank a handful of community members for their personal assistance they provided to me and the department on January 24, 2012 during a foot pursuit on a possible burglary suspect on First Beach.

My personal thanks go out to the following people for going above and beyond their responsibility of a citizen to help an officer in need:

Chas Woodruff
Tyler Woodruff
Reggie King
Nola Woodruff
Jimmy Williams

The assistance you provided proves that we do not tolerate criminal activities in La Push and that the community and police department are working together to make La Push a safe place to live, visit and work at.

Fish & Wildlife Enforcement

Those interested in a Hunters Safety Course, please contact Officer Morris Jacobson with a list of dates that work for you. You can reach him at the Front Desk, (360) 374-2247.

Hunters, be sure to turn your deer and elk tags into Quileute Natural Resources. The season ended February 29th.



Fire Department

The La Push Fire Department recently received a new fire truck from the Sequim Fire Department. LPPD now has two fire trucks and a brush truck.

Health Clinic

Those interested in being seen at the next eye clinic, please contact Destiny Belford at (360) 374-4058. Before the next eye clinic can be scheduled, 40 patients need to sign up.

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New look at Lonesome Creek



Lonesome Creek Store Manager Cathy Smith has installed a display case to show off local artwork for sale as well as a new deli case with healthy food options.

QUILEUTE DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP WELCOMES YOU

ANYONE and EVERYONE who has an interest in diabetes, please come check us out when you get a chance!
Call the clinic at (360) 374-9035 to find out about upcoming meetings.

Personnel Department: Job Listings

Elder/Youth “Healthy Relationships” Mentoring Program Coordinator at Quileute Tribe New Beginnings, opened February 17, 2012 and closes March 8, 2012. **Salary:** \$15.00-\$18.00 an hour DOE. This full-time position, funded by the Office on Violence Against Women’s Coordinated Response Grant through September 30, 2013, will act on behalf of and in support of the Quileute Tribe’s New Beginnings Program and is responsible for organizing traditional and culturally relevant activities between tribal elders and youth that will serve as an opportunity for elders to work with youth on fostering healthy relationships and reducing incidents of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and elder abuse.

Temp Hatchery Laborer/WWIETP at Quileute Natural Resources, opened February 16, 2012 and closes March 5, 2012. **Salary:** \$9.04-\$11.50 an hour. Position duration: March 19, 2012-July 13,

2012. Temporary hatchery laborer will assist hatchery personnel with routine hatchery duties. Tasks will include: feeding fish, cleaning rearing units, pressure washing rearing units, cleaning incubator trays and maintaining lawns. Eligibility is determined only at the Quileute WIA office once all required paperwork is completed. Participants must be Native American, Native Alaskan or Native Hawaiian. Participants must be either unemployed, under employed, or economically disadvantaged.

Temp Office Assistant/WWIETP at Quileute Head Start, opened February 16, 2012 and closes February 29, 2012 *or until filled*. **Salary:** \$9.04-\$10.85 an hour DOQ/E. Duties include: greeting visitors and parents, answering phones and directing calls, handling mail and faxes, completing data-entry tasks, typing meeting minutes, attending workshops and training, and more. Eligibility is determined only at the Quileute WIA office once all

required paperwork is completed. Participants must be Native American, Native Alaskan or Native Hawaiian. Participants must be either unemployed, under employed, or economically disadvantaged.

Head Start Director at Quileute Head Start, opened February 16, 2012 and closes February 29, 2012 *or until filled*. **Salary:** \$23.00-\$25.00 an hour DOQ/E. Duties include: completing all grant applications, supervising and evaluating all Head Start employees, planning and leading weekly staff meetings, attending workshops and training, ensuring compliance with federal regulations, working closely with Tribal Council and Policy Council, and more.

Health/Family Services Manager at Quileute Head Start, opened February 16, 2012 and closes February 29, 2012 *or until filled*. **Salary:** \$14.00-\$16.00 an hour. Duties include: obtaining and maintaining records of students’ health history, scheduling and assisting all

screenings (hearing, vision, dental, etc.), evaluating all health information, assisting families with locating resources, coordinating Parent Committee meetings, and much more.

Housekeeper I Temp Seasonal at Quileute Oceanside Resort, opened February 16, 2012 and closed February 29, 2012.

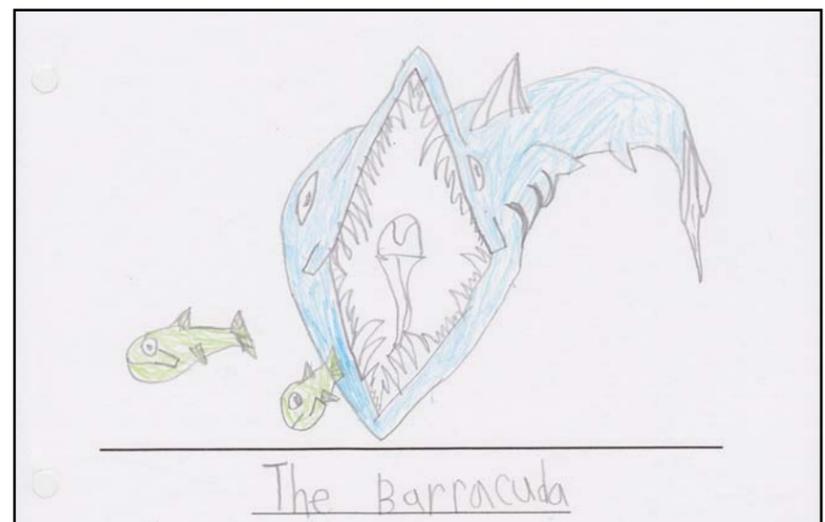
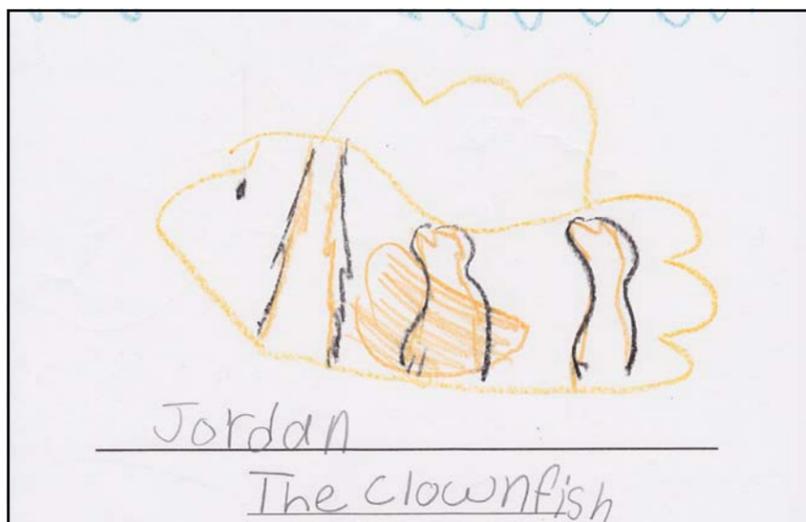
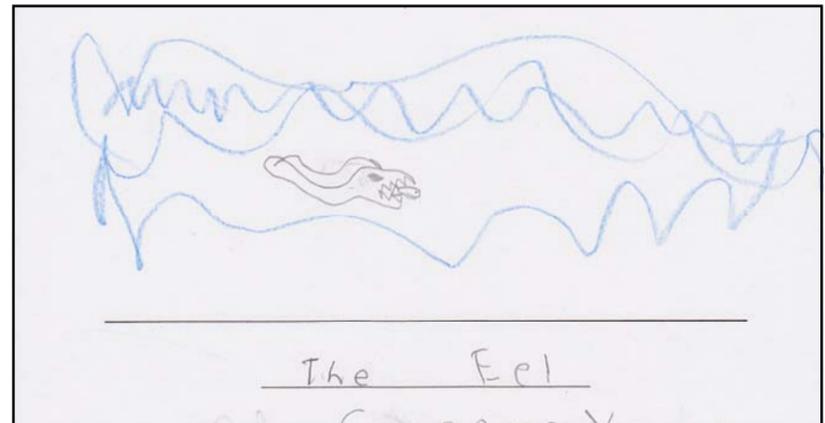
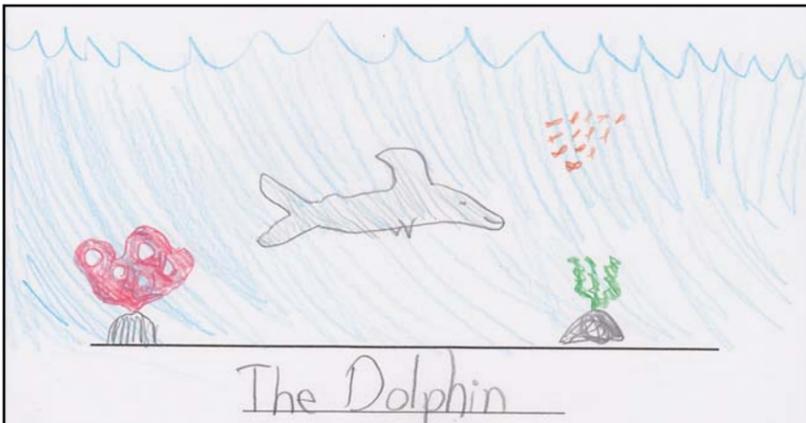
Customer Service Representatives at Quileute Oceanside Resort, opened February 16, 2012 and closed February 29, 2012.

