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A Quileute Newsletter



Whales celebrated in 8th annual ceremony

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The salmon offering



Dancing to See Yak Saw

The Quileute Tribal School (QTS) hosted their 8th annual "Welcoming the Whales" ceremony on April 3, 2015.

Drumming and dancing was scheduled to be held at the point near James Island beginning at 10 a.m., but the performances had to be moved to the Akalat Center due to rain.

QTS students Nathan Flores and Thomas Jackson volunteered to make the salmon offering to the whales. They waded

out chest-deep and released a small raft, where the fish was situated on top of a bed of cedar boughs.

Following the offering, everyone made their way to the Akalat to celebrate with traditional songs, dances, and food.

This annual event acknowledges the historical significance of the whale to the Quileute people and honors them for everything they once provided to the tribe.



More "Welcoming the Whales" photos on page 3
Photos by Cheryl Barth

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Quarterly Meeting

Akalat Center
May 15, 2015
12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Lunch provided

From Council Chambers



James Jackson, Cathy Salazar, Naomi Jacobson, Crystal Lyons, Rio Jaime

Treasurer Cathy Salazar: In December 2009 the Makah tribe filed a request to determine the "usual and accustomed" ocean fishing areas for the Quileute and Quinault Tribes. "Usual and accustomed" fishing areas are those areas that the tribes customarily fished at and before treaty times (around 1855). Makah alleged that Quileute and Quinault's western boundary was 5-10 miles from shore (our current federal boundary is 40 miles offshore) and that Quileute's northern boundary is at Norwegian Memorial (our current northern boundary is Sand Point). Attempts were made to settle prior to trial unsuccessfully. The court began hearing arguments March 2, 2015 and closing arguments were April 22, 2015. The Quileute Tribe was represented by the law firms of Foster Pepper, LLP attorneys Lauren King and Jeremy Larson and Brynes Keller Cromwell attorney John Tondini. Hundreds of documents were presented during the course of the case, and the voices of tribal members past such as Tahahowtl, Yahatub, Benjamin Sailto, Sextas Ward, Stanley Gray, Frank Fisher, Jerry Jones, Luke Hobucket, Arthur Howeatle, Robert Lee, Bill Hudson, Harry Hobucket, Morton Penn, Beatrice Black, Hal George and Lillian Pullen were heard based on interviews recorded in Quileute history. Unfortunately, while this list is lengthy, La Push is an isolated, remote area with little visitors until the 1880s, meaning that there are few written records from treaty times. Makah and other opposing parties argued that Quileute mostly subsisted off of our river system and land

animals, and that the lack of written records from treaty times was insufficient evidence that Quileute fished further than 5-10 miles offshore in the ocean. However, the legal team representing our tribe brought in expert witnesses in the fields of linguistics, archaeology, fur seal, marine biology, and anthropology to give testimony on the history of our offshore fishing, what our middens show, and how the past practices tie into today's practices, all showing that Quileute customarily fished up to 50 miles offshore for whales, seals, halibut, and other aquatic animals. After weeks of hearing the case and arguments that we, the Quileute people, did not hunt or fish far from shore, our attorney Lauren King summed it up best:

"When it comes to the Quileute, this case is about cultural identity. Since the time of the beginnings, they have been a people that have taken full advantage of their surroundings. The leaders of the tribe, the whalers, spent days at sea attacking the giant of the ocean. Fur sealers left in the middle of the night to provide warm blankets for their people. Their oral traditions reflect a rich culture with a deep connection to the ocean. What the Quileutes have always known about themselves has been borne out by the evidence in this case. Science alone, apart from any ethnographic evidence, tells you that the Quileutes were fur seal-

ing, whaling, fishing in the Pacific Ocean for hundreds of years in the rich depths of the ocean Serengeti, up to 50 miles off their territory. One of the most significant chapters of the Quileute history is being written in this courtroom, one that there is no doubt in my mind will be talked about for seven generations to come. The Makah and the state want this court to sign an order to the effect that everything the Quileutes have ever known about their ocean culture, everything they have ever been told, by their parents, by their parents' parents, is wrong. Makah and the state want this court to sign an order saying that the Quileutes couldn't, wouldn't, didn't. The evidence in this case shows that the Quileutes could, the Quileutes would, and the Quileutes did."

Chairwoman Naomi Jacobson: After spending 23 days in court, our attorneys have done an outstanding job representing the history of our tribe in our usual and accustomed areas, and we thank them for their help in protecting and defending our treaty rights.

We continue to have regular Move To Higher Ground (MTHG) meetings with staff and the MTHG Project Coordinator Susan Devine.

