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Quileute community members proudly danced during the celebration. Photo by Cheryl Barth

It took an Act of Congress, but after decades of struggling to regain land that was their traditional hunting, gathering, and fishing grounds surrounding the reservation, the Quileute Tribe finally resolved longstanding disputes with the National Park Service. This perseverance led to the passage of Public Law No. 112-97, which was signed by President Obama on February 27, 2012. After months of preparation, anticipation and excitement, the "Quileute Tsunami Protection Legislation - Move to Higher Ground" Potlatch Celebration was held on October 25, 2012 at the Quileute Tribe Akalat.

The Masters of Ceremonies for the evening were Russell Woodruff, Vince Penn, Ann Penn-Charles and Rio Jaime, while Roger Jackson, Sr. was Honorary Master of Ceremonies. A prayer and moment of silence were observed for not only all Quileute tribal members who have passed on, but

also for victims of the tsunamis in Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Japan.

To commence the celebration, Quileute Tribal School students paddled in and performed three traditional Quileute dances, which brought smiles to the faces of everyone in the audience. Quileute tribal member and Health Clinic employee Tracy Eastman applauded, saying, "The kids' performance was so cute. It was great to see them do all the dances we used to do when we were in school."

Throughout the night, Tribal Council focused on the youth and the Quileute Tribal School. Now that the tribe has acquired higher land, the Tribal School will be one of the first buildings to be moved out of the tsunami zone, among other structures such as the Senior Center and private residences. After the students performed, Chairman Tony Foster reiterated in his welcome speech, "We are do-



A close up of the event program. Photo by Cheryl Barth

ing this for our children. We are here fighting for tomorrow."

In his speech, the Chairman acknowledged and thanked those who were instrumental in the passage of the tribe's historical legislation, including past and current Tribal Council Members, Executive Directors, Quileute tribal staff, attorneys, and the support of the Quileute community. He commented how the damage by recent tsunamis in Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Japan were eye openers for Quileute tribal

members. Chairman Foster also spoke about the Tribal Council's appreciation for the federal, state and local government dignitaries, their staff, and all their efforts in assisting the tribe.

Dinner was served shortly after the Chairman's speech; it was planned by head cook Viola Riebe, who had assistance from many others. They baked salmon in the traditional Quileute way, which is called ꞑ'ákspat. It is prepared by binding filets of

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John Rush and Bradley Hatch helped prepare the k̓wákspat. Photo by Cheryl Barth



Viola Riebe was the head cook. Photo by Cheryl Barth

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fish with cedar sticks and cooking the fish over an alder fire. Officer Sean Hoban of the La Push Police Department exclaimed, "The fish was some of the best fish I've ever had! Quileutes really know how to cook." The meal also included homemade clam chowder, roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, corn, cranberry sauce, macaroni salad, dinner rolls, fresh fruit cups and vegetable trays, and desserts. Cooks and servers were dressed in aprons and were attentive to the crowd.

Marie Riebe added her creative touch with her beautiful flower arrangements near the buffet table, and the simplistic yet elegant center pieces and place settings. Place mats featured historic photographs of the Quileute village, which brought back memories and stimulated conversations among tribal members and guests.

During the dinner, a

video documentary was played; this video served as a powerful informational tool during the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives hearings. These documentaries showcased the tsunami dangers and the perspectives of Quileute tribal members and employees discussing the threat of tsunamis and floods in La Push. The video was crucial in educating the Congress and the public about the concern for safety for the children, elders, guests, and the entire community, and the importance of moving to higher ground. Legal Counsel Harold "Buzz" Bailey of Garvey, Schubert, and Barer shared during the celebration, "The Chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee said very plainly that the video was the most important part of swift congressional passage of the land legislation." A two-minute King5TV news segment was also shown at the celebration as an example of the positive media coverage

the tribe garnered during the previous year.

As part of a Quileute tradition, five audience members were chosen to witness the event: guests Sandy Heinrich and Neal Malmsten, elders Lela Mae Morganroth and James Hobucket, and youth John Rush. The purpose of asking these five honorees is to remember the ceremony and share details with others, so the ceremony will not be forgotten.

Afterwards, Vice Chair DeAnna Hobson gave an overview of the legislation and a brief history of the tribe. She is an elder of the tribe as well as a tribal historian.

Following the Vice Chair, Harold "Buzz" Bailey of Garvey, Schubert and Barer, who has worked for decades alongside current and past Tribal Council, presented a framed copy of the "Quileute Tsunami and Flood Protection Act." He called up all current and past Tribal Council Mem-

bers for the presentation. It was a proud moment, showcasing everyone's involvement in the journey, because this effort was at the hands of many over the course of many decades. Past members who were present for the celebration were: Mildred Carol Hatch, Chris Morganroth III, Bert Black, James Jaime, Walter Jackson, Russell Woodruff, Sr., Anna Rose Counsell-Geyer, and Roseann Fonzi. The audience loved the presentation and rose to their feet in appreciation; the applause was thunderous and everyone was snapping pictures.