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 quileutenation.org/employment/job-openings or contact the Personnel Department at (360) 374-4366.

Spotlight on Student Artwork

Mrs. Baisley’s Reading Class has been researching ocean life. Our walls are getting covered with pictures of sea life that we study and then draw. We pick a sea creature that we are interested in and then we research the images and interesting facts about it on the computer. We then draw and write about it and put it in our ocean binders. After spring vacation, we will be inviting parents and family to come to our room to share our many projects. -Mrs. Baisley



The **dolphin** eats fish. The dolphin wishes it can eat fish all the time. The dolphin plays with the shells. Dolphins like to play and jump and whistle and splash. Dolphins like to have fun! By Damon

There are many types of **eels**. Eels eat fish and octopus. Eels live in caves and under rocks. By Lance

The **clownfish** is orange and black and white. They like to hide in anemones. They eat shrimp, algae and marine worms. They are also called anemonefish. Some clownfish are pink. By Jordan

The **barracuda** likes to eat fish. Sometimes they eat squid and shrimp. They hunt near the coral reef and sometimes in the deep ocean. They are one of the best and oldest predators. By Lloyd

What is "Youth and Family" for anyway?

By: Youth and Family Intervention

In response to community needs, the Quileute Youth & Family Intervention Program began five years ago and is administered through the TANF Department. Currently staffed by Tara Newman and Casey Keith, 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 improved over time. In response to the trips one high school student writes, "When we took the trips with Casey and Tara, and when we went to the colleges it helped me plan out my future. My mothers and aunties give me opportunities and said it would help me to go to college even though no one in my family has ever been to college."

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 Casey or Tara 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.

In addition to the events that have been around for the duration of the past five years, some recent additions are Girls Dinner and Boys Events. These activities provide a time for teenage boys and girls to connect with older mentors. Parent Advisory Committee is also a new addition to the program and is hoping 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 future.

We are looking forward to the next phase of the program, in hopes that our 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 Casey at 374-4349, or stop by their office located in the Human Services building.

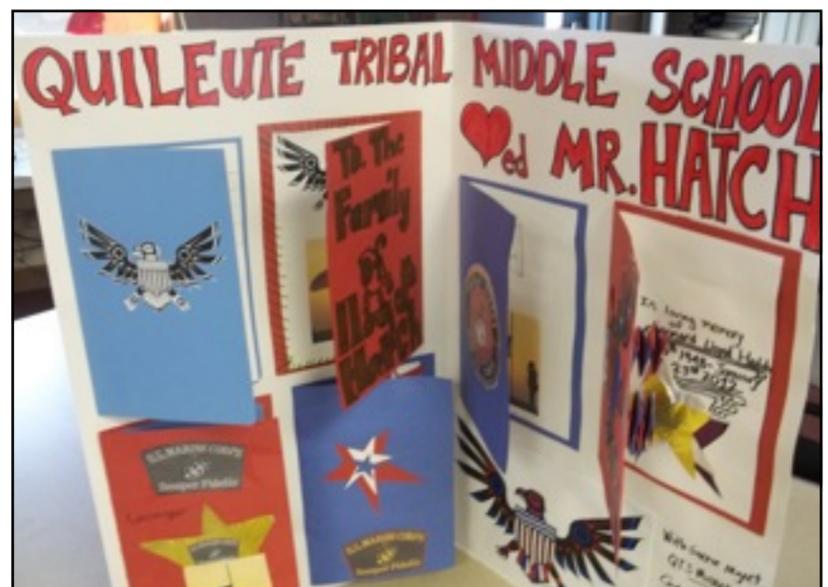
Middle school remembers and honors Mr. Hatch

The Quileute Middle School was deeply saddened to lose our good friend and leader, Lloyd Leonard Hatch, on January 23, 2012, only two days before his birthday. We know Mr. Hatch was a Marine, a Vietnam veteran, and a twenty-nine-year Tribal School employee. Madison, Julia, Eli, Cordell, Cameron, and Johnathon were all immediately driven to honor our Bus Driver and QTS Director of Transportation, and our class created a beautiful, giant card pieced together with their individualism, our patriotism, and Keith Penn's magnificent American Eagle. Thanks go to our para-educator and resident artist, Keith Penn, for allowing us to use his eagle from QTS Veteran's Day.

On one of our trips to the gym, I asked about Mrs. Hatch, how they met, and how he got so lucky marrying such an important lady. He answered that he always thought she was the lucky one, but he laughed and admitted he might have been mistaken.

As a QTS teacher, I know I really appreciated Mr. Hatch's sense of integrity and duty. He was a tough guy, and he didn't fear raising his voice when school rules were broken. I liked that; in fact, I often bragged, "Well, Mr. Hatch never yelled at ME."