Vice Chair Rio Jaime: The Quileute Tribe has made a good amount of progress on our planning efforts for our Move to Higher Ground. One phase of these planning efforts are for new homes in La Push. I had the opportunity to attend a HUD workshop on developing mixed income housing projects. This workshop was addressing the need of building and developing homes for both the over income as well as under income families, and some potential funding for these projects. We continue to plan for our future and how to best utilize our newly acquired lands.

The tribal school's "Welcoming the Whales" ceremony saw a successful turnout on April 3rd, even though the rain forced the singers and dancers to perform inside that morning. After a short time

spent at the point near James Island, a salmon offering was made by students. Our Council is always eager to support our children and the community in this ceremony, and we applaud the students in their willingness to continue our Quileute traditions.

Our annual "Spring Clean Up" was held on April 17th. This year, we offered prizes such as gift certificates to local businesses and weed eaters, with the grand prizes being two Great Wolf Lodge packages and one Little Creek Casino package. It's always great to see the community come together to participate in this event.

Council Member James Jackson had the opportunity to attend the latest Elders Committee meeting on April 29th.

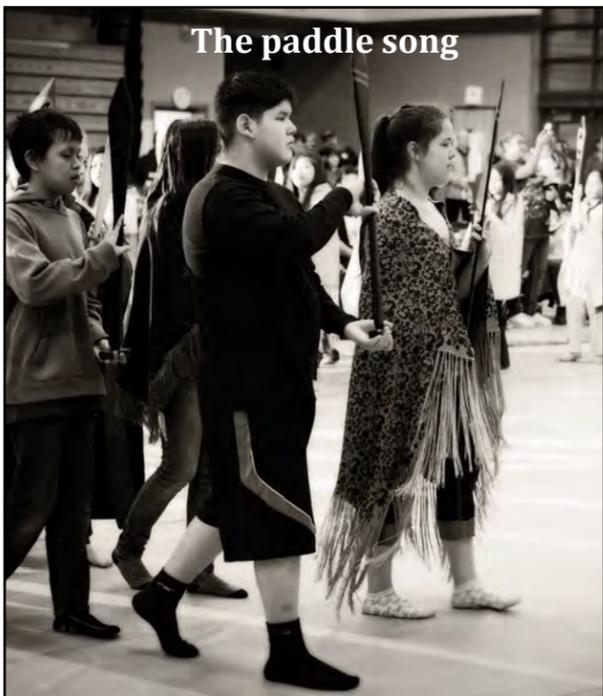
Member at Large James Jackson: The committee has legitimate concerns, and I'm happy I was able to join them at their meeting, which had about 30 people in attendance. They discussed senior events and transportation, they requested more activities, and they expressed the need for developing an activities budget that would be incorporated into the Senior Center annual budget. We look forward to working more with them and supporting them in their needs.

The New Beginnings program's community healing totem pole was moved from the 101 Building to the Kitla Center in recent months. Quileute carver David Jackson who is leading the project still needs help.

Chairwoman Naomi Jacobson: We encourage members of the community to visit the Kitla Center from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and lend a hand to the project while strengthening your culture. You can even bring your children and promote the importance of practicing your traditions through this healing project.

Our next Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 15th at the Akalat Cetner, beginning at 12 p.m. and ending at 4 p.m. We welcome all Quileute tribal members. Please plan to attend to join us for lunch and to learn of our latest government operations.

Whales celebrated in 8th annual ceremony



The paddle song



Watching the salmon offering



A packed Akalat Center

COMMUNITY CENTER DEMOLITION



After standing for 50 years, the Quileute Community Center was demolished on April 30th and May 1st. Before it was permanently closed, a large gathering was held at the facility in November 2014 to give community members and visitors a chance to share their stories and say farewell to a place that contains so many memories.

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Wellness walk raises awareness for drugs and violence



By Janice Barrera, Ann Penn-Charles, and Liz Sanchez

On Friday April 24, 2015, our La Push community came together for the "First Annual Wellness Walk" to bring awareness to the destruction that drug use and domestic violence has brought to our family's culture, community, and each person from the very young to the elders.

It all started with a Facebook comment by Nicole R. who was sad that drugs were ruining our lives and families and fed up with the news of another local drug overdose. "We need to do something about this," said Nicole. We started to see others posting the inspiration of praying for the loved ones, messages of the other community members not knowing that others were going through this as well. They thought they were the only family! The posting generated over 70 comments. Miss Ann Penn-Charles mentioned a recent walk in another town and it went viral from there. Liz Sanchez and Janice Barrera got involved and the planning began. Community IS the healer that breaks the silence!

This event was organized through Road to Wellness and the Community Wellness Team that has formed for this work, with support from New Beginnings and Quileute Tribal Prevention, religious leaders, and representation from the Quileute Tribal Council.