"I loved it, how we honored the ones that started the move to higher grounds. It was heartwarming, and really made my heart feel good. I'm glad it was a great turnout," said Quileute drummer Dusty Jackson. Past Council Member Walter Jackson was one of the leaders called up for the presentation of the Act. He shared, "I felt a sense of relief and pride standing with all the leaders present and the proud fact that I had the opportunity to be a part of the tribe's history while representing the people as a tribal leader." Describing this moment as his favorite part of the night, Co-Master of Ceremonies and former Tribal Council Member Russell Woodruff stated, "It was good to recognize everybody as a whole. It felt good. It was an honor to stand with all of them, together. All of Council and past Tribal Council Members."

After the presentation of the official Act, Council Member Chas Woodruff spoke about the next steps in the process to move to higher ground. He explained, "I've been talking to people, and they think

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The five witnesses were: Sandy Heinrich, Neal Malmsten, Lela Mae Morganroth, James Hobucket, and John Rush. Photo by Cheryl Barth

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Quileute dancers carried paddles made specially for the event that were gifted later in the celebration.  
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we'll be pounding nails tomorrow. This process will be long, but we are moving forward." He stressed that there are many steps being taken that the public may not be aware of, and though it may look like nothing is happening, there is always something happening. The tribe is in the planning stages, which is crucial to the process.

Representatives for Congressman Norm Dicks, Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, and Governor Christine Gregoire attended the ceremony and read messages. Judith Morris attended on behalf of Norm Dicks; Alexandra Fastle attended in Patty Murray's place; Brian Srenar represented Maria Cantwell; and Mystique Hurtado attended from the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs. Many congratulatory letters were read to the Quileute Tribal Council and the people. The



Leticia Jaime, her daughter Donna Mae, and Elizabeth Soto led the dancers. Photo by Cheryl Barth

political officials were all supportive and instrumental in the Quileute Tribe's legislation to acquire higher land. Brian Srenar, who is the State Director of Maria Cantwell's staff, he exclaimed, "When the President signed that legislation, we may not be a part of the Quileute Nation, but on that day, we were. We were proud to champion this legisla-

tion." County Commissioner Mike Doherty acknowledged current Tribal Council's praise for all previous Tribal Council Members and the importance of honoring all those who came before them. He congratulated them "for taking the ball over the goal line."

Dr. Barbara Brotherton, Curator at the Seattle Art Museum (SAM), spoke about the Quileute Art Exhibit having the largest opening at the museum, which beat the opening of the Picasso show. In one year's time, over 150,000 people visited SAM to see the Quileute exhibit. She thanked and congratulated Tribal Council, and recognized the Quileute committee who helped her put the exhibit together in a short amount of time to educate others on Quileute culture.

Speeches were made by other honored guests, including: Stanley Speaks, Area



Tribal School students opened the ceremony with three dances.  
Photo by Cheryl Barth

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Director in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Portland Area Office; Roy Maldonado, former Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Olympic Peninsula Agency; Chris Roberts, Native Vote Director for Washington State Democrats; and Bryon Monohon, Mayor of Forks. Quileute elder Beverly Loudon later commented, "I enjoyed seeing the expressions on people's faces when they were up there speaking."

Council Secretary Naomi Jacobson presented a memorial plaque, recognizing former Tribal Council Members who have passed. It is the Qui-

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Kayla and Salena Jackson danced in the celebration.  
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leute way to remember everyone for their contributions, and that plaque honors and acknowledges those who assisted with the legislation but are no longer here today.

After the plaque presentation, past and current Tribal Council Members were

gifted paddles, Pendleton blankets, and cedar baskets, and in true Quileute tradition, they paddled out of the circle. Next, all federal, state, and local dignitaries and staff were recognized with paddles, Pendleton blankets and baskets for their involvement and support with the legislation. Chas Woodruff's commentary garnered

many laughs, especially when he turned to the guests being honored and asked, "You know you have to paddle out of here, too?"

The crowd loved the paddle dance. Everyone was taking pictures, laughing, and applauding. It was electric and such a memorable moment, which tribal members and employees excitedly talked about for days. "When Tony led all the guests in the paddle dance, it was pretty cool, and all the special guests actually danced," Quileute tribal member Charlotte Penn described. Her cousin, Stephanie Calderon, added, "It was good to see everybody there, and seeing past Tribal Council Members and current Tribal Council Members and guests going around doing the paddle song." Quileute tribal member Darlene Jackson also found that moment to be her favorite part of the event, "I liked it when they all danced, all past Tribal Council Members. I thought that was the best part, all coming along as community members."

After the gifting and paddle dances were over, Harold "Buzz" Bailey made the closing remarks. He expressed, "So we are here today not celebrating the beginning or end of anything, but instead we are clearly marking today a critical milestone along the way toward justice, a milestone that reflects the very best qualities and values of this Tribe. And just as importantly we are recognizing and celebrating those

Quileute members whose persistence, strength of character and soundness of judgment serve as inspiration for the generations of Quileutes to come—those generations that will live and work in the new upper village. So I say to those Quileute men and women who gave their strengths and talents to the land legislation: *Wa-talich-ta asoos ta.*"

Following Buzz Bailey, Quileute elder Beverly Loudon prayed with community members and guests, which was a powerful moment for many people in attendance.

