



### Quileute Tribe

## Quileutes invited to *New Moon* premiere

Summit Entertainment, the production company responsible for the *Twilight Saga*, invited the Quileute Tribal Council and five of their guests to the Los Angeles premiere of *New Moon* on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Chairwoman Carol Hatch brought granddaughter Chelsea Jackson, age 17; Vice Chair Bonita Cleveland brought daughter Rochelle Warner, age 30; Secretary Anna Rose Counsell brought daughter Taegan Counsell, age 9; Treasurer DeAnna Hobson brought niece Terra Sheriff, age 14; Member-at-Large Tony Foster brought daughter Page Foster, age 13.

For the four young Quileute girls, going to LA for the premiere was a thrilling experience. When asked about the day she found out she was invited to the premiere, Chelsea said, "My grandma called and was like, 'come up to my house, I have something to tell you.' When she told me, I was just in shock and excited. And I couldn't tell anybody,

so I had to keep it a secret until I left." Summit asked Council and their guests to keep their invitations a secret.

The group had time to do some shopping and visit famous Hollywood spots, like the Walk of Fame. They also went to the Westwood Fox Theater before the screening. Twilighters were lined up days before the premiere, and the Quileutes talked to a handful of those dedicated fans. Page thought it was funny when they met a girl who claimed she was obsessed with La Push. The girl showed them a rock she took from First Beach, which she carried in her purse.

On the day of the premiere, the girls and Council went to Nordstrom to have their makeup done, then went back to their hotel where personal hairstylists met with them in their rooms. Soon after, they were on their way to the theater in a limo. Along the sidewalks, fans were lined up, wanting to get a glimpse of the celebrities as they arrived.

The line was so long, it stretched for blocks, well beyond the red carpet. Fans were shouting to the Quileute limo, "roll the windows down" and "are you famous?"

Chairwoman Hatch was the only one to walk the red carpet, and afterwards they were all whisked away to finally watch *New Moon*. Chelsea said they sat three rows behind rapper 50 Cent. Each of the girls agreed *New Moon* was much better than *Twilight*. Taegan said she really liked the Wolf Pack, and at the after-party she had her picture taken with her favorite wolf, Jacob, played by Taylor Lautner. The girls mingled with the rest of the cast and crew and asked for autographs and pictures with the actors. Page said, "I should have told [the Wolf Pack] that we say 'yee yee' differently down here," referring to parts in the movie when the exclamation is used.

The girls have been interviewed by the Peninsula Daily News and even the Seattle Times about their trip, in addition to being blogged about by numerous sites. They have also been interrogated by curious classmates and friends about their Hollywood experience.

"Terra has been jumping off the walls since she's been back from LA," said stepfather Brent Ramsey.

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**From Left:** Chelsea Jackson, Tony Foster, Page Foster, Carol Hatch, DeAnna Hobson, Bonita Cleveland, Anna Rose Counsell, Taegan Counsell, Terra Sheriff and Rochelle Warner.

The group posed for a quick picture at their hotel before heading to the *New Moon* premiere.



## From the Desk of Chairwoman Hatch

I had the privilege of attending the first ever White House Tribal Nations Conference in Washington D.C. on November 5<sup>th</sup>. It was a historic event, and I am humbled to have been a part of it, proudly representing the Quileute Tribe.

One leader from each tribe was invited to the conference. It was amazing to see over 400 American Indian and Alaska Native representatives gathered in a single leadership meeting with the U.S. government. When President Obama came out on stage, he even looked like he was in awe of the assembly of tribal dignitaries before him.

In his opening speech, the President addressed many problems we face in Indian Country, and explained the goal of the conference: expanding communication between the federal government and First Nations and making a commitment to work comprehensively in tackling Indian issues. More than once, President Obama acknowledged a history of broken treaties and broken promises. He also made a connection with us, when he spoke of his childhood—being born to a teenage mother, his father abandoning their family, growing up poor, knowing what it is like to feel ignored and forgotten.

After President Obama's speech, we spent time with panels focusing on Natural Resources, Economic Development, Healthcare, Education, Public Safety, Housing and more issues. We shared our concerns and our recommendations, having discussions at length with Cabinet members and Congressmen appointed on those panels.