The date was chosen and the weather was a little scary that day, but our people were determined to walk, rain or shine. The weather does not stop addiction or abuse, so it would not stop us. We had elders who walked the entire distance and people of all ages were there. Truly a testament to how strongly the community feels about the problems.

We started out with 22 that signed in at the beginning

and ended up with 52 at the end! Hat tip to the La Push Police Department and the Washington State Patrol who assisted our group. Janice Barrera, the Chemical Dependency Counselor said, "This disease does not care what your job is, your community standing, how much money you have or don't have, or your age. It is an equal opportunity destroyer."

A comment box was placed at the Lonesome Creek Store for people who would not be able to attend with the question "How has drug abuse affected you?" Two cards read, "Alcohol has affected my artwork and carving. I used to draw when I was young! All the superheroes and cartoons, it affected my memory, caused fights and I have been in treatment centers." Another card read, "It tore me down, I chose drugs and my addiction over everything till it got to the point of eviction and homelessness with three kids and problems with my husband. I changed my life because I was tired of living like Sh--! I'm now 1 1/2 years clean and sober."

Folks gathered at the police department and began a Drug Awareness walk around the village, from Raven Crest to Raven Crest II, down to Quileute Heights, and finally down to the Tribal Office. Bandanas were decorated before with messages of hope,



wellness, and memorial to those lost from the tragedy of addiction. These bandanas were carried as flags, plus signs, and we wore hats with a teal ribbon and the message "TOGETHER we can make a difference."

April is Sexual Assault prevention month and we recognize the connection between substance abuse and domestic violence and it is in our commitment to health that we actually do much in the prevention of domestic violence. We walked for Wellness, and community members DO want to STAND UP for wellness and talk OUT LOUD about the heartbreak of addiction; we stand together in our commitment to wellness!

Many thanks and much gratitude for all who participated, including walking the entire way, plus words from Council Chairwoman Naomi Jacobson, Ann Penn-Charles for her wise words at the end with an explanation of this event, David Lou for walking with us, his prayer, and the beautiful honoring song by Fawn Gabales. We cried as Judy Rosander crossed the finish line...she walked the entire way! We walked through the rain, folks joined in along the way, stories were shared, and

a rainbow appeared. A fine day and a great start to this team. In our planning meetings we agreed with the wisdom of Sitting Bull, "Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children." Please join us for future events in our commitment to wellness!

Chairwoman Jacobson said, "I was so impressed and inspired to participate in such a great event — the Drug Awareness Walk. This shows that our community is supportive of one another, and it takes the support of one another to help our people.

There are good things happening in the community. The Recovery Group had created such a strong presence, and I admire them for their leadership."

Miss Ann adds, "We had a quick mini-meeting with the elders at the Senior Center and they would like to have the youth and younger members join them in a lunch and afterwards have a talking circle. One wanted to have a mini-stick game tournament with everybody sober! They want so much more to keep the message of being sober and clean of drugs and alcohol alive for their family members."



Community garden planted in La Push, volunteers needed!

Through a grant with the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Human Services department is overseeing a new project in La Push — developing a community garden. The Quileute Tribe was awarded a Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) Nutrition Education Grant in 2014 with the purpose of growing fruits, vegetables, and herbs for tribal members and educating them on the importance of eating healthy. The foods harvested from the community garden will also be used to supplement the Quileute Senior Center and Commodities/ Food Bank.

In October 2014, the tribe hired Izzy Mendez as the Community Garden Project Coordinator because of his passion for gardening and 16 years of experience.

In the project's early stages, one of the challenges was selecting a site. The Public Works crew removed bushes and leveled an area behind the Human Services department, which created space for raised beds and a greenhouse. Izzy also built additional beds that have been placed at the daycare/head start, health center, senior center, and the tribal school. Each department that received raised beds has agreed to maintain them, with Izzy's help.

Seeds have been sown in the raised beds, and some have already sprouted. The plants that have been chosen to be planted in the Quileute



Dawn Bender (pictured here) and her daughter Stephanie helped Izzy Mendez assemble the greenhouse behind the Human Services department.

community garden this season include:

- Carrots
- Zucchini
- Potatoes
- Peppers
- Radishes
- Peas
- Green beans
- Lettuce
- Kale

And now that everything is planted, the next step is finding volunteers. Volunteers will be essential in helping with watering, weeding, transplanting, repairing beds, landscaping, controlling pests, and eventually harvesting. The key to seeing success in this community garden is hav-

ing support from the community, otherwise the project will fail. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Human Services department at (360) 374-4306.