One of hundreds who attended the celebration was Quileute Natural Resources Attorney Katie Krueger, who shared her thoughts, "What I liked was how incredibly happy the Quileute members were who spoke about finally attaining the dream of this land to protect the community. They all said it differently, but it was the same message." Quileute tribal member Frank Ward commented on the celebration, "My favorite part, was all of it—how we got the land back."

It was a proud day for Quileute. Quileute tribal member and Co-Master of Ceremonies, Vince Penn said, "I think it was an outstanding event in marking a milestone in the return of the land, that was traditionally, and I want to emphasize traditionally, Quileute land." Members of Quileute Tribal Council were ecstatic to share it with so many past leaders, community members and guests. Steve Antonellos of Australia, who has spent much of his time with the Quileutes for his PhD dissertation, said, "I thought it was amazing to be part of a historic day, and I'm happy to know my friends in La Push will be safe from a tsunami in the future." Quileute elder Beverly Loudon was full of excitement when describing the celebration, "It was awesome! It was a long time coming, and it finally got here." Council Member Chas Woodruff stated, "We have to recognize the past councils and their work. Without them, we probably wouldn't be here celebrating. And more importantly, this celebration is for our future. With the passing of this bill, it gives us the opportunity to move to higher ground."



Honored guests and tribal staff were acknowledged and gifted with paddles, Pendleton blankets and cedar baskets. Photo by Cheryl Barth

## With Gratitude, From Council Chambers



Attorney Harold "Buzz" Bailey presented the Act to past and current members of Tribal Council at the celebration. Photo by Cheryl Barth

Thank you all for joining us on October 25, 2012 at the "Quileute Tsunami Protection Legislation - Move to Higher Ground" Potlatch Celebration. We celebrated a historic occasion, marking the passage of the "Quileute Tsunami and Flood Protection Bill," which was signed by President Obama on February 27, 2012.

The passage of this legislation is the work of 40 years of tireless efforts and the involvement of many Tribal Council leaders, Executive Directors, attorneys, and tribal employees, as well as federal, state and local officials and their staff. Much appreciation goes to everyone involved in the celebration:

- Thank you to the former Quileute Tribal Council Members in attendance: Mildred Carol Hatch, Chris Morganroth III, Bert Black, James Jaime, Walter Jackson, Russell Woodruff, Sr., Anna Rose Counsell-Geyer, and Roseann Fonzi. Together, we stood as one. This display of unity symbolized 40 years of hard work. We also lift our hands to all who came before us, and we also thank previous members of Council who were unable to attend the celebration: Kenneth Payne, Roy Black, Jr., Leo Williams, Janice Smith, and Bonita Cleveland. We are grateful for your dedication, contributions, and sacrifices.
- The Quileute Tribal School students for their beautiful performance at the celebration
- Our hands go up to Viola

Riebe and the cooks for their wonderful meal, which included a delicious and traditional fish bake. Thank you Joan Penn, John Penn, Bradley Hatch, Phil Ashue, John Rush, and Randy Lawrence for your assistance with the ƙʷákspat (fish bake)

- Marie Riebe added her touch to the beautiful arrangements, center pieces, and place settings at the event
- Master of Ceremonies: Russell Woodruff, Sr.
- Co-Masters of Ceremonies: Vince Penn, Ann Penn-Charles, and Rio Jaime
- Honorary Master of Ceremonies: Roger Jackson, Sr.
- Veteran James Hobucket for posting the flags
- Much appreciation to special guests Sandy Heinrich and Neal Malmsten, Quileute elders Lela Mae Morganroth and James Hobucket, and Quileute youth John Rush for witnessing the event as the selected honorees
- Our hands go up to the employees and community members who came together the day before and the day of the event to set up, decorate, assemble gift bags, cook, sing, drum, and dance. Your help and enthusiasm made it successful, and we are grateful for each and every one of you
- Executive Director Paul Siewell and all former Executive Directors
- Executive Secretary Renee Turnow for all her work behind the scenes, supporting Quileute Tribal Council with the celebration