Not every tribal leader was able to speak out on issues pertaining to

their own tribe, but we all submitted prepared statements of our tribal needs. Here is an excerpt from my testimony:

“We are trying very diligently to reacquire additional lands to relocate our school children and elders to higher ground. As of today my people in the lower village are at high risk because the lower village is located in a tsunami zone.

Acquisition of additional lands would provide us the opportunity to prosper and to focus obtaining our tribal destinies, in areas such as:

- Constructing a new tribal school and new homes that are needed, as our existing and future housing inventory is projected to be at 80 units. Currently, there are 15 tribal members that are homeless [and that] is not a common thing in Indian country, to be homeless.
- Enhancement of our educational opportunities, through the development of a comprehensive educational and training program.
- Improve our overall healthcare system.”

Through his actions and heartfelt words, I am convinced that President Obama sincerely cares for Native Americans. He gives me hope, and I look forward to the next few years of change.

Most respectfully,

Carol

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## Executive Director's Report

One of the responsibilities that the Tribal Council has given me is financial management. I would like to share some of the things the Tribal Council, the accounting team, and the leadership teams have done to manage the Quileute Tribe's money.

We are recruiting for a controller and will conduct interviews in December. The Tribal Council has authorized the temporary hire of a CPA who joined the accounting team a few months ago to provide professional assistance until we hire the controller. We needed to catch up with our internal audits and have made real progress including the completion of the 2007 audit this summer and the finalization of the 2008 audit, which is due at the end of December. We have received bids for the 2009 audit and the Tribal Council will select an auditor by the end of December. The auditing firm must complete their work by June 30, 2010. We are currently conducting an audit of the store and resort and the auditor will present a final report

by the end of this December.

The leadership team, which includes program directors and business enterprise managers, meet monthly to discuss tribal business. Minutes from the meeting are distributed to all employees the day of the meeting. In October, the leaders received detailed financial reports summarizing departmental spending during the last 12 months. In November, they received detailed financial reports on spending for the previous month. In December, their reports will combine monthly spending with a comparison of last year's spending. As we proceed through the next year, leaders will have the opportunity to manage their costs and request Tribal Council support if they see the need for additional funding.

The accounting team met recently for two days of training at the West Wing to learn more about using our accounting information system. The training provided an opportunity to address audit recommenda-

tions for improvement. The training also provided the opportunity for an additional reporting service to the leadership team and the Tribal Council.

In addition to closely monitoring our spending, the Tribal Council closely monitors our savings from gaming revenue. All of the Tribal savings accounts are FDIC insured. All savings accounts are reviewed by the Tribal Council at least quarterly. The savings are very secure.

I hope you can see that successful financial management is the result of a team effort that begins with the Tribal Council's focus, the dedication of the Treasurer, Councilwoman Hobson, leaders that care about providing service, employees that are informed, and an accounting team that is willing to improve service using technology.

Your money is well managed.

Bill Peach

## Elder Feature: Margaret Black



One of the first things people notice about Margaret Rose Black is her sense of humor. She is lighthearted and able to laugh at herself. Throughout our conversation, Margaret would answer a question and then laugh out loud. Even when she was describing times she would get in trouble as a child by running away and hiding from the local cop after curfew, she was

cracking up.

Margaret's maiden name is Jackson, and she was born here in La Push on June 3, 1933. She says she had a good childhood, and was privileged not to have many hardships. She played many normal games, such as jump rope and hide and seek, and went to lots of basketball and football games. She attended two schools; one in La Push and one in Beaver when her family moved there. She did well in English but hated math because she was terrible at it. Although she did not finish school, Margaret wishes she had, because now she feels education is important.

The world is better now, according to Margaret. The Quileute Tribe is doing well with hardworking tribal members and Council Members who want to make La Push better. Margaret even weighs in on the Twilight phenomenon; she says she loves the movie, *Twilight*, along with all its actors. The stories have been a blessing. At first locals did not care for it, but tourism has increased, and Margaret feels *Twilight*

has been great for Forks and La Push.