-Stacy Fournier



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



Jay Powell transforming into kwashkwash, Blue Jay.

Quileute traditional territory: the rivers – Sol Duc

K^wo^liyófilo fsiḱáti - k^wáya - Sólíhtak^w [quo-oh-lee-YO-tee-lo tsick-K!AH-tee, K!WAH-yuh, SO-lay-th-tuck]

This time of year, in the March moon, the oldtimers in La Push used to say, “**Dákiḱ, yash-ábáḱtiyat ókiḱ kwo^liyófilo fsiḱáti**” (Well, it’s fur seal hunting time here in Quileute land). And, thinking about that, I remember how often the old people mentioned the tribe’s territory as if it were the center of the world. They knew their territory well—the hunting spots, the gathering sites, the fishing grounds, the campsites and old village sites. And I decided that I’d like to do a series of articles for the Bayak newsletter on the culturally important places of Quileute traditional territory.

I’ll start with the rivers: the Sol Duc, Calawah, Bogachiel and Dickey, which merge, one after the other to form the **hibi-kátsit** [‘main Quileute River’], which is often simply called **k^wáya** [‘(fresh) water’]. Let’s get started with the **Sólíhtak^w**, the Sol Duc. The name’s spelled in lots of ways on maps (Solduc, Soleduck, etc.), all of which are attempts to write the Quileute name. Like a lot of Quileute place-names, we don’t know what the name means. Hal George said, “It’s just a name. Like my name. What does George mean?” If you check the Washington State reference books or Google it, you read that the Quileute name means “sparkling waters” or “magic waters” or that “it was named by Spanish explorers who combined the Spanish word for sun (sol) with the English word duct and got Sol Duc. Give me a break! **Báksti ho!** Which, of course, means “What a bunch of crap!”

But, really. Is it possible that many Quileute place-names can’t be translated? In fact, the answer is Yes! What happened is

that the name started to be used thousands of years ago and probably meant something in the old Chimacuan proto-language that Quileute and its extinct but recorded sister language Chimacum derived from. The name has continued to be used by Quileutes in unchanged form while Quileute changed over the generations so much that now the meaning of the name is no longer apparent. This will be true of many of the place-names that we mention. And there are a lot of them.

So, let’s get started. Oh, and if you want to hear the Quileute names pronounced, send me your email address and I’ll email you a sound file (see the end of the article). There were five villages along the Sol Duc: (1) at the junction of the Sol Duc and Bogachiel [**Bák^watit**, ‘people who live at the junction’, 2 houses belonged to **Hawiyádox^w** and then **Wíspo**]; (2) village at mile 8, name not known, one house with fishtrap across river, best fishing site on the river, belonged to Chief **Xaw-ishatá**]; (3) at mile 12 [**Ákḱ^wayit**, ‘people who live above the rocks’, one house at good fishing site, belonged to **Ix^watḱ^wáyo**, Conrad Williams; (4) at Shuwah [**Shóx^waḱ**, meaning not known, also called **Bólaḱ^wḱ**, ‘people who live at the turbulent water place’, 3 houses on the west shore, inherited by Suzie Morgenroth (b1870), birthplace of **Sixtis** Ward in 1859; (5) permanent village at the south shore of the Lake Creek, name not known, one house.

Besides these villages, there were campsites and canoe building camps. The most used of the camping areas was just below Sol Duc hot springs, called **Chachíyal** [‘making camp over and over again’]. Here large encampments happened for fishing and for picking and drying berries starting in late summer. And, of course, there was bathing in the hot springs, called **Si⁷bf⁷** [‘stinks’]. The old people called the water

libíti kátí [‘powerful medicine’] and drank it for stomach ailments, skin problems and sores, and spiritual imbalance. The Quileute story of the origin of the hot springs is called “The Border Monsters.”

According to the story, two monsters met and would meet and fight terrible battles at Boulder Peak, the border between Quileute and Elwha territory. Evenly matched, they laid waste to a vast area and wounded each other grievously, but neither ever killed the other. After the last such battle, both monsters limped home to their caves, walled themselves in, and cried over their wounds. The steaming hot tears of both have run out of their lairs and accumulated to make the Sol Duc and Olympic hot springs. The Quileutes call the monster whose tears make the Sol Duc hot springs **A⁷lákḱ**, ‘the monster who cries in the woods.’ And that’s the story of the origin of Sol Duc hot springs, as Pansy said her grandfather told it.

The old people considered that the 78 mile-long Sol Duc started above the hot springs at Sol Duc falls, called **kífta-tsíxa⁷**, ‘upstream falls’. A trail led from here into the Seven Lakes area and Quileute groups hunted above this point. According to Hal George, the Northeast Wind had his home along the North Fork of the Sol Duc in the foothills of Mr. Appleton. The story tells how **Dók^wis** the rabbit killed Old Man Northeast Wind, who froze people for fun, and the world has been warmer since. Accounts such as this may reflect Quileute mythic memory of ice age conditions.

Also “somewhere back past the Seven Lakes” was **Yálowatsiḱáti** [‘East wind’s house’]. According to Charlie Howatt, East Wind was cranky and lonely and lived by himself. He would regularly cause trouble, blowing over great trees and, at this time of year, blowing offshore and driving fur seal hunters in their canoes way out to sea. But, he could be calmed by someone promising to come and talk to him regularly, done by going to a high place and, looking toward the Olympics to tell East Wind the news.

The upper Sol Duc area was just full of interesting Quileute folklore characters. One time, Old Man Woodruff and I were driving up to the hot springs and just as we got to Alckee Creek, he said, “Stop right here! Leven P. Coe said that up Alckee Creek was **Ayáx^wositi** [‘the nest of Ayahos, an old man who changes into a big bird’]. Woody was disappointed that the old man didn’t show up and there were no condor-size birds visible in the trees. Oh, and by the way, ‘alckee’ is the Chinook word for “by and by, soon,” referring to the fact that one is almost to the hot springs. And that is a translation of the Quileute name, which is **Tsásili** [‘almost there’]. So, the current name is just a translation of

the Quileute name, eh.

Besides having many of the locations of the old stories, the Sol Duc has a modern history which relates to Quileute life, too. The old word for Goodman Creek is **X^wobák⁷ats** [‘turn somersaults’] because the river loops and zigzags there. It was here in June, 1903, that Chris Morgenroth I was assigned to “upgrade an existing Indian trail down the Soleduck valley to the settlement of Sappho.” His journal describes an “ancient much-beaten Quileute trail” that ran alongside the river. In fact, the upper Sol Duc was so rich in subsistence resources, that families would get plenty of fish and their elk and dry it all on racks while camping at the hot springs, and would pick berries in season, quantities of which were dried. So, when it came time to head back home, down the river, everyone would have to walk home since the canoes were too full for anyone but the steersman. That explains why there was such a well-beaten trail along the upper Sol Duc.