- Thank you to the Lonesome Creek Hatchery, High Tide Seafoods and various fishermen for their donations of fish
- Thank you to Beverly Loudon, whose words of prayer are always powerful
- Much appreciation to Events Coordinator Russell Brooks and Barbara Elk Zeiger for the countless hours involved in organizing this celebration and ensuring the event went smoothly
- Judith Morris, District Representative, for attending on behalf of Congressman Norm Dicks
- Alexandra Fastle, Kitsap and Olympic Peninsula Director, for attending on behalf of Senator Patty Murray
- Brian Screnar, State Director for Senator Maria Cantwell's office, for attending on behalf of Maria Cantwell
- Chris Roberts, Native Vote Director for Washington State Democrats, who drove all the way to La Push to read a congratulatory letter from gubernatorial candidate Jay Inslee
- Todd Suess, Acting Superintendent for Olympic National Park, for attending on behalf of the National Park Service
- Mystique Hurtado, who attended on behalf of Craig Bell, the liaison with the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
- Stanley Speaks, Area Director in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Portland Area Office
- Herb Westmoreland, Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Olympic Pen-

insula Agency

- Ray Maldonado, former Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Olympic Peninsula Agency
- Mike Doherty, Chairman of Clallam County Board of Commissioners
- Neal Malmsten, former Attorney for the Quileute Tribe, who was involved with much legal work and negotiations with National Park Service
- Forks Mayor Bryon Monohon and former Forks Mayor Nedra Reed, for their neighborly support of a land settlement with the National Park Service, and their letters of support
- Dr. Barbara Brotherton for making the Quileute exhibit at the Seattle Art Museum possible, and for sharing details of how the Quileute exhibit holds a record-breaking opening at SAM
- Publicist Jackie Jacobs for all her work behind the scenes with the media and legislation
- Harold "Buzz" Bailey representing Garvey, Schubert and Barer for their decades of dedication to the Quileute Tribe

It was a beautiful celebration with amazing food, songs and dances, beautiful gifts, and heartfelt speeches. We are honored to have spent the evening with you all. We are truly grateful to everyone who attended and made it a success and much appreciation to all who helped make it a wonderful and memorable evening.

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



Jay Powell transforming into kwashkwash, the Blue Jay.

### K<sup>w</sup>o<sup>l</sup>iyófilo ʔsiqáti: K<sup>w</sup>áya Dix<sup>w</sup>odáchtada - ʔádi? 3 Quileute Territory: The Dickey River – Part 3

The time of the November moon is called **ʔłok<sup>w</sup>o<sup>o</sup>ʔk<sup>t</sup>iyat** [tloh-quo-OAK-tee-yaht]. It means “Pond freeze days,” the days when ice appears on standing water.” The word for “lake” or “pond” in Quileute is **ʔłok<sup>w</sup>o<sup>l</sup>** (tloh-QUOTH).

Last month during **ilak<sup>s</sup>i<sup>o</sup>al<sup>k</sup>tiyat**, October, “silver salmon getting days” was the time when families were collecting and preserving by smoking and wind drying the last of their winter provisions. In the days before Costco, Walgreen’s, and Home Depot, the Old People had to be ready for winter. They needed to have food, firewood, medicines and the materials to make and repair their clothes, tools, weapons and gear. And they didn’t have to discover each year what they would need and when they should get it. Back then, the people didn’t have a day-minder calendar with notes like, “By now you should have the smelt drying on sticks in the rafters and as much hard smoked coho, cockles and razor clams, elk jerky, dried berry cakes, and...” They didn’t need one. The people knew what to get when, which we call the *annual cycle*. People followed the same timetable every year. It enabled them to have what they needed when the moon of Pond Freeze Days arrived.

Last month we celebrated **ix<sup>w</sup>łok<sup>w</sup>o<sup>l</sup>-sk<sup>w</sup>obi-ktiya**, “mask wearing day” which was

what Lillian said Halloween should be called. And in the Kwashkwash column, we looked at the Dickey River up to where the East and West Dickey split. So this time I think we will have a look at the East Dickey. About ¾ mile above the junction of the East and West Dickey, there is now a gravel pit. I got a lot of the information in this article during an afternoon Dickey River trip with Sarah Ward Woodruff Hines. She said that near that gravel pit there was a trail that led from the East Fork almost straight west to Wentworth Lake. It was much easier than following the winding oxbows of Wentworth Creek that flowed every which way, but basically west into the West Dickey. Sarah said that the Ward family used to hike into the lake to pick wild crabapples and both high and low bush cranberries. She said that where the trail entered the lake there was still an old, mossy, leaky river canoe in 1920, even though the Naylor’s (about 1882) and later the Wentworths settled on the middle north side of the lake. The Wentworth place was abandoned at around the turn of the century, leaving an apple and plum orchard that made the walk from the East Dickey worthwhile when the fruit was ripe. Here is a historic note about those early settlers that Jacilee Wray got from Fanny Taylor. Old man Frank Balch, who first settled at the mouth of the Dickey and established a store and post office there in 1872, never got along with Jim Wentworth, and once when the two came to blows, Joe Marsh stopped the fight by coming between the combatants. Later, when both Frank Balch and Jim Wentworth had been buried in

the Quillayute Cemetery, Joe Marsh was buried there, too—between them. But, a lot of those early Dickey settlers, tough as they may have been, didn’t stay long. The Dickey rainforest was tougher than they were. The Quileutes had been there for centuries, surviving. And as feisty old Eleanor Wheeler Kaikaka once said, **ʔałacha<sup>o</sup>alo lobá<sup>o</sup>a. Wilishłlo ʔałachá<sup>o</sup>á xáxi**. “We’re still surviving! We’re always gonna survive here.” The Quileute word for ‘survive’ means something like “to keep on continuing.”