If you would like to grow fruits, vegetables, and herbs at home and need some advice or assistance, Izzy is willing to help. The project's ultimate goal is to teach participants about the importance of healthy eating through the community garden, whether participants grow their own food at home or help maintain the greenhouse and beds. All members of the community are welcome to get their hands dirty in the garden with Izzy while

learning about the benefits of growing food right here in La Push!

Updating the Forest Management Plan

With the addition of the new lands being added to the reservation, our Forest Management Plan is in the process of being updated. As a result, Pacific Forest Management staff will be on and around the reservation and new lands in the coming months.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Frank Geyer at (360) 374-2027.

Join the La Push Fire Department today!



The Quileute Fire Department is looking for volunteer firefighters.

Duties include:

- Respond to alarms of fire or other emergencies
- Perform duties as outlined in fire-fighting procedure for the suppression of fires, such as: laying lines, raising ladders, ventilation, forcible entry, etc.
- Assume certain responsibility for servicing and maintenance of fire equipment
- Conduct training and instructional programs

Meetings/trainings are held Tuesday nights at 6 p.m. Please contact Fire Chief Chris Morganroth IV at (360) 780-2069 for further details.

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



Jay Powell transforming into kwashkwash, the Blue Jay.

Word of the Week

This is the fourth month of *Word of the Week*, a project to help keep the Quileute language alive in the village. Last month we learned words #9-13 of the 50 *Words of the Week*. Along with the four new words this month. By June each Quileute that is participating in the project will know 17 Quileute words. Of course, just *knowing* those words is not going to have an effect on the vitality of Quileute traditional culture in the tribe's everyday life. The goal of this program is to *know and use* those words.

So, check the list of the 17 words on the right to review or learn them. You know that not much of significance happens without some effort, so use the word each week in your Facebook postings. Go for it! Councilor Rio Jaime and James Jaime are community sponsors of Word of the Week and Emily -the-editor lends her support by sending around the weekly word each Monday morning.

Words of the Week for May

Week #14) School

(**kólhawis**, pronounced COAL-hah-wis). We'll write it kolhawis.

May 4-9. This looks like a hard word, but it's just the way the Old People were able to pronounce the English word "schoolhouse." Just as they pronounced the word "town" as **tahwid**, and churchhouse as **chachawis**. So don't be frightened off by such a long, strange-looking word. Kolhawis sounds a lot like 'schoolhouse' and that will help you remember it. So, you can say, "I really like the lunches at the kolhawis." "What did you learn in kolhawis today?" "I don't wanna go to kolhawis 'cause I'm tired." Re-

member that Forks High School is a kolhawis, too. I've heard it referred to as "The Poks Kolhawis." And so is Peninsula College or U-Dub. Everybody in the village thinks of the community center/gym up the hill as Akalat. Well, think of QTS as Kolhawis and the QTS school board the Kolhawis council. Remember that the accent is at the beginning of the word: COAL-hah-wis.

Week #15) Beach

(**lawáwat**, pronounced luh-WAH-wah-t). We'll write it lawawat.

May 11-16. This is a word that the Old People used all the time and it is a place that is still talked about constantly by Quileutes. It used to be where Quileutes went after dark to socialize around the fire or to be alone with a sweetheart. Of course, they don't do that anymore! But the beach is focal in village life. You can say, "Take the dog for a run on the lawawat" or "Check the lawawat to see whether there are any smelt" or "We stopped after Kolhawis to kick the ball around on the lawawat." You can say, "A dead seal washed up on the lawawat just down past Lonesome Creek" or "We're going to do a fish down on the lawawat." It's an easy word to learn if you just say it five times in a row with a kind of bouncy rhythm: luh-WAH-wah-t, luh-WAH-wah-t, luh-WAH-wah-t, luh-WAH-wah-t, luh-WAH-wah-t.

Week #16) Dog

(**kadído**, pronounced kuh-DAY-doe). We'll write it kadaydo.

May 18-23. Every Quileute needs to know the word for dog, eh? You can say easy things like "hach kadaydo" *good dog* and "basay kadaydo" *bad dog* and "achit kadaydo" *alpha dog or top dog*. And you can have fun saying, "This food

tastes like kadaydo alita" *dog food*. Quileute words should be fun, letting you say with friends phrases like "I want a tuckah kadaydo" *I'll have a hot dog* and "You're in the kadaydo house" *the dog house* and "It's raining cats and kadaydos" *raining cats and dogs* and "You can't teach an old kadaydo new tricks." There are lots of ways to use Quileute words in our English...especially the word for dog. I forget who used to have a dog named Kadaydo in the village, but while we are talking about kadaydos, it would be nice to have lots of dogs in the village with Indian names like Shapuh ("Blackie" pronounced SHAY-puh) and Kuhbahthwa ("Whitey" pronounced kuh-BAH-thwa) or Tackidis ("Socks" pronounced TACK-ee-dis) or Wah'uh-holl ("Howler" pronounced WAH-uh-holl). Dogs are such a part of Quileute life. In the old days there used to be a special breed of Quileute kadaydos called "wooley dogs" and the women saved up the dog hair and used it to weave blankets. So, you are really remembering Quileute traditional culture when you use the old word kadaydo that we pronounce kuh-DAY-doe.