Margaret can often be found at the Senior Center, unless it is rainy or stormy out, because Margaret hates going outside when the weather is bad. She says one her favorite things to do is eat at the Senior Center. She complimented Lisa Hohman-Penn on her cooking skills and taking care of all the elders. Margaret appreciates the kindness shown for the seniors. She says she definitely has a sweet tooth, and once she starts eating candy she cannot stop. Her favorite food is lemon pie. (Hint hint, Lisa.) Margaret's other favorite activity is attending Drum Group on Wednesday nights. She loves the drumming and the songs, although Margaret says, "I would like to see more young kids get into it."

Margaret has some advice for the youth: Be yourself. Do not try to copy anybody. When she was young, she said she was herself most of the time, and she was happy to not be a follower.

## Department Updates

### Public Works

Streetlights will be fixed soon. Public Works is responsible for the streetlights in Raven Crest and Quileute Heights, while Clallam County PUD is responsible for all other lights.

Danny Hinchey, Public Works Director, has had some meetings with Indian Health Services over the past couple of months. They are working on a few projects.

The crew has been working on getting a dangerous tree removed near Lonesome Creek store. There will be a planned power outage in order to fall that tree.

A big thank you goes out to Dave Stillwell for his community service with Public Works.

### Human Services

Congratulations to Monica Henry for winning a 2009 Envision Award. She was nominated as an outstanding person in our community for her work with domestic violence and sexual assault. Monica will be accepting her award at a luncheon on December 11<sup>th</sup> in Olympia.

### Janitorial

Interested community members need to turn in applications for temporary positions with the Janitorial Department to Roseann Fonzi at Personnel, even if they have worked for the department in the past. The department is starting a new temporary list.

Congratulations to Frank Ward for becoming a full-time, permanent employee! The Janitorial Department now has a full staff.

Dawn Bender, Bay Smith and Jenny Hoskins were sent to Cleaning Management Institute training in Quinault in order to learn how to work in health center facilities. They passed and received certificates and patches to sew onto their work attire. Congratulations, ladies!

The staff completed two major jobs in the past few months; they replaced windows at the clinic and courtroom.

Vince Penn, the Janitorial Supervisor, wants to let community members know that they need to set up a scheduled time to pick up keys for buildings. Also, the Executive

Director is responsible for scheduling the use of tribal vehicles. Use of vehicles needs to be authorized by Bill Peach and keys need to be obtained by the end of the work day, otherwise the keys will be issued the following day. Please do not ask the janitorial staff for vehicle keys.

### Marina

Nehalem Dredging had a late start on the La Push dredging project, and bad weather has been an issue. Pictured below, the company uses a crane to lower equipment into the water and help pull anchors.



## Quileute Counseling and Referral Services Schedule

This is for Drug and Alcohol Treatment, not AA.

**Monday:** Kevin is in by 1 am. Treatment Group is at 4 pm. Sorry, but if anyone is late by more than ten minutes to treatment groups then they will not be excused.

**Tuesday:** Kevin is in at 8 am. Talking Circle Group is at 12 pm to 1 pm. Please do not walk in later

than 12:05. All are welcome to attend this open group.

**Wednesday:** Kevin is in at 10 am. Drum Circle is moving to an earlier time for the winter. Dinner song should start by 5 pm.

**Thursday:** Kevin is in at 8 am. Relapse Prevention Treatment Group starts at 10 am.

**Friday:** Kevin may be off work due to his flex schedule and work-

ing too many hours. He will assign appointments as needed and/or perform administrative tasks.

Also, Outpatient Group is now on Monday nights at 4:30 pm, until further notice. New groups will start soon.

## Tribal School honors Veterans

The Quileute Tribal School honored the Veterans on November 10<sup>th</sup>, which is the day before the actual Veterans Day, since school was not in session on the holiday. Breakfast was served and afterwards students performed songs. Before closing remarks were made by Principal Al Zantua, an open mic was made available to the Veterans, and many took the opportunity to stand up and say thanks and recognize all the Vets.