The surveyor in the Dickey watershed area in 1893, named Shelton, noted “coal outcroppings” on the east side of the East Dickey about two miles up. According to Sarah, the Old people knew about coal. She told me this story that her mother had told her. A woman lived on the Dickey and her husband was sick. She knew that if he died, she would probably have to marry his old, lazy brother. So she decided to go out and get a doctoring spirit so she could keep her man going as long as possible. She went off to Dickey Lake and waited and fasted and hit herself with nettles. One night she started a fire and the shadows of the fire made noises. She sang a song and an animal spirit like a **da<sup>o</sup>ida<sup>o</sup>** (“bobcat”) with a very long face came to her and she resisted it and said, “I don’t want you. I want a different one.” So it went away. The lake started to boil, making a bubbling noise **bó<sup>o</sup>obil, bó<sup>o</sup>obil**. And lots of different animals and fish came to the surface to call out to her. But she held out for a doctoring spirit and slept. In her dream, she saw four spirits to choose from. She chose one called **X<sup>w</sup>óx<sup>w</sup>ach**, who gave her a medicine bag with a crystal and *little stone firewood pieces* called **ʔika-yáxi-łsa**, which means “little stone firewood pieces.” She had the power to heal anybody and her fingers became skinny, so she could reach down people’s throats to get fishbones out. So, on the basis of that story, I think the old Quileutes had learned about coal over the years.

Thunder Creek was known as **xik<sup>w</sup>ó<sup>o</sup>os k<sup>w</sup>aya** (“dammed up or held back water”) which suggests that somewhere up that long and totally isolated creek there must have been beaver dams, maybe causing Thunder Lake. Sarah’s husband, Old Man Fred Woodruff,

had lived with Sarah on the Dickey when they were first married. He thought that Thunder Lake may have been the original home of Beaver and he told the story about **K<sup>w</sup>áti** the transformer, after he created the Quileutes, he was heading up to Ediz Hook. And he came upon Beaver sharpening his big knife made from a giant mussel shell. He asked, **Akis-tsi-cha? Di<sup>o</sup>ádi?** “What are you doing, Beaver?” And Beaver said, **Kidikłó<sup>l</sup>-li xi<sup>o</sup> xá<sup>o</sup>lił**, “I’m sharpening up my knife so that I can kill **K<sup>w</sup>áti**.” Well, the transformer was NOT pleased, and he grabbed Beaver’s mussel shell knife and shoved it up Beaver’s backside. Well, old Beaver said, **Ishkida!** (“Ouch!”) and bared his teeth because of the pain. Beaver’s descendants have had buck teeth and a mussel shell tail ever since.

Then, Woody told the story of how when they were first married, he poled up the East Dickey, about 6 miles up, thinking he might see a deer or elk. While floating back down empty-handed, he saw a beaver up on land around the Thunder Creek junction and shot it. Early in the morning, the shot was “louder than a church bell.” And shortly after, he heard a car on the road. Thinking it might be the game warden, he said, “I stuck the beaver inside my shirt way around in back under my jacket and started heading for home. There was no car on the road, but a little later, when I was really getting warmed up, I started to itch. That beaver was full of fleas. Beaver fleas. They bit me so hard that when I got home I burned my shirt.” And then he told me the story of how Mrs. **K<sup>w</sup>áti** made fleas and why beavers ended up having lots of them.

The Story went like this: Mrs. **K<sup>w</sup>áti** made a bunch of **ʔikats** (TAY-ee-kahts, “fleas”) to entertain her kids, who watched them jumping for hours. But the fleas got hungry after a while and bit the children. So she told Old Man **K<sup>w</sup>áti** to take the fleas out and put them someplace. Well, **K<sup>w</sup>áti** was pretty fast and he caught all of them and put them in a fish-skin bag. He was going to take them up and set them loose at Elwha, but on the way the bag sprang a little leak that he didn’t notice. A few fleas got out and jumped on **hawáyishka** the deer and **kikił** the elk. A few got on **lawatsákil** the wolf, **kadído** the dog, **wiłsłtsi** the marmot,

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**tsákaba** the fisher, **widáx<sup>w</sup>tsi** the cougar, **tsik<sup>w</sup>** the skunk, **liyát** the otter, **ákil** the bear, **da'ída** the bobcat, and the other animals. Up around Thunder Lake, the home of **di'ádi** the beaver, the fishskin bag really burst open and all the rest of the fleas fell into the water, just as Old Man **Di'ádi** was swimming by. And they all jumped on him. And beavers have had lots of fleas ever since.

In the old days, before the traders brought steel traps, beavers were killed with snares or dead-fall traps (a heavy log set over a beaver trail that would fall when a “trigger” was tripped.) Beavers were also speared and shot with special arrows that skipped across the water. Until the traders provided a market for beaver pelts, there was little demand for them except for fur swatches that could be sewn on the neckpiece of cedar bark vests so they wouldn't scratch the wearer's neck. But beaver tail was a delicacy with its crunchy, gristle texture.