Week #17) Whale

(**k'wáŋla**, pronounced KWAH-t-luh). We'll write it kwatla.

May 25-30. Whales have always been part of Quileute life and now, even though the people don't hunt them any longer, the community has a welcoming ceremony. Kwatla should be a basic word in the Quileute vocabulary. Knowing the word allows one to say, "as big as a kwatla" and "Kwatla ho" (*Whale ho!*) and "That's a kwatla of a tale" (*a whale of a tale.*) People talk a lot about kwatlas, don't they? "Hey, there's a kwatla out there." Big Bill was the last Quileute Kwa-

tlar (KWAH-t-ler) alive, a member of the last whaling team who killed in the old way for oldtime reasons. So, next year at the "Welcoming the Kwatlas," let's hear everybody using the old Quileute word for the great old friend of the people... Kwatla, pronounced KWAH-t-luh, or using the oldtime Quileute consonants, if you can make those sounds. One of the features of the Word of the Week program is that most community members will be using the English pronunciation. Maybe in the course of time, a group of Quileutes will decide to start to learn and use the wonderful oldtime Quileute consonants with their explosive traditional sounds.

And those are the Words of the Week for May. Have a good **bixalíktiyat**, *May*, "Flower time." I am just out of the hospital with a new knee, and Vickie is taking good care of me. I told her, "I should get out of bed and write more. I'm planning to get started doing a history of each of the lots in the village and should get going on that this month." And, Vickie said, "Starting next month you can... when you'll be able to jump tall buildings at a single bound again." OK, Vickie.

Have a good May.

—Kwashkwash, Jay Powell



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Quileute Words of the Week

- 1) hokwat (HO-kwaht, *Whiteman*)
- 2) po'ok (PO-oak, *Indian*)
- 3) achit (AH-chit, *chief or boss*)
- 4) tithalatee (tith-AH-lah-tee, *store*)
- 5) hwos (*cold*)
- 6) hach (HAH-ch, *good/well/pretty*)
- 7) basay (bus-SAY, *bad/sick/ugly*)
- 8) haysta (HAY-stuh, *give me*)
- 9) tuckah (tuh-KAH, *hot*)
- 10) alita (AH-lit-tah, *fish or food*)
- 11) kwaya (KWAH-yah, *river or water*)
- 12) teekwal (TEE-kwal, *go home, be at home*)
- 13) akil (AH-kill, *bear*)
- 14) kolhawis (COAL-hah-wis, *school*)
- 15) lawawat (luh-WAH-wah-t, *beach*)
- 16) kadaydo (kuh-DAY-doe, *dog*)
- 17) kwatla (KWAH-t-luh, *whale*)

QUILEUTE COASTAL JAM

What: Pot Luck, Drumming, Dancing, Singing

When: Saturday, May 9, 2015
5 p.m. to ???

Where: Kitla Center Roundhouse (formerly the 110 Business Park)
at 100 La Push Rd in Forks, WA

Everyone is invited

For more info call: Nicole Rosander at 360-640-3613

History of Drum Group

How was drum group started? Does anyone remember? Do you know the history of drum group? Well, sit down and let me tell you the history.

Drum group was originally started by a big, burly guy named Willie Koch. One day, this guy rides into Hoh River on a Harley Davidson bike wearing a leather jacket with his hair flying out of his helmet, stopping at the Hoh Tribal Office at the lower village area. He comes into the office area and asks, "Where is Miss Ann's office?" He is guided to my room and introduces himself as our new Chemical Dependency Counselor. As he gets into his introduction, in walks Chief Klyia and he starts talking to Willie about when he can get some of the programs started. He expressed that we have community members who need to get into groups so they can stay on the straight and narrow path.

Within two weeks of Willie's employment, he opened his doors for services. The program started off slow with the first impression of

Willie riding to the reservation on his Harley. Needless to say, it stuck in the minds of our members we were serving. During work, members were asking me, "How is he?" As time passed, Willie started to get a client here and there. An idea was formed during our downtime with Klyia sitting in our office. They decided to throw ideas out to get community members to get the services that are offered by Willie and the program. We would have a drumming and singing event to kick off his introduction to the community and hand out information on his classes he was offering. I informed him that he would need to also provide a meal at the event if he was going to get members to come into the office. So we started to send out flyers to the community and the neighboring tribes of this gathering.