### Quileute Veterans

Black, Leroy  
 Bouck, Edward  
 Bouck, Bob  
 Bryan, Alfred Sr.  
 Cleveland, Charles  
 Coberly, Robert Sr.  
 Garrick, Joseph  
 Harrison, Charles Sr.  
 Hobucket, Gordon Glenn  
 Hobucket, James  
 Jackson, Roger Sr.  
 Jackson, Thomas

James, Darrel  
 Jones, John  
 Kite, Daniel  
 Lazzar, Teresa  
 Marshall, Mike  
 Morganroth, Chris III  
 Payne, Kenneth  
 Penn, Christian "Jiggs"  
 Penn, William "Willie"  
 Pinon, John  
 Pullen, Douglas Jr.  
 Reid, Donald

Rosander, Vincent Sr.  
 Simmons, Huey  
 Williams, Leo  
**Staff Veterans**  
 Cochran, Bruce  
 Hatch, Lloyd Jr.  
 Hoppa, Mary  
 Olbert, Steve  
 Peach, Bill  
 Smith, Jim  
 Whipple, Robert



## Annual "Cherish Our Children" is set for December 4<sup>th</sup>

By Sandra Heinrich

The City of Forks and the Quileute Tribe are sponsoring their annual Cherish Our Children holiday fundraiser for disadvantaged children on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Akalat Center in La Push starting at 5 pm.

A festive evening for the entire family is planned including dinner, silent and live auctions, a silent auction table for children, photos with Santa, 50/50 drawing, and local artisans selling their creations for additional Christmas shopping opportunities.

Dinner will include a seafood plate

made up of crab & salmon, chowder, fry bread and cole slaw. Spaghetti and hot dogs are on the menu as well.

Live auction items will include Native art, smoked salmon, elk sausage, Twilight paraphernalia, local artisan creations and delicious baked items, to name a few.

Proceeds from the event support the gift giving programs in each community. In Forks, the Food Bank sponsors the Santa's Workshop program that provides "shopping" opportunities for families struggling financially. Families signed up for the program are able to select gifts for each child in their

family. In La Push, the Quileute Housing Authority's program provides gifts for the children of struggling families in the community.



This paddle will be raffled off at Cherish Our Children. Principal Al Zantua and the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade class collaborated on it. The proceeds will be going towards a field trip for the class.

## Quileute earns eligibility for new grant from EPA

By Katie Krueger

In September of 2009 Quileute was awarded Treatment as a State status for Clean Water Act Section 319. This is the section relating to control of pollution that does not come from a pipe—runoff, for example. Sediment loads in the Quillayute River are a prime example. What this new status means is that we are eligible for EPA (federal Environmental Protection Agency) grants to correct the problem. We were not, before.

Treatment as a State is a term some tribal folks take issue with, because tribes are sovereigns and have a special relationship with the federal government. However, what this means is that under the Clean Water Act, we, Quileute, have demonstrated that our government resources are just as capable as a bigger government, like a state, to correct environmental problems. It is a term put in the Clean Water Act by Congress and that is why it is used.

To gain this status, we had to submit lengthy technical and legal documents, which underwent review by technical and legal experts at the Seattle Region 10 office of EPA:

An assessment of all the nonpoint source pollution in the Quillayute River Basin (the Dickey, Sol Duc, Calawah, and Bogachiel Rivers and the Quillayute mainstem);

A management plan suggesting at least three ways to solve the sediment problem, over a four-year period; and

A legal analysis of the tribe’s government structure and capacity.

You can view the two technical documents on line on our Natural Resources website: [www.quileutenation.org/programs/salmon-restoration](http://www.quileutenation.org/programs/salmon-restoration)

They are the last two documents of four at the bottom of this web page. They are in Adobe Reader format. These are big files, so may open slowly.

This status will let us apply for base grants (not contested) of \$30,000 (affecting under 640,000 acres) to \$50,000 (over 640,000 acres) and for contested grants for up to \$150,000. Our management plan has set up potential projects dealing with noxious weed removal where it can improve stream channel function; forest practices like culvert or bridge work; and dredging. The last is actually being negotiated with EPA. They have been made aware of our enormous sediment problems in the marina basin and river channel. Normally, CWA 319 money is only for projects that remedy the cause, but we are still seeking approval for dredging funds, even though this won’t fix the underlying cause.