Sarah said that the section of the East Dickey around the mouths of Thunder and West Gunderson Creeks was called **Ła'wà-ǰáfsit** (“two rivers”). Why is the question that will drive you crazy with regard to placenames; but I asked Sarah why, since there was the East Dickey and two creeks, it wasn't called **ǰ'wà'la-ǰáfsit**, which is the old name for Three Rivers, where the fictional Treaty Line between the Forks vampires and the Quileute werewolves runs. Sarah didn't know why it was two rather than three rivers. And so, neither do we. Sarah did know that Gunderson mountain was called **Bikǰ'áyo** (“the watchman” or “babysitter”). Sarah said, “It's probably because that mountain just sits there watching, but when I'm sitting with the kids, I'm not just watching. I'm always busy with my baskets. A man must've named that mountain.”

Canoes were poled up the East and West Dickey and you floated down using a paddle

to steer with. Anadromous fish were usually caught at the fish-traps on the Dickey mainstem, but kids caught lampreys, called **silǰ'w'o?** (“mudfish”) which along with **ǰhóx<sup>w</sup>sid**, “sucker fish,” were used in times of scarcity as famine food.

Talking to the elders in the late 1960s, it seems that the East Dickey itself wasn't much travelled between West Gunderson and Skunk Creek. Hunters could walk on the logging railroad grade, which mostly ran within 100 to 250 yards of the river. It made it hard to get heavy meat home without a canoe close by, but hunters could carry quarters and chunks down the tracks to where they would leave their canoes about a mile above the mouth of West Gunderson, close to the tracks. Sarah remembered that her father and others said there used to be a trail from the Dickey River, up West Gunderson Creek and across the area of seasonal ponds and swamp to **Shóx<sup>w</sup>at** (Shuwah), a mile and a half to the East. When they built that logging railroad, it followed the Indian path. The trail seems to have resulted in the Shuwah and Dickey people visiting and hunting together a lot.

Sarah said she didn't know anything about the six miles of the East Dickey from the mouth of Gunderson Creek to Skunk Creek. Woody had walked up there once with Sixtis, who knew the area well from when he was young and hunted a lot in that area with Robert E. Lee and Daniel White even before they had guns. Fred told Sarah that Sixtis said that when he was very young he saw a gun used to kill something, but he never hunted with anyone who had a gun until he was in his 20s (1870s). That means that he learned to hunt at the end of the “period of the old ways” when one had to get close enough to game to club or spear it or manage to find a place where one had an unobstructed shot with a bow. On the upper East Fork, when the weather was wet enough for ponding, especially on the Gunderson, they would use dogs to chase elk into the ponds, with the

hunters howling like wolves. When the elk were in the water, the hunters would get into small river canoes and chase them into shallows where they would dispatch them with spears or arrows.

Fred remembered the Quileute names for two places on the upper East Dickey, but it had been 50 years previous and he didn't remember where they were: **I'ǰ'ofsóǰ<sup>w</sup>ot**, “brooms,” a place where branches hung down seeming to sweep the water, and **hiskatsiyǰ'ótwa**, which might mean “patterned” or “punched out with a cookie cutter” or something like that.

This was, frankly, wild country. Hal George told me that he remembered two White-men who disappeared in this area. According to Dorothy Klahn, these were apparently the Erkley brothers, who went up the East Dickey looking for a lake that they had heard about and wanted to settle on. The two apparently became lost. One was found dead and the other was never found.

Skunk Creek, nobody could remember a name for. Sarah said that area was one of the places that the old people called **ǰifla-taxilit**, “upstream spirits.” Sarah didn't have to explain that name to me. Old-time Quileute hunters were very spiritual people, who presumed that if you weren't seeing or getting any game it wasn't because it was statistically improbable that you would be lucky all the time. It was because your **taxilit**, “spirit power” wasn't doing whatever spirits do to cause the animals to submit themselves to you. The spirits became cranky if unworthy or nonchalant hunters visited the area. Even though the new religions provided a much less uncomfortable way to get on the right side of the spirit world, many hunters continued to sit in creek mouth waters to scrub, pray and psych up even after the missionaries and preachers had advised Indians to believe like the **hók<sup>w</sup>at**. I asked Woody, who hunted a lot while he was young, “Did you ever do the tamanawis bathing?” And he

said, “Kwash, I saw the old people do that. Lots of them. And I decided I'd rather ring the bells. If it ever got to the point that I got skunked three times in a row, I guess maybe I would've tried converting back to the old ways.” Charlie Howeattle said that he did it often when he was young. He's the only one that I ever met at La Push who “practiced” bathing. Big Bill, Hal and Herb said they had done it a time or two. Several older women mentioned in confidence that they did it as part of **haǰlik<sup>w</sup>ósha**, “girls' puberty ritual confinement.”