Geologists are interested in the Quileute story for the origin of Lake Crescent, which Quileutes call **fochoḱḱ⁷ok^wáat fḱóḱ^woḱ** [‘halfmoon lake’] and tell this story. At the time of beginnings, the area where the lake now stands was a flat meadow that regularly turned into a battlefield for skirmishes between the Elwhas and the Quileutes. Tiring of the noise and bloodshed of battle, one of the mountains ripped a great chunk off its chest and threw it down on the battlefield, killing the combatants and damming up the creek that drained the valley, so the water backed up and filled the valley. The story sometimes says it was Mt. Muller that threw the rock and other accounts say it was Stormking. Geologically, it seems apparent that the rock mass that caused the lake was a slab from Mt. Stormking that slid down. But, what is interesting is that Quileute tradition recalls that a prehistoric rock mass clogged the valley and caused the lake. Another trophy for Quileute folk history.

Well, we’ve only gotten partway down the **Sólíht^wak^w**. We’ll have to finish it next month, recalling the stories that are the history of Quileute traditional life along the great rivers of their territory.

Kwashkwash, Jay Powell

And, for anyone who would like to hear those Quileute words and placenames spoken in Quileute, just send me your email address and ask me to send you a sound file of the Sol Duc area placenames. You can either just listen to it or play it over and over until you’ve learned it. Sorry I can’t send it by Facebook. jayvpowell@hotmail.com

Family Literacy Program & GED Prep in La Push

By Michele Scouten

It is the middle of the Winter Quarter for Peninsula College and the Family Literacy Program here in La Push. We had a slow start in January as everyone recovered from the holidays and the snowstorm soon after. February has been a good month with improved attendance and some new faces. We currently have seven students enrolled in Family Literacy, up from five last quarter.

We continue to work together as a class on some activities with most work being done independently or with help from me when needed. We currently have four students studying for their GED, at least two of them hope to take more of their tests in the next month or so. The other three students currently enrolled in Family Literacy already have their high school diploma or GED. They hope to transition into college classes and work towards a degree in the near future.

The Family Literacy Program runs every Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Head Start

building, "House of Children," in La Push. We focus on academics the first three days of the week, and Thursday classes are taught by a parenting instructor, Eddie Bowlby, who focuses on parenting and literacy topics.

Students benefit from this program in a number of ways. They improve not only their basic academic skills, but grow to be more confident. They also gain skills to help their own children learn. A previous student of the program, Melinda James, who just re-joined Family Literacy this week, had an important message to share with the community about the program. She stated, "I believe that by having Family Literacy it helps each individual see that there are others out there that are going through similar situations to help support one another. I believe this is an outstanding program." This is yet another benefit of the program. Students learn that they are not alone and they can learn from one another, not just from the course material.

In addition to instruct-

ing the Family Literacy Program, I recently took over the evening GED Prep Class offered by the Quileute Tribe. This class is offered Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the old Head Start building. It currently contains the high school computer lab. I have worked in this setting for four weeks and have seen a total of five students, all of them focused on preparing for the GED test, specifically the subject of math. So far this class has primarily been one-on-one work with each student as they improve their math skills. All students have also been given a GED Academy online account, which allows them to study for their GED test anywhere they have computer access. This is a great tool for students since it allows them to be more flexible in their study time. There is also a built in method for teachers to track student hours and see their progress.

Both of these classes have been offered in La Push for a number of years; however, this is the first time one instructor has covered them both. This

is a great opportunity for anyone in or around the Forks or La Push area who would like to work on their GED or improve their basic skills. There are two options for classes to attend and one instructor to keep it all simple. Students may attend one or both classes and also work on GED Academy on their own, thus giving them a large amount of access to instruction and to study time.

If you are interested in one or both of these classes, feel free to drop by either of them or email me at msscouten@pencol.edu. Enrollment in the Family Literacy Program is open to any parent in the La Push or Forks area. Students will be enrolled in Peninsula College at no cost for those who are eligible. Enrollment in the evening GED class is open to anyone who needs to work toward earning their GED, you only need to be TANF eligible.

I encourage anyone who is interested in improving their education to come check out one or both of these programs as soon as possible. You can begin attending at any time.

Pictures from General Council 2012



1. Gene Harrison answers questions about the marina.
2. A young tribal member is tuckered out at the end of the second day of General Council.
3. Coast Guard personnel and Veteran James Hobucket performed the color guard at the beginning of General Council.
4. Ace Black had questions for Lonesome Creek Store Manager Cathy Smith.

Verizon Wireless Arrives in La Push



There's been a wave of exhilaration across the village now

that Verizon Wireless has finally activated the long-awaited cell tower. I'm sure many of us are already feeling closer to our "friends and family" than ever before.

On a personal note I am totally stoked that I am more readily accessible to those near and dear to me without having to be tied to a landline when I want to reach out for a friendly chat or two. How enjoyable it has already been to sit on first beach and share the surf with my dear father who is miles away. What a great way to combine two things I love so much.

On a professional note,

having a phone connected to my hip allows other providers with whom I often collaborate to reach me more easily. The nursing staff is now able to track me down with less effort to inform me of a patient's arrival or an urgent need when I'm away from my desk. I have more ready access to the latest medical information using the phone to access the Internet. And, as emergencies have arisen during the off hours, I now have a means to help patients keep in touch to inform me of their progress or concerns. I also hope that in time, having a cell phone will prove to be beneficial in meeting even more of our community's needs.

On the flip side (no pun intended for those of you with flip phones), I also worry about the impact that cell phones will have in our abilities to appreciate our lives in ways we did before the ser-

vice was implemented. I wonder how present we will be at drum group. Will we be too busy texting to hear the wisdom of our elders in the circle? Will we spend less quality time talking with and teaching our children? Will it be easier to let them play a game of 'Angry Birds' than to read them a book? Will we remember that the screen-time we want to replace with exercise also includes phone screen time? Will mobile radio drown out the birds' songs this spring? Will we miss the whales because we're too busy checking our messages?

Will we be too busy exploring our gadgets to enjoy interactions with real people? Will we remember that a face-to-face conversation is still the most effective means of sharing? I have faith that we will after all the newness settles and I know that I will be working on creating a balance be-

tween technology and reality in the coming months.

I hope to keep any phone interruptions during visits at a minimum and accept only those calls which directly impact patient care. I am committed to keeping my cell phone on vibrate while in the clinic and at community events in order to be truly present when we interact with each other. Perhaps you'll consider doing the same.

I invite you to share your opinions on how we can all use our phones to increase the quality of our lives and at the same time preserve the beauty of the communications we have had without them. Feel free to drop a note at the clinic or mention your ideas at our next visit.

Julia Davis

Tribal Council looking to appoint Pro-Tem Judges

The Quileute Tribal Council is searching for Tribal and community members who are interested in participating in the Quileute Tribal Court as a Judge Pro-Tem. Judges Pro-Tem are appointed by Council. Historically, Judges Pro-Tem have been called upon when the Chief Judge is unavailable for matters such as Temporary Restraining Orders, ICW Emergency Pick-Up Orders and on rare occasions, to hear arraign-

ments or pre-trial hearings. Article II Section 2.03 of the Quileute Law and Order Code sets forth the eligibility requirements and reads as follows:

"To be eligible to serve as a judge of the Quileute Tribal Court, a person must: (1) be over 18 years of age; (2) never have been convicted or found guilty of a felony or within one year last past of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude; and (3) be of high moral character

and physically sound. Preference in selection of judges shall be given to persons who are enrolled members of the Quileute Indian Tribe residing on the Quileute Indian Reservation."