Ordinarily, a match would be required of 40% of the grant, but because we have a Performance Partnership Grant with EPA (that merges two other programs, a long story about how and why), we are eligible for CWA 319 funds with just a 5% match. This year, because of the very short time between 319 approval and the grant due date in December, we are applying for base funds to supplement a knotweed removal grant already funded by US Fish and Wildlife Service. Next year we may go for the big prize: contested grant funds of \$150,000. All matches have to come from non-federal sources, so that is always a challenge to the grant writer, to find such a partner.

### Aerial view of Quillayute River



Sediment in the Quillayute River is a chronic problem and while the Corps dredges regularly, getting to the source of the problem is something QNR is working on as well.

### Harvest Dinner raised approximately \$2500 for Headstart classes



**Left:** Mark Williams browsed items for bid. **Middle:** The Headstart students gathered for a picture after the silent auction was closed. **Right:** Winning bidders were announced and collected their prizes at the front table. Nearly \$2500 was raised for the Headstart classes.

## Clean water monitoring: history behind EPA eligibility

By Katie Krueger

For about eight years now, Quileute has had “Treatment as a State” for water quality monitoring, under CWA §106. We had to go through a similar process as described for CWA §319. We surveyed all the studies on water quality throughout the Quillayute Basin—some 850 square miles of watershed—and summarized the reports. Then we did a management plan for how to monitor to resolve issues. A legal analysis was also required. As a result of EPA’s finding us qualified for TAS, we receive annual base funding of

some \$60,000 with a 5% match from QNR’s Fish Management fund. A grant process is still required, however, to obtain the funds.

To date we have limited our work to measurements on the reservation. You may have even seen our technical crew, out on the river. Initially, Brent Ramsey and Gene Gaddie were our technicians, with some help from Donald Penn. Steve Rondeau and Perry Black monitored in the recent past. Right now, Garrett Rasmussen and Perry Black do the work. We have been checking sediment load (turbidity), temperature, acid or base level (pH), and dissolved oxygen (this is all about keeping the water good enough for salmon). In addition we are surveying now for salinity levels. Our crew checks the water in the marina, upstream where Smith Slough enters the river, and Lonesome Creek by the hatchery. We also monitor water in the Settling Pond by Second Beach, which is part of the

hatchery water system. In the future we hope to go off-reservation and work in the U&A, but right now we are getting base data within the reservation. We check monthly, and after storm events. This data will be vital in seeing if upstream salmon habitat restoration is making a difference.

We use a device called a Datasonde, which has different types of probes to measure the different water quality criteria. The information downloads to a device that communicates with a computer, and the results come out in Excel format. We are paid by EPA, and the data are uploaded to a master file with EPA, nationally. We also make narrative reports of the work. This year we were able to upgrade to a brand-new Datasonde, which will allow us to continue to calibrate and maintain service quality. Our old one was a clunker and keeping it serviced, much like an old car, was becoming a problem since the manufacturer was phasing out some aspects of maintenance.



Shown at the marina: Perry Black, Steven Rondeau and TJ Sisson of Hach Environmental, Inc. Hach makes the Datasondes.

## Need help dealing with a bully?

Please join the Quileute New Beginnings and TANF programs for this free event! Participants will join a Parent-Connect webinar (an online session) to listen to experts on teen violence, bullying, harassment and parenting. If you would rather join the webinar at home, go to [www2.gotomeeting.com/register/184630347](http://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/184630347) to register (list school name as: Quileute Nation.)

The webinar will help you and your child gain skills in dealing

with bullying and harassment.

The webinar class will be located at the Tribal Office West Wing on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 6 pm.

Food will be provided at the event.

For more information, contact the Human Services Department at 374-4306 or Monica Henry at 374-5110.

## Congratulations Joshua



Joshua Hoskins won the portable DVD player from the Community Shuttle Survey Drawing. Kala Godinet from Human Services is pictured handing over the prize to Joshua. Thank you to everyone who filled out a survey. There were 49 submissions. The feedback will be analyzed and used to provide better service of the community shuttle.