The upper end of the East Dickey according to Woody was “Bear Country.” There are two Bear Creeks. One of them flows into the Sol Duc and was spoken of as the site of the story about the creation of **Ákil** the bear, back at the time of beginnings. The other Bear Creek starts on the Dickey-Hoko summit and flows into the Dickey. Chris Morganroth II said that the upper East Dickey was a favorite place to hunt bear. And then he said, “But there were bear all over the place.” Fred once, when talking about pit-fall traps, said that he remembered several deep holes along East Dickey on both sides of the Skunk Creek confluence that were probably old bear pit-falls. They were all near the river so there would be lots of spawned out salmon to attract bears, but far enough away so they wouldn't get full of water. So fall time was rush hour along the East Dickey starting when the devils club was red, a sign to get your elk because it would have lots of fat. And soon it would be bear time when the fish were spawning.

And that's the East Dickey story...at least some of it. It's Quileute country. Next month we'll finish up the Dickey River. **Haǰh ax<sup>w</sup>ót, xabá**. Be good, everybody.

Jay Powell  
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### Corrections

In the October 2012 issue, the name of a student was excluded from “Recognizing Quileute Student Athletes” on page 10.

That student is Page Foster, who is the only Quileute that played volleyball for Forks High School.

### Seeking Donations for Cherish Our Children

The Cherish Our Children committee is seeking donations for their silent and live auctions on November 30, 2012. Please bring donations to the event or call Sharon Penn at (360) 374-4278 or Sandy Heinrich at (360) 374-6262 ext. 256. Donations will also be accepted on the day of the event—you may drop them off at the Akalat in La Push.

## ELDER/YOUTH HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS MENTORING PROGRAM: November 2012 Schedule

As the purpose of the Elder/Youth Healthy Relationship Mentoring Program is to foster strong relationships between elders and youth and to increase their knowledge and understanding of healthy and unhealthy relationships (which includes sensitive issues such as domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, stalking and elder abuse) the New Beginnings Program Manager, Monica Henry, strongly recommends that parents and grandparents refrain from bringing children under the age of 12 to these events. Videos and discussions on these sensitive topics will be shown and discussed and may not be appropriate for children under the age of 12. No exceptions.

Please contact Marie at 374-4053 to sign up for drum making and the baskets/cedar hat classes.

All events are held at the Senior Center, unless otherwise noted.



1. Ann Penn-Charles used a stripper to make the cedar even for weaving.
2. Delores "Nola" Woodruff made a dream catcher at one of the Elder/Youth Healthy Relationships program events.
3. Phil Ward helped thin cedar while enjoying the view outside the Senior Center.

Date	Time	Event
November 2	11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Knitting and crocheting
November 5	11 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Basket making and cedar hats—there is a sign up list to make a cedar hat. Please contact Marie Riebe to add your name to the list: (360) 374-4053
November 6	1 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Drum making—there is a sign up list to make drums. Please contact Marie Riebe to add your name to the list: (360) 374-4053
November 7	12 p.m. to 1 p.m.	Women's Talking Circle at the Court House
November 8	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Regalia—shawl, vest, apron
November 9		Marie is out of the office
November 10	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Regalia—please bring a brown bag lunch
November 12	11 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Basket making and cedar hats—there is a sign up list to make a cedar hat. Please contact Marie Riebe to add your name to the list: (360) 374-4053
November 13	1 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Drum making—there is a sign up list to make drums. Please contact Marie Riebe to add your name to the list: (360) 374-4053
November 14	12 p.m. to 1 p.m.	Women's Talking Circle at the Court House
November 15	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Regalia—shawl, vest, apron
November 16	11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Knitting and crocheting
November 19-21		Marie is out of the office. Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy your holiday and be safe!
November 26	11 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Basket making and cedar hats—there is a sign up list to make a cedar hat. Please contact Marie Riebe to add your name to the list: (360) 374-4053
November 27	1 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Dream catchers and medicine bags
November 28	12 p.m. to 1 p.m.	Women's Talking Circle at the Court House
November 29	1 p.m. to 7 p.m.	Regalia—shawls, vests, aprons
November 30		Marie is out of the office
December 1	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Regalia—please bring a brown bag lunch

## The *OTHER* Counselor's Corner



About a year-and-a-half ago I first wrote an article for the *Talking Raven* about the *Diabetes Support*

*Group* that we sponsor here at the Quileute Health Clinic. I want to revisit the topic, as on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate our 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday. Yes, it's true! **The *Diabetes Support Group* has been around two whole years!**

At our very first start-up session, Nurse Christi Dahlgren was a co-facilitator with me. She left, but the group is still here. For a year, Lesa Whorton was instrumental in helping get the Support Group off the ground. She's no longer here – but the group is! Julia Davis joined our group as co-facilitator and brought her medical knowledge and wisdom along with her. She is no longer working in La Push, but the group continues to be strong! And that's what the *Diabetes Support Group* is really about: people in the Quileute Commu-

nity coming together to help fight this disease; to advocate for the future generations; and to give each other support in the process! **This group is stronger than just one person!**

The World Health Organization states that throughout the world, more than **346 million people have diabetes!** And in the United States, the rate of diabetes has nearly doubled in the last ten years according to a report from the U.S. *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*. In 2010, there were **32 million people** in the United States with diabetes. **And Native Americans have the highest rate of diabetes of any ethnic group in the U.S. – almost 3 times the rate of diabetes in the overall population!**

In the United States, **another 79 million people had prediabetes** – a condition in which the blood sugar level is higher than normal but not yet in the range for diabetes. People with prediabetes can end up with diabetes within 10 years if they do not take any action. Although it's not specifically stated in this report, one can make the

reasonable assumption that Native Americans are probably three times at-risk to have prediabetes.