It was in 2002 we had the first drum group sponsored by the DASA program at the Hoh Tribe. It was brought to our attention that individuals who were punishing themselves by dishonoring their families had a hard time pick-

ing the drum back up to sing the songs that were passed down through the generations due to their addictions. So the drum group was renamed to Healing Drum Group. A design was made by Shirley Owens with a Thunderbird in the middle and "Hoh Healing Drum Group" around the design. Word got out and the children were the first ones to enter the doors. They were always willing to seek out fun activities, and with Klyia and Willie, it was a blast to share songs; the youth were dancing in the middle of the entrance at the Hoh Tribal Office. Word got out of the good times and the next couple of weeks, more youth showed up by catching the bus to Hoh and catching the last bus back to Forks from the Jefferson Transit.

During this time, the community was hearing good things from their children about Willie and Hoh Healing Drum Group. On the third week, we had several elders come and share their family songs. Our sign-in sheets had around 30 to 40 youth and about 10 adults. At the drum group, we were handing out information and pamphlets on drugs, alcohol, and tobacco facts. Not a bad start with the prevention programs.

As I think back on the past of drum group, the idea

formed for us to contact our main grantee of our programs to share the success of our work, as well as how drum group became a self-help group for those in Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous, or even for those that were in a court-ordered program that fell under chemical dependency IOP/OP classes. It was a great start to the work and documentation of our native ways of life and resilience of the decades of historical trauma. The use of our tribal customs, our songs, our dances, the protocol of our traditional ways on the Pacific Northwest coast that is still being carried on through the families, the song keepers, and the storytellers. John Taylor came to do a site visit of the programs under the DASA programs, and he was very impressed of the encounters by Willie as this Healing Drum Group started. Willie was very instrumental in reinstating the Hoh Tribe's Chemical Dependency Program and we were awarded the certification for the state program to keep going for another three-year cycle! Stay tuned for the next edition of how drum group was started in La Push next month. Hoyt.

—Miss Ann Penn-Charles



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Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month

May is National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month! May 6th is the National Teen Pregnancy Prevention day and our groups will be wearing a t-shirt with logos on it to help spread awareness out in the community. Our youth and staff will be wearing t-shirts with this printed on them "Because I want to have fun", "Because I want to

be ready" and "Because I want to reach my goals".

Statistics show that 1 in 4 girls will get pregnant at least once before they turn 20 years old. Daughters of teen mothers are 3 times more likely to become teen mothers themselves. Teen girls in foster care are 2.5 times more likely to become pregnant by the age of 19 than her peers

not in foster care. 30% of teen girls who have dropped out of high school cited pregnancy or parenthood as the key reason. All the statistics are from the National Campaign to prevent teen and unplanned pregnancy websites: Stay-Teen.org.

—Miss Ann Penn-Charles

Woodruff raising money to compete overseas

As an athlete, I have been invited to participate in the Down Under Sports Tournament hosted on the Gold Coast of Australia. I am honored to be an ambassador of not only my community and state, but also our country. I will be participating in this international event on the Central Conference Team during the summer of 2015. I am looking for sponsors to make donations towards the cost of competing Down Under. A major source of funds comes through voluntary contributions of family, friends, and business sponsors. Your sponsorship will be a very important part for my team and I. This donation will help us fulfill this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Thank you very much,
Brittney Woodruff

If you would like to donate, or if you have any questions, contact Brittney's mother Paula at (360) 640-5084.

Quileute Health Center Services

Together...One Healthy Community

Upcoming Events:

May 8th – Eye Clinic

May 28th – Elder's Week Health Fair

June 5th – Mammogram Clinic

Quileute Health Clinic:

Urgent Medical Walk-In Clinic

8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

Elders and Veterans

Walk-In Clinic

1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Monday through Friday

Monday – Friday

Primary Care

Monday and Tuesday

Massage Therapy

Tuesday

Chiropractor Clinic

Wednesday

Foot Care for Diabetics

Thursday

Note the Health Clinic is closed for administrative purposes from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Acupuncture (all day)

Friday

Women's Health

Every Other Tuesday

Diabetes Support Group

La Push Dental Clinic:

Monday – Friday

Dental Services

Emergency examinations for walk-ins at the top of the hour.

Quileute Counseling & Recovery Services:

Monday – Friday

Behavioral Health and Chemical Dependency

New Beginnings:

Monday – Friday

Domestic Violence Prevention Advocate and Education

UW Pipeline Project returns to QTS



For over a decade, the University of Washington (UW) has partnered with the Quileute Tribal School (QTS) and other rural school districts in Washington state; this partnership places UW undergraduates in classrooms for one week to teach environmental science as part of their Alternative Spring Break: UW Pipeline Project.