## Counselor's Corner



Holiday greetings to all of you. I wish to remind you that my home here is open to those of you that need to stop by and talk. Not about politics, sports or fishing but about your recovery. So if you feel bad and want to use drugs

and alcohol, stop by first before you slip up. We can talk about it and hopefully you will stay clean for just one more day. Once you know we can all survive 24 hours without drinking or using you can learn to not use or drink at all. That is freedom. That is the beginning of true pride and freedom.

Freedom isn't being able to do anything we want. Freedom is not being chained to anything and having the ability to act in our best interests. Drinking and drugging is not freedom. It is a bondage to chemicals to feel good. It is slavery to chemicals

to cope. It affects our decision-making ability to where we think we are free, but is it really freedom when you do things to yourself and to others that causes regret, shame and embarrassment?

If my actions cause me or my family embarrassment, am I really free and are they free, too? I think not. While none of us can claim we are perfect, most of us can claim we are at least trying to improve most of the time. So how about you? Can you join in and try to live a lifestyle that makes you proud, happier and free?

So I ask each and every one of you that is reading this article and suffering from drugs and alcohol to look inside and ask yourself if you are really free. Ask yourself if you are a good role model. Ask yourself if your actions help the tribe and your family or if your actions hurt them.

I came back to La Push to try and help. I had a very good position in Port Angeles but my heart yearned to return to La Push to the most wonderful people I have ever

known. I really mean this. I always say that I have never been anywhere else that compares to La Push and the Quileute people. You have big hearts and you share so much with everyone. You honor your seniors and take care of them like they are national treasures. You live together, celebrate together, you mourn and weep together and you break bread together. You bring your love for each other out in the open.

So if you are using chemicals to feel okay, if you are hurting, if you are feeling lost, reach out and ask for help. It takes courage and a warrior spirit to understand that asking for help is a strength, not a weakness. Reach out! Then others will know you care and they will be happy to help. When we help we get to feel good. That's the gift of giving. It comes back to us as a wonderful feeling, far better than getting high.

Kevin McCall

## Fishermen participated in Sea Safety and First Aid classes



**Left:** The final drills in the Sea Safety course occurred in the La Push marina. After doing a smoke drill and practicing man-over-board, the fishermen jumped off of the F/V Julia R and into the water, where they grouped together and swam to a raft.

**Right:** Greg Urata practices setting off different types of flares.

## Heartfelt Message from Conner's Family

Thank you to all who came to drum at Conner's Celebration of Life, and to those who made donations to his memorial fund to support buying books and a scholarship in his memory. Also, we want to thank everyone who donated food and cedar roses, necklaces, baskets and blankets.

Thank you so much for helping us to celebrate Conner for the special and wonderful boy he was. All your time and generosity means so much to us. Conner would have been so proud and I'm sure he was smiling down upon us. We have had so many wonderful comments from friends expressing how

touched they were by the Quileute traditions and generosity. So thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

Love to All,

Russ, Sheril, Cody and Jordann Woodruff

## Quileute teens attend Prevention Summit

A group of Quileute students and chaperons attended the 2009 Washington State Prevention Summit in Yakima, WA on October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. An estimated 1,000 people were present at the conference.

In its 25<sup>th</sup> year, the Prevention Summit has remained consistent with its original goals of bringing together community members to discuss the prevention of alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse in Washington state. The conference is also a time to look back on the year's successes, learn new strategies and network with other students, parents, teachers, professors, law enforcement officers, prevention professionals, policymakers and more, who share the same views.