You must also be familiar with the Quileute Law and Order Code and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Quileute Tribe of the Quileute Reservation.

If you meet the eligibility requirements and are interested in serving your fellow Tribal members in this capacity, please contact Charlene Meneely, Quileute Tribal Court Administrator at the Manpower building or by phone at (360) 374-4305 or by email at charlene.meneely@quileutenation.org for further information.



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www.nea.org/readacross



QTS celebrates "Read Across America Day"

On March 2, 2012, the Quileute Tribal School will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday and [Read Across America Day](#). Here are some of the activities we will have going on that afternoon:

There is a Dr. Seuss Movie being remade called [The Lorax](#), which is about the environment, so the theme this year is *Read for the Trees*. From 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. classes will take turns reading to the trees that are by the doors on the bottom floor of the school, weather permitting.

At 2:00 p.m. **everyone** in school will stop and read for 15 minutes.

At 2:30 p.m. we will have a Dr. Seuss birthday cup cake walk in the multipurpose room for grades K-2. Grades 3-4 are at 2:40 p.m., while grades 5-6 and 7-8 are at 2:50 p.m.

We invite parents, family, and community members to bring your favorite book and join us in the 15 minutes of reading at 2:00 p.m. on March 2nd. Tribal Council come on down!

If you would like to read a favorite children's book to your child's class, please contact the teacher.

Budgeting Class 2012 Schedule

February 1, 2012

March 1, 2012

April 2, 2012

May 1, 2012

June 1, 2012

July 2, 2012

August 2, 2012

September 4, 2012

October 1, 2012

November 1, 2012

December 3, 2012

Budgeting classes are held the first work day of every month from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the Tribal Office West Wing. Lunch is always provided!

I'm accidentally out of my medications...What should I do?

By Julia Davis

There are those occasions when medications are misplaced, damaged, or unfortunately even stolen. While it is not always easy to have them readily replaced, contacting your pharmacy or clinic is the first step to getting help with this issue. If you are out-of-town and without medications sometimes a local pharmacy may be able to help. It is important to remember that most insurance companies will not cover replacement meds, and that requesting a couple of days' medications can often save you money out-of-pocket. Another helpful hint is to keep several days worth of back-up meds in a location you can easily access, (such as an extra travel bag) especially when on

-the-road. Keeping meds in the glove-box is never a good idea as temperature and humidity changes can often be very destructive.

For controlled substances such as pain meds, unfortunately, there are virtually no means to replace them before your next prescription is due. This means it is super-important to keep them close at hand or in a secured place at all times. If these meds are stolen, a police report should be filed, and may be required by your provider before any future pain meds are prescribed.

Keeping a written medication list in your wallet is also a good idea and we can help you create this list if you need one.

15th Anniversary of USCG Motor Life Boat 44363 Crew

Photos by Cheryl Barth



1. Master Chief Scott Lowry speaks about the accident that occurred at Station Quillayute River on February 12, 1997, which took the lives of Petty Officer Second Class David Bosely, Petty Officer Third Class Matthew Schlimme and Seaman Clinton Miniken.
2. Current Station Quillayute River crew members laid a wreath at sea in honor of the three fallen crew members.
3. Quileute tribal members also sang a healing song in memory of those lost.

Counselor's Corner



I wish to congratulate, and in your traditions, "raise my hands," to the entire Quileute Tribe, its various

council leaders, and all the council members that had a part in the return of at least a few hundred acres of the hundreds of thousands of acres you once claimed as your hunting and fishing grounds. There is no way anyone or any country can make so many past wrongs right anymore. But with excellent efforts from your Quileute councils as far back as I have been here, (1998), and right up to and during your last Council's work pleading the cause in front of the Washington D.C.'s elected officials, I sincerely congratulate you.

I would like to now give my appreciation for the new tribal court. I think cases will be settled quicker and because of this my assessments will need to be done quicker too. Additionally, with having so many scheduled assessments for tribal organizations: ICW, Tribal Court, TANF, Clallam County Court, Quileutes that live elsewhere, employees with positive urinalysis tests, and any native that wants our services, (take a breath,) time to be out and about the village like once I was is not possible. We also often have appointments during the Drum Circle and sometimes up till 9 p.m. Enough of this blowing my own horn. Now to the subject.

It's heartbreaking to see and to know that some people will just not let go, not change. Mostly they blame everyone and everything except themselves. And although a few may say, "It's my own fault," they usually just say this to garner more pity. No, when a person really wants to get better, they become willing and they follow directions; their behaviors and their actions are quite different. Talk? Anyone can talk. Me too! And I feel guilty when my actions do not match my talk. Then I take action. Because if I don't my guilt tells me to eat a lot, or just give up and quit caring about others. Guilt is a selfishness cause.

So today, let's talk about relapse prevention. Why? We have several folks trying to stay clean and sober AND they are learning many of the tools and skills to do so. One is called our Mooring Lines. Just like a vessel at dock needs to be moored or tied with rope to the dock, folks trying to be *and stay* clean and

sober also need to be attached or moored. By this we mean the things that will keep a person focused on their recovery and not on their addiction. So what are these mooring lines? Sober/clean support meetings, Drum Circle participation (not just eating dinner), tight family support systems, attending and seriously participating in Outpatient and Relapse Prevention meetings, seeking all good jobs and not just jobs with folks that might encourage using and/or drinking, having and using mentors or Elders that are knowledgeable and full of wisdom, maintaining very good nutrition, good sleep, hygiene, keeping a daily schedule listing daily tasks, and finally, (take another breath), at least daily time to reflect on why this matters. Writing a gratitude list (things I'm grateful for and need in my life to stay clean and sober for), at the beginning of every day is a great way to start our day.

So what am I saying? I'm saying what the millions of folks that have recovered have come to this conclusion; To refuse to do what we are told to do to stay clean and sober and recover is exactly the same as saying, "I'm going to get loaded again and nobody is going to stop me, not you and least not myself!" So just like a ship with mooring lines that are too slack or not even tied to the piers on a dock, we wander off on a destructive journey, again and again and again. And all because we refuse to do what works. Not just talk, we refuse to take the actions. This whole recovery thing is an action program. Without your actions, recovery is 100% impossible. Behaviors MUST change.

Why refuse to do what works? That's the easiest to answer. It's because we are addicts and alcoholics and drugs and alcohol are everything to us. EVERYTHING. No matter what any non-recovering alcoholic or addict says, alcohol and drugs are everything to them. And every word spoken is a manipulation attempt to create the circumstances to get loaded again. Only we use any excuse. And when it comes to a death, it never fails to shock me. So many come in and blame their relapse on someone that died. Shame on us for blaming a person that's died, *for our drinking and drugging.* I quit doing that. COME ON. STOP IT!