Four UW undergrads chose to spend their spring

break in La Push: Emily, Sierra, Sara, and Nika. Emily and Sierra came back to La Push, having been part of the group that visited in 2014.

Emily explained, "I chose to participate last year. I enjoyed working with the students here and learning what their lives and culture are like, and what their interests are. So I wanted to return this year and see how they're doing."

Sierra echoed those

same sentiments, "I wanted to come back and get an update on how the kids were doing and I wanted to get to experience the culture again because last year was so great. Everyone was very welcoming. The kids were heartwarming and a joy to be around. And then teaching about environment is something I'm passionate about, something I can do and hone in on my teaching skills. And working with [Emily, Sara, and Nika] has been wonderful."

This year's UW group taught a range of environmental science issues: watersheds and water pollution; where food comes from and how food is processed; adaptation, natural selection, and evolution; and food chains, food webs, and ecosystem interactions. They spend a quarter preparing their lessons for various grade levels.

"I really enjoyed teaching my lessons," Sierra said. "Seeing [the students] make connections themselves, after we played games or watched

videos. I think we all did a good job this year with the exercises. It was rewarding."

Emily loved interacting with the students and hearing them ask questions related to their lesson plans. "There was a student on our first day who wasn't talkative or chatty. [On the fourth day] he was asking all sorts of questions about the experiment. All the students started asking all sorts of questions, especially about being scientists."

The UW undergrads did face some challenges. Because they do not know the students and only get to spend one week with them, lesson plans had to be formed based on assumptions of what they thought the students might have already learned. Sara added, "Sometimes it was hard to stimulate discussion. We would ask if anybody would want to guess what the definition was, like of the word 'watershed.' We just had to encourage them to speak up."

Discussing her experience of the weeklong alternative spring break, Nika said, "Every single day was a special day to me. Everything was real beautiful and unforgettable." She continued, "It was a great experience getting to know the culture here. The people here. Everything to do with here."

Each year, students at the tribal school look forward to the week when their UW Pipeline Project teachers come to La Push. The children are quick to warm up, giving their UW teachers hugs, making them gifts, and sharing the Quileute culture. It is not difficult to see why these undergrads want to participate in this alternative spring break project, returning to the Quileute Tribal School to teach year after year.

Quileute Head Start Parent Committee Raffle Fundraiser

Tickets: \$1.00 for one ticket or \$5.00 for six tickets

Items include: knives, basket earrings, knit kit, knitted blanket, buffalo small hand drum, two baskets of items, decorative dishes, and a glass trinket.

Drawing Date: Monday, May 11th at 12 p.m. at the Head Start Parent Room.
Winner will be contacted that day.

Proceeds go towards:

- Junior class barbecue
- Senior class field trip
- Senior graduation
- End-of-the-year gifts for juniors and seniors

We thank you for your support and generation donations!
-Quileute Head Start Parent Committee

Questions about the raffle? Contact Leticia Jaime (360) 640-1685

Surfman Ceremony held at First Beach



BM2 Jason Steinhoff receives his Surfman Badge

By Chief Petty Officer Jason Gale

Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason L. Steinhoff became the 504th certified surfman in a ceremony held at First Beach in La Push, Wash., Thursday.

Steinhoff dedicated over three years of his off days and personal time to be present for extreme weather conditions, in order to gain the knowledge and experience required for this prestigious

and inherently dangerous qualification.

During his time breaking in as a perspective surfman, Steinhoff proved himself a trustworthy, loyal, and dedicated member of this service. In doing so he gained the faith and confidence of not only the command, but of each and every crewmember at Motor Lifeboat Station Quillayute River.

The certification ceremony honored the origins of the surfman by patrolling the beach on foot, followed by a passing of the surfman check. Lifeboat sailors in the U.S. Life Saving Service would conduct foot patrols along the coast lines, watching for signs of distress and pass a metal

check, that was in the shape of a badge, to their relief. As long as the check was passed from surfman to surfman along the coast, mariners could be assured a full coverage of the area.

Steinhoff was pinned with the surfman insignia device by Senior Chief Petty Officer Kevin J. Ziegler, the officer in charge at the motor lifeboat station. Steinhoff concluded the ceremony by reciting the Surfman's Creed to the crew.

Present was Steinhoff's sister, mother and father, crew of Motor Lifeboat Station Quillayute River, and Emily Foster.

CELEBRATING OUR
QUILEUTE ELDERS

QUILEUTE HEALTH FAIR

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

TOGETHER...ONE HEALTHY COMMUNITY

MAY 28TH, 2015
10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

AKALAT COMMUNITY CENTER
LA PUSH, WA 98350



Daman places at Reno



Quileute tribal member Kenny Daman, age 6, placed 5th in wrestling at the 2015 Reno World Championship. In order to travel to the April tournament, Kenny and his team raised money through bake sales, a jog-a-thon, selling firewood, and a firewood raffle. Congratulations to Kenny on his accomplishments!