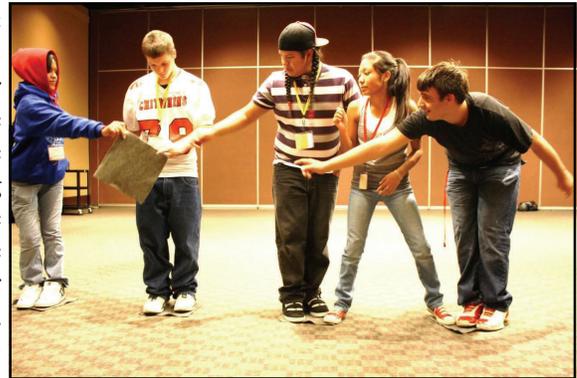
Separate workshops were available for the youth and adults. The Quileutes' strategy was to send one or two representatives to each workshop in order to increase knowledge on the subjects as much as possible. After the workshops, they reported what they learned to each other.

Two motivational speakers really connected with the Quileutes: Juana Bordas and Tom Malloy. Juana's speech hit home for the Quileutes. She spoke about coming from poverty and how impor-

tant it is to set realistic goals, while Tom was impressed with their eagerness to participate in his interactive speech on making positive choices. He complimented the Quileute youth on their drumming and singing, because they were obviously proud, belting out their songs, while other Native youth representatives were quieter and intimidated by the large audience.

Part of the conference also included youth service learning projects. The Quileute group chose to volunteer at the Harmon Senior Center, where they did some light landscaping and joined the seniors in their activities. The seniors shared tips for pool and knitting, and they even taught the youth two-stepping and ballroom dancing. The seniors were excited to spend time with the Quileute youth, explaining how they wished their own grandchildren would visit.

A major theme of the summit was teamwork. The Quileute group put aside their differences to work together and concentrate on issues of substance abuse and also brain-



storm ways in which they could help the La Push community. Some of their ideas include: prevention skits at Drum Group, starting a club for the prevention of substance abuse, making their own commercials to screen at La Push and creating CDs with songs that contain positive messages.

After the Prevention Summit, Human Services and its programs are hoping to see more creative output learned from the conference. Look for upcoming events from Human Services. Any interested youth or parents should contact Ann Penn-Charles at 374-2228. There are also opportunities for adults to be chaperones.

**Above:** When everyone arrived at the Summit, there were icebreakers for the youth so they could meet others from around the state. Pictured from the Quileute group are Kelsey Rosander on the far left and Raymond Hoekstra on the far right.

### Bob Ward Memorial

A Memorial Service will be held in honor of Robert "Bob" Ward Sr. on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The service will take place at the Akalat Center, starting at 12 pm. Please bring your drum!

### Family Fun Night: Holiday Party

The next Family Fun Night will be on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the QTS Multipurpose room from 5pm to 7pm.

There will be Christmas cookies, and a traditional Christmas dinner is planned. Come join in on

the Christmas festivities!

Please remember that children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please contact Theresa Breithaupt at 374-3138.

## A Christmas Program is planned at the La Push Assembly of God

The La Push Assembly of God has planned a Christmas Program on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. For the past several years the church has taken the children around the village caroling instead of putting on a program. The pro-

gram will consist of singing and a play, along with dinner. The youth choir has practiced for two months and they are very excited to perform for the community, so be sure to mark your calendars!

Sue Payne asks department direc-

tors, managers and others to try not to schedule anything on that same night, December 17<sup>th</sup>, because the children have put a lot of work into their performances.

## Quileute teens get a taste of campus life at two colleges

Two Human Services programs, Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Prevention and Youth and Family Intervention, teamed up to fund a trip for students to tour two colleges in Eastern Washington as well as attend the Washington State Prevention Summit in Yakima, WA.

The group left October 27<sup>th</sup> and returned on October 31<sup>st</sup>. They had the opportunity to visit Washington State University on October 28<sup>th</sup> and then Heritage University on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

WSU is a large university with many opportunities, and the Quileute students were able to see the benefits of attending the school. The Pullman area seemed big enough to have plenty to do, but not so much that it was overwhelming. There is also a wide range of departments and programs to choose from, with many clubs and activities on campus, a state-of-the-art fitness facility and an excellent Native American Student Center.

A main attraction for the Quileute youth was the Native American Student Center and the fact that there are seven Native student organizations on campus. The Native American Student Center provides many services, such as academic advising, free tutoring and educational workshops, computer and Internet access, student organization involvement and much more. The goal of the center is to provide a place for Native students to meet and interact with each other.