Now further, even when we get to the point where we really don't want to get loaded anymore and even though we might not even be thinking it, **our subconscious physical brain is plotting to get loaded.** There you have it. **My brain remembers**

how good it felt and it wants to get loaded. My brain liked drugs and alcohol. And it changed itself to be able to absorb and utilize drugs and alcohol better.

Now this is serious stuff! My brain, *my physical cell-filled brain* wants to get high. I might not want to but without me even knowing it, my brain, my physical brain and every cell in it, wants to get high??? WHAT??? Yes, it's true. Sadly, it's very true.

This is true. Addicts and alcoholics that can't or won't give in and accept that they have a problem and that they really do need to take advised actions simply are not capable of mastering alcoholism and addiction. And the longer someone abuses drugs and alcohol the harder it can be to get clean/straight and STAY clean/straight. Without help it is too much. Look around at the over-twenty-seven or so folks that are still engaged in abusive drinking and drugging. Each one simply will not follow any solid advice at all. And without help it is way, way, too much.

My God! We are insane to think that we, yes we, the ones that got us into our personal messes in the first place, can use our same brain cells to get us out of these messes. That is the insanity of this disease. Don't just listen to me either. Go talk to most any recovering old-timer, Native, white, black, brown, orange, it doesn't matter. We all know the insanity of this disease. But we got low enough to realize that our brains were ill. Once we knew that, we gave up the fight to control drugs and alcohol. We gave in. We cried for help. And we became totally willing to follow directions. Even the ones that claim they did it all on their own will eventually agree that it took a lot of others' help too and a willingness to listen, give up, and act. And we haven't had to abuse drugs or alcohol as long as we have continued to live this way.

So does this sound believable? It is. It's the story of me and millions that so far have changed. Father Martin, a deceased alcoholic stated recovery in a few words. To give up and allow ourselves to be helped we say, "I can't, he can, I think I'll let him." Meaning is: "I can't" win this battle to use and drink normally so I give up. "He can" refers to your highest power (he can, she can, god can, creator can, culture can), and, "I think I'll let him" refers to that same power the individual decides is greater than he or she.

You, the using/drinking,

drug and alcohol abuser, will simply die an average twenty-seven years sooner than the average person. And in doing this you will cause tremendous family agony, you will torture yourself and all that love you, and you will have been one more wasted life that could have been anything. ANYTHING. And I don't care how far down you have slid. You can achieve greatness if you only let go, allow yourself to feel defeat and then follow directions of others that have recovered.

As I paraphrase, I remember this. AA says there are those that seem to be constitutionally incapable of giving in to their simple program.

This is a disease of epic proportions. Millions, maybe billions have died and millions/billions more will. This disease has destroyed towns, villages, reservations countries and nations. In closing a word to your family members; the next time your over-confident drug and alcohol abusing family member assures you that he or she has it under control...look out. *That's a relapse that's already started* with the over-confidence and complacency. We do not get and stay clean and sober without surrendering to serious changes. Actions, not words, if we open our mouths in early recovery and claim we are doing and we know why we drink and all that...we are half-way there to our next drink or drug. ACTIONS speak. Actions show us. Actions prove. -Kevin McCall

ICW Seeks Donations

The Indian Child Welfare program in La Push is seeking donations for new or slightly used clothing for the children in care.

Children are in need of:

- Shoes
- Socks
- Hats
- Underwear (new only)
- Shirts
- Pants
- Skirts
- Dresses
- Sweaters

Sizes vary from toddler to 18 years old. Donations can be made at the Human Services or various drop boxes.

ICW is also in need of respite care providers and family care providers. The providers must pass background checks. Contact the Human Service department at (360) 374-4306 for applications and more information.

Budgeting Class: Rent-to-Own



One of the topics covered in Budgeting Class is rent-to-own businesses, which are stores where customers can rent furniture, appliances, computers and electronics. These products can either be rented on a short-term basis or they can eventually be paid off and the customer obtains ownership.

The draws of these businesses are:

- No credit is needed
- Low weekly or monthly payments
- Free repairs during the rental agreement period
- Free delivery

However, with rent to-own businesses, customers end up paying more than necessary for the same items that are found in retail stores. Many times, the products they are renting to customers are used.

Quileute Tribe's Purchasing Manager Darren Montgomery did a cost comparison of a 52-inch wide screen Panasonic television found at Rent-A-Center and at Wal-Mart. At Rent-A-Center, the TV would end up costing \$7,000, whereas that same TV would cost \$2,000 at Wal-Mart.

Budgeting class teaches participants to avoid rent-to-own businesses and the instant gratification these stores provide to customers; it is wiser to save money over several months and buy directly from retail stores.

Budgeting class is held 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. every first work day of the month at the Tribal Office West Wing. Lunch is provided. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend.

Underage Alcohol Use Facts for Parents

By Ann Penn-Charles

Moms, dads, and grandparents are the most trusted sources of information for 9 to 13 year olds.

The belief in the harm associated with alcohol use goes up between fourth grade and sixth grade. In the transition from sixth to ninth grade, students' belief that alcohol use is harmful decreases.

Underage drinking is a problem among older teens and college students.

Underage drinking can harm the mind and body of a growing teen in ways parents may not realize.

The vast majority of adults in America are concerned about underage alcohol use. They support measures to help reduce underage alcohol use, such as stricter controls on alcohol sales, advertising and promotion.

Children of alcoholics

face several risks, as do youth who have fetal alcohol spectrum disorders. FASD may result when a woman who is pregnant consumes alcohol. The alcohol crosses the placenta into the fetal blood stream and may damage developing tissue and organs. Children with FASD are at very high risk for trouble in school, trouble with the law, alcohol and drug abuse, and mental health disorders.

All content can be found at: toosmarttostart.samhsa.gov/families/facts/parents.

We are also having Sobriety Luncheons on the 1st and 3rd Thursday's of the month as requested from those in recovery of any substances. It is a joy to have so many attend our gatherings. Please share this or come and attend our gatherings up in the conference room upstairs at the clinic from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Recognizing Quileute Student Athletes

West End Youth League

Girls Basketball:

Andrea Coberly
Misty Isham-Smith

Lindsay Obi

Bobbie Coberly

Cassandra Perete-Black

Boys Basketball:

Thomas Jackson

Jerrid Davis

Jerome Eastman

Malikai Dailey

Austin Flores

Cameron Coberly-Black

Michael Jackson

Tyrone Black

Tristen Pisani

John Dailey

Forks Middle School

Wrestling:

Mario Black-Perete

Boys Basketball:

Keishaun Ramsey

Jeffrey Schumack

Forks High School

Varsity Boys Basketball:

Jonah Penn

Tyler Penn

JV Boys Basketball:

Kenneth Abrahams

Ollie Sampson

Dimitri Sampson

Varsity Girls Basketball:

Terra Sheriff-Penn

Wrestling:

James Salazar

Gloria Salazar (Manager)

Congratulations on a successful winter season!

Exemption for Discover Passes

Washington State now requires that all people obtain permits, called Discover Passes, in order to access state parks and recreation areas. These areas include: campgrounds, parks, wildlife areas, trails, natural areas, wilderness areas and water-access points, which make up approximately 3 million acres of Washington State. These passes were created as a solution to replace tax funds that are no longer available to cover the costs of operating state-managed recreation lands.