General Assistance Announcement

We are pleased to announce that the Quileute Human Services will be providing General Assistance as of April 13, 2015.

The purpose of General Assistance is to provide cash assistance for certain specified basic needs. Burial assistance is now available. Please meet with the case manager about the burial assistance guidelines.

Eligibility requirements:

- Enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe or Alaska Native Village.
- Single or couple (no children)
- No income
- Reside in our service area (Forks or La Push)

Please call (360) 374-5185 or stop by our office to schedule an appointment to apply for services.

Thank you from the Senior Center

Thank you to those who donated and supported the Indian taco sale on March 12th at the 101 Building. All funds went to the senior program.

A big thank you to Jimmy Williams for donating a springer to the Senior Center, and to John Penn for cleaning the fish. Hach alita!

Women's Talking Circle

Located at the
Tribal Court House
12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

May 7th
May 14th
May 21st

Organized by the Quileute
Tribe's New Beginnings
program.

Community members pitch in at "Spring Clean Up"



1. The natural resources crew picked up garbage along highway 110 outside of La Push.
2. Darrin Rosander had a scenic view of the river while collecting litter near the restaurant.
3. Chris Morganroth IV used his ATV to cover more ground in the "Spring Clean Up."
4. The health center staff were seen picking up trash at Quileute Heights, Raven Crest, and Raven Crest II.

Jackson receives diploma



Congratulations to Randy Jackson, Jr. on attaining his diploma through Angell Job Corps in Oregon. He spent nearly three months training in brick masonry and is now pursuing a career.

**QUILEUTE Days
ART CONTEST**

MUST BE QUILEUTE SPECIFIC DESIGN

**WINNER VOTED ON DURING
QUILEUTE DAYS MEETING
TUESDAY MAY 26th WEST WING 12PM**

\$200 PRIZE

**FOR QUESTIONS OR SUBMISSIONS:
360.374.5091 or events@quileutenation.org**

Happy Birthday to Enrolled Quileute Tribal Members

May Birthdays:

Andrea Smith	1	Sunny Woodruff	10	Jenny Apker	19
Anthalone Casto		Timothy Tumbaga		Mila Adamire	
Crystal Lyons	2	Winona Jackson		Evan Jacobson	20
Juanita Penn		Kobe Ward		Qwilynn Ward	21
Earla Penn		Anna Rose Counsell-Geyer		Jackie Davis	22
Tony Foster		John Rush 11		Trent Harrison	
Kansas Jackson	3	Rodney Hatch		Chelsea Jackson	
Kendall Marshall		Frank Jackson-Mckenney	12	Deserae Butler	
Dewey Penn		Skyler Foster		Logan Ramsey	
Shaiz Ward		Gary Jackson III		Sable Jackson-Cheer	
John Jones		Henrietta Jackson		Frank Ward	23
Danielle Sabia	4	Gary Jackson Jr.		David Penn	
Barbara Penn		Casey Jackson		Terra Sheriff-Penn	24
Randy Eastman Sr.	5	Tyrone Huling		Timothy Jacobson	
Beverly Loudon		Jesse Schumack-Jones	13	Christina Wooding	
Thomas Baker Sr.	6	Mycal Medina Jr.		Cynthia McCausland	
Jerry Smith		Sarah Schumack	14	Tonya Armstrong	25
Roy Moreno		Gary Jackson III		Kenneth Abrahams	27
Lucio Gonzalez		Rhonda Flores		Nancy Chaussee	
James Mobley	7	Laura Ward	15	Steven Smith	28
Charlene Meneely		Nakita Ward-Bender		Charlotte Penn	
Morningstarr LeClair		Margarita Guerrero		Sharra Woodruff	29
Ryan Eastman		Darrell Mesplie III	16	Danita Matson	
Donovan Ward		Austin Reames		Kenneth Daman	
Carl Moore	8	Dorothea Ward	17	Dennis Bender	
Billie Jones		April Obi-Boling	18	Douglas Woodruff Jr.	30
Ileana Salazar	9	Patricia Hice		Isaiah Jackson	
Pennie Derryberry		Roseann Fonzi		Zachary Jones	31
Jonathan James	10	Aubree Davis-Hoekstra			
William James		Gabriel Pullen	19		

2015 Easter Egg Hunt at Oceanside Resort



Lined up, waiting for the Easter egg hunt to begin



Racing to find the Secret Egg



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

Please feel free to share your opinions or suggestions with:

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Let us know what you think. We strive to improve your newsletter!