The Quileute group had a chance to meet some WSU Natives. They ex-

plained that if someone makes themselves a part of their group, they will have a place to belong. They are a tight knit community, almost like a family. And although Natives make up less than one percent of the WSU student population, they can still find their niche within the Native American Student Center.



The next day, the Quileutes visited Heritage University in Toppenish, WA. Although it is a much smaller college, it has a very diverse student body. In fall of 2007, Hispanics made up a total of 44%, White/Caucasian was 45%, and Native Americans were at 8%. Classes are small, averaging approximately 15 students. At Heritage, they believe higher education should be accessible to anyone, re-

gardless of economics, culture or geographic locations. Because of the small class sizes, people notice when students are missing. The tour guide explained there is more accountability, and professors and classmates will track someone down to question absences.

Heritage also has a Native American Club, which was of interest to the Quileute students. One thing they noticed on the tour was that Native artwork was scattered throughout the campus. It made the school feel more inclusive and inviting for the Quileute group.

The nursing program caught many of the students' attention. High tech medical mannequins are used for training and actually respond to the treatments they are given. The Quileutes got a kick out of the moaning that one made when its medical care was inadequate. Better a mannequin than a *real* patient!

Afterwards, a Quileute student approached one of the chaperones and claimed, "I am going to Heritage." These tours are a great way to expose the youth to the university experience, and that support systems and Native communities exist within colleges.

For more information about their Prevention Summit attendance, see page 9.

**Above:** The students are pictured climbing the steps in front of the Edward R. Murrow building at Washington State University.

## Meet the new employees



**Keri Shepherd**

My name is Keri Shepherd and I am the new Transportation Planner. My duties will be to improve roads, trails, sidewalks, and emergency routes, specifically the Cemetery road, among other projects. I hope

to increase funding for various construction jobs and transportation infrastructure through grants and other federal programs. Eventually, I hope to be assisting with the Community Shuttle. My overall goal here is to increase the safety and welfare of tribal members.

I am originally from Minnesota; I lived in Arizona before moving to Washington. I graduated from Western Washington University with a degree in Environmental Policy and Planning. Some jobs titles I have had are commercial

fisherman/shipwright and Transportation Planner/ Transit Manager for the Lummi Nation. I volunteered with Northwest Wildlife Rehabilitation Center and the Whatcom County Marine Mammal Stranding Network in Bellingham, WA, for the last 7 years. I really enjoy working for tribes and I am very excited to be working for the Quileute Tribe and appreciate the opportunity to do so. If you have any questions you can stop by the Tribal Office to see me at anytime.



**Frank Ward**

Hi, I'm Frank Ward. I was hired as a temporary Janitor, and I am happy to finally be a permanent, full-

time employee. I love it, because there is much to do and I get to work with people, which allows me to meet lots of new people. Currently, I am placed at the Senior Center and the Courthouse, but I also help at other departments.

Previously, I have worked at the Emerald Queen Casino, been a YOP Supervisor five times, and worked at the Tribal School. I am

also the Vice Chair for the Headstart Policy Council. I enjoy coaching youth basketball and baseball and volunteering for youth activities and events whenever possible. One of my favorite things to do is spend time with my five wonderful kids.



**John Simpson**

John Harvey Simpson is my name, and I was hired in the Public Works Department as Public

Works Worker II. I drive the dump trucks, sweeper machine, back hoe, and someday the boom truck. Eventually I'll be getting my wastewater treatment certification. Right now I'm learning the ropes and having fun in my new job with the tribe.

I used to be a Purchaser and Assistant Manager at Thurman's in Port Angeles, which is a plumbing and

electrical retail store. We moved to Sappho with our four children about five years ago. My wife and I now run a farm where we raise and butcher pigs to sell. We are also currently pursuing a new business venture and building cabins at Beaver Creek to hopefully expand on the tourism the area is getting.

I look forward to serving the La Push community.

## Community Christmas Dinner

There will be a Community Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. Dinner begins at 5pm, followed by Drum Group.



**Quileute Tribe**

**Happy Birthday to Enrolled Quileute Tribal Members**

**December Birthdays:**

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

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