An annual pass costs \$30.00 while a one-day pass costs \$10.00, not including transaction and dealer fees.

However, tribal members are exempt from being required to purchase Discover Passes to access state-managed recreation lands. Currently, all you need is your BIA Indian Identification card while engaging in activities in the woods, though Quileute Natural Resources encourages tribal members to obtain a permit from the local Department of Natural Resources office in

Forks. Show your BIA card and receive a permit at no cost. If you should have trouble obtaining a permit from the local DNR office please inform the Quileute Natural Resource Department. Possessing a permit will help to ensure that you are not harassed or cited while you are away from your vehicle.

For non-tribal members, Discover Passes can be purchased:

- 1) At nearly 600 sporting goods or retail stores who sell hunting and fishing licenses
- 2) At State Parks headquarters and region offices
- 3) Online through Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife's online recreational licensing system
- 4) By phone at (866) 320-9933
- 5) When you renew your vehicle license—the pass will be mailed by the WDFW

For more information about the Discover Pass, visit the website <http://discoverpass.wa.gov>.

To contact Quileute Natural Resources, call (360) 374-2248.

Jackie Jacobs Reporting: Land Legislation Media Coverage

CONGRATULATIONS! I am pleased and honored to report some of the media coverage you have received about the legislation in the past three weeks.

[Quileute Is Moving to Higher Ground](#)

Indian Country Today Media Network.com
Risk of tsunami is something that has always been top-of-mind for residents of this **Quileute** village on the Pacific Ocean. The ancestors told of a flood that carried the Chimakum, a **Quileute** band, away in their canoes through a passageway in the ...

[President Signs into Law Cantwell-Backed Bill to Move Quileute Tribe Out of ...](#)

PoliticalNews.me (press release)
"With the President's signature today, the long-awaited move out of harm's way can finally begin for the **Quileute**," said Cantwell. "We are proud of the many supporters who came together over the years to make today a reality.

[Obama signs bill to move Quileute tribe out of tsunami zone](#)

Q13 FOX
President Barack Obama signed a bill into law on Monday that will enable the **Quileute** Nation to move out of a tsunami zone and away from the constant flooding of the Quillayute River. The bill passed the House on February 6 and the Senate, unanimously, ...

[Briefly Northwest](#)

The Register-Guard
President Obama has approved a bill that will allow the **Quileute** Tribe to move its buildings out of a tsunami zone on the Washington coast to higher ground in Olympic National Park. Signed into law Monday, the bill will transfer 785 acres of park land ...

[Obama signs law giving Quileute land outside tsunami zone](#)

Peninsula Daily
By Paul Gottlieb WASHINGTON, DC — President Barack Obama signed into law Monday a bill that expands the **Quileute** tribe's boundaries in LaPush so that it can move its school and other facilities to higher ground out of the tsunami zone.

[Quileutes will move to higher ground](#)

Seattle Post Intelligencer (blog)
"I am overwhelmed with emotions and so grateful that our **tribe** will actually be able to move our elders and children out of the path of a tsunami and up to higher ground," said **Quileute** Chairman Tony Foster. The threat is real.

[Tribe gets chance to move to safety](#)

The Olympian
Huge pieces of driftwood pile up near the high-tide line, bearing witness to the many storms that assault the **tribe's** ancestral home. Some of the fiercest winter storms toss driftwood onto the **Quileute** Tribal School playground, which is just a stone's ...

[Indianz.Com > Senate approves bill to move Quileute Tribe to safer ...](#)

The Senate on Monday passed

S.636, a bill that allows the **Quileute** Tribe of Washington to move out of a tsunami zone. The bill transfers 785 acres within ...
[64.38.12.138/News/2012/004591.asp](#)

[Senate passes bill to relocate Quileute Tribe away from tsunami zone](#)

The Senate recently passed a bill that will allow the **Quileute** Tribe to move out of potential tsunami zones and to relocate to higher grounds.
[www.rcac.org/doc.aspx?714&i=511](#)

[President to sign land deal to protect Quileute Tribe from tsunami ...](#)

If a tsunami hit the Washington coast, there's a good chance an entire native community along the Quillayute River would be wiped out. - Seattle News at ...
[mynorthwest.com/.../President-to-sign-deal-for-tsunami-protec...](#)

[Friday news roundup: Inside the world of climate change deniers](#)

High Country News (blog)
In another instance of Congressional attention on Washington State, the House and Senate have voted to slightly shrink Olympic National Park, transferring 785 acres to the **Quileute** tribe. This allows the tribe to move uphill out of the tsunami zone.

[President to sign land deal to protect Quileute Tribe ... - Maria Cantwell](#)

President to sign land deal to protect **Quileute** Tribe from tsunami. "This is an important victory to give the **Quileute** tribe and those on the reservation peace of ...
[www.cantwell.com/.../president-to-sign-land-deal-to-protect-q...](#)

[Indianz.Com >](#)

[OPB: Quileute Tribe waits on Obama to sign land ...](#)

The U.S. Senate moved with surprising swiftness to clear the way for the **Quileute** Indian Tribe to move part of its village uphill. Lawmakers voted to transfer 785 ...
[mail.indianz.com/News/2012/004615.asp](#)

['Twilight' tribe wins land transfer for tsunami protection](#)

Lake Wylie Pilot
WASHINGTON — Congress has signed off on a plan that will transfer 785 acres of federal parkland along the coast of the Pacific Ocean in Washington state to the tiny **Quileute** Indian tribe, a move aimed at protecting the **tribe's** safety in case a tsunami ...

[President to sign land deal for Quileute Tribe](#)

Kitsap Sun
AP FILE - In this Oct. 3, 2006 photo, a sign directs traffic to an evacuation route in the event of a tsunami on the **Quileute** Indian reservation in La Push, Wash. Congressman Norm Dicks' office says President Obama could sign the land deal with the ...

[President to sign Quileutes deal](#)

Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce (subscription)
PORT ANGELES (AP) — Congressman Norm Dicks' office says President Obama could sign the land deal with

the **Quileute** Tribe as soon as Friday. The agreement that passed Congress this month will allow the tribe to move its school and other buildings out ...

[President to sign land deal for Quileute Tribe](#)

The Seattle Times
Congressman Norm Dicks' office says President Obama could sign the land deal with the **Quileute** Tribe as soon as Friday. The Associated Press No comments have been posted to this article. Congressman Norm Dicks' office says President Obama could sign ...

[President to sign land deal to protect Quileute Tribe from tsunami](#)

MyNorthwest.com
President Obama plans to sign a land deal that will allow the tribe to move a school and other buildings out of the tsunami zone and onto higher ground in Olympic National Park. Senator Maria Cantwell said on Wednesday that hundreds of **Quileute** tribe ...

[President to sign land deal for Quileute Tribe - Northwest - The ...](#)

Congressman Norm Dicks' office says President Obama could sign the land deal with the **Quileute** Tribe as soon as Friday.

[The Olympian Online -- Northwest](#)

[Local News | President to sign land deal for Quileute Tribe | Seattle ...](#)

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[seattletimes.nwsourc.com/.../2017513183_apwaquileutetsuna...](#)

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The Senate on Monday passed S.636, a bill that allows the **Quileute** Tribe of ... Crosscut: **Quileute** Tribe asks for land to escape tsunami threat (09/22) NYT Blog: ...
[mail.indianz.com/News/2012/004591.asp](#)

[President to sign land deal for Quileute Tribe | Wisconsin Rapids ...](#)

Congressman Norm Dicks' office says President Obama could sign the land deal with the **Quileute** Tribe as soon as Friday.
[www.wisconsinrapidtribune.com/usatoday/article/38582239?...](#)

[Quileutes' land transfer gets Congress' OK](#)

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[Quileutes to move out of tsunami danger](#)

Seattle Post Intelligencer (blog)
They cannot escape cultural misrepresentation of the "Twilight" saga, but the **Quileute** Tribe will soon be able to move to higher ground from its square-mile ocean front reservation on the Olympic Coast. The US

Senate and House of Representatives, ...

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Quileute Tribal Chairman Tony Foster stands on the hillside above the tribal school, which will be moved out of the LaPush tsunami zone. -- Photo by Lonnie Archibald/for Peninsula Daily News Tribal elder John Jones enjoys a cup of coffee while looking ...

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Protecting West Coast tribe Congress has signed off on a plan to transfer 785 acres of federal parkland along the Pacific coast in Washington state to the tiny **Quileute** Indian tribe, a move aimed at protecting safety in case of a tsunami.

[Quileute Tribe 'Ecstatic' About Move Out Of Tsunami Zone](#)

KUOW NPR

"Ecstatic," "amazed," and "stunned." Those are some of the words being used Tuesday around the tiny **Quileute** Indian Reservation on the Washington coast. This, after the US Congress slightly shrank Olympic National Park to allow the **tribe** to move out of ...

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Higgins, N; Hochul, N; Slaughter, N; Reed, Y. * Transferring Land to Washington Tribe: The House passed the **Quileute** Tribe Tsunami Protection Act, sponsored by Rep. Norman D. Dicks, D-Wash. The bill would authorize the Interior Secretary to convey 222 ...

[Congress OKs Quileute Tribe's Move To Higher Ground : NPR](#)

The US Congress has cleared the way for a tiny Washington **tribe** to move parts of its coastal village uphill and out of a tsunami zone. The move involves the ...
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[Senate Passes Cantwell-Backed Bill to Move Quileute Tribe Out of ...](#)

On February 13, 2012, the Senate passed legislation backed by U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell ...
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[The Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami And Flood Protection ...](#)

A bill (H.R. 1162) to provide the **Quileute** Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, ... Mr. President, for decades the **Quileute** Tribe in the Pacific Northwest has ...
[capitolwords.org/.../S582_providing-the-quileute-indian-tribe...](#)

[Quileutes grateful for Congress' action allowing school to move ...](#)

WASHINGTON — The **Quileute** Tribe's oceanfront schoolhouse — along with offices and homes — appears headed to higher ground, and tribal officials are ...
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Meet the new employees



My name is **Nicole Rasmussen** and I recently started working for the Quileute's Department of Natural Resources as the Water Quality Biologist. Everybody here has

been very nice and supportive, which helps me progress in my job. My job includes creating and conducting a nonpoint source monitoring program to ensure that the requirements of Clean Water Act are being followed. I hold a B.S. Degree in Natural Resource Sciences from Washington State University.

Before I came to La Push, I worked at Quinalt Department of Natural Resources as a Fish Habitat Biologist where I reviewed timber sales, wrote hydraulic permits, completed a fish passage inventory, and finished many restoration projects. I also worked as a Marine Water Quality & Research Biologist for the

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe. Additionally, I have held natural resources internships with Weyerhaeuser in Oregon, and the Fish and Wildlife Service in California.

When I am not working, I love fishing, hiking, photography, and spending time with my husband and our two dogs.

As most of you know, my name is **Rhonda Flores** and I have been a member of this community for a number of years. I am a proud Quileute tribal member, and I was recently hired as a Community Health Representative at the Health Clinic. My job is to transfer patients to doctors' appointments

as well as pick up medications for patients in the village when all their resources are unable to do so. I have CPR and First Aid training, but I hope to receive more training in the future. My favorite part of the job is being able to work with community members and getting to know them from a different perspec-

tive.

In my free time, I serve on the Quileute Tribal School Board. I also love to spend time with my family. My husband and I have been married for 30 years; we have two daughters and three grandchildren who are my pride and joy. Whenever I can, I

go to youth sporting events to support my grandkids and other youth. I also like to walk the beach and attend pow-wows.



Hi, my name is **Destiny Belford** and I am so happy to be working in the position of CHS and Referrals at the Health Clinic. Basically, my duties are: determining if people

are eligible for contract health services, billing, sending doctor referrals and making appointments, and coordinating transportation with Paratransit Services. My favorite part of the job is the people I work with, both the Health Clinic employees and the patients. My goal in this position is to learn as much as I can

and help people as much as possible. Of course, some of my challenges are not being able to help everybody, due to policies and guidelines set in place.

I did not expect to ever work in the health field. I am currently pursuing my Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental

Policy from Peninsula College. When I'm not at work or completing school work, I enjoy spending time with my five year old daughter Paetyn.

Welcome Aboard: New Coast Guard Crew Members



Fireman **Angel Torres**, age 20, was born and raised in Orlando, FL. Angel joined the Coast Guard because he wanted to serve his country. He also explained, "I think the Coast Guard, as an individual in a single military branch, you're allowed to play a lot more roles and feel more effective." He is the first military member in his family.

When he is off duty, Angel enjoys mixing music, listening to records, hiking, bicycling, camping, flying kites, and playing paintball.



Food Service Specialist **Bradley Calvert**, age 18, grew up in Spokane, WA. Station Quillayute River is his first station, where his job is to cook for the crew, applying what he learned about nutrition and sanitation from "A School."

Bradley joined the Coast Guard because of the benefits of receiving financial aid for college. He also has several close family members who were enlisted in the Coast Guard. When he is not at the station, Bradley likes playing sports, DJ'ing, listening to music, hiking, camping, and being outdoors.

Mural for the Community Center

Help design a mural for the Community Center!

AmeriCorps volunteer Jana Stock is organizing this project. Plans for the mural will be a past scene of Quileute people in their traditional regalia, along with individual and smaller pictures of what people want for their future, the tribe's future, or their family's future.

Every Thursday

4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Meetings will be held at the West Wing OR the Community Center

Join the Mailing Lists!

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Happy Birthday to Enrolled Quileute Tribal Members

March Birthdays:

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

Youth had a good time at Valentine's Day dance



The Blue Shed and Youth and Family Intervention program teamed up to host a Valentine's Day dance for Family Fun Night. Pictured above, the children danced the Cha Cha Slide.

Bá·yaḵ The Talking Raven welcomes feedback!

Please feel free to share your opinions or suggestions with:

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