Unfortunately, the trend for diabetes in the United States is not going down. It is going up. What that means is that **your children may be at an increasing risk for diabetes.** And your children's children may be at an even higher risk.

The good news is that Type 2 Diabetes is often called a **"Preventable Disease."** If you and your children can gain some knowledge – and make some lifestyle changes – the risk for diabetes can go way down!

Here in La Push, the *Diabetes Support Group* is a place where real people can come together and share and discuss the issues that people have about living with diabetes. We get to learn about nutrition and try some new diabetes-friendly food suggestions. Although Nurse Julie Windle and I facilitate this group, we are not the experts. In reality, **our group members are the experts.**

Unfortunately, we have

"missing" experts as well. There are many in the Quileute Community with expert knowledge about what it is like living with diabetes who have chosen not to share their wisdom and knowledge. Certainly it is their right to choose to participate – or to choose **not** to participate. And I can appreciate and respect those decisions. However, I suspect that the Quileute community would be **stronger** if more people shared their wisdom and knowledge. The more active the community becomes with respect to diabetes prevention, the healthier your children are likely to be and the following generations of Quileutes as well...

So, if you are one of the missing experts out there, please reconsider your decision about not participating with the *Diabetes Support Group*. We can use your wisdom. We can use your help! And future generations of Quileutes can benefit from your voice...

Respectfully,  
Norm Englund  
Quileute Counseling  
(360) 374-4320

## What's the Difference Between Steel Cut and Regular Oats?



By Julie Windle

Steel cut oats are processed from whole grain groats, the inner portion of the oat kernel. They are often called Irish or Scottish Oats.

- **Steel cut oats** are the least processed, made simply by removing the outer layers and cutting into pieces. Steel cut oats contain more of its fiber content, which requires your body more time to digest. Steel cut oats have a lower glycemic load index, aiding in the stabilization of blood sugar levels.

- **Old fashioned rolled oats** are made by steaming the groats, rolled, re-steamed and finally toasted. With all the extra processing steps, they have lost some of their natural taste, texture, and fiber
- **Quick-cooking oats** are simply rolled into thinner flakes, so they cook a little faster.
- **Instant oats** are the most heavily processed. The groats have been chopped fine, flattened, pre-cooked, and dehydrated. Instant oatmeal usually has added salt and sugar. I suggest leaving the

instant oats on the shelf.

When it comes to the taste and texture, there is a huge difference between steel cut oats and rolled oats. If you've eaten regular oats, particularly the instant oatmeal packages, you're familiar with the soft, mushy texture. Steel cut oats are like the "al-dente" version. They have a nuttier taste, as well as a firmer consistency, depending on how long you cook the oats.

This whole grain is not only hearty, but it also packs fiber, protein, and complex carbohydrates which don't raise blood sugar. They are also low sodium and fat. They have a low glycemic load index, are antioxidants, and contain all the B vitamins and folate, as well as the minerals calcium, magnesium, fluoride, copper and phosphorus. Steel cut oats can reduce cholesterol, high blood pressure and help prevent heart disease, cancer, and diabetes.

How you prepare your steel-cut oats and what you eat with them will affect their nutritional value. Avoid adding lots of sugar, salt and fat. Add

fruit for flavor and sweetness instead. If you don't have time to wait for steel-cut oats to cook for 30 minutes in the morning, you can soak them overnight in water so they cook faster or prepare them in your slow cooker overnight.

### Slow Cooker Pumpkin Steel Cut Oats

Makes 6 servings

- Cooking spray (such as Pam®)
- 6 cups water
- 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree
- 1 1/2 cups steel-cut oats
- 1 cup brown sugar replacement (such as Splenda® Brown Sugar Blend)
- 2 tablespoons ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice

Prepare the crock of your slow cooker with cooking spray. Stir together all ingredients, cook on low for 6 hours.

## My Dear Quileute Family: A Letter from Julia Davis



Well, it's been nearly two months since my departure from the beautiful village of

La Push...I say beautiful not only because of the incredibly calming surf, cleansing rain and awe-inspiring sunsets, but most importantly the warmth and generosity of the community. Never in my life could I have imagined making such wonderful friends and feeling so welcomed by so many kind and caring folks. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone so much for sharing their stories, songs, passions and struggles with me. Know that I will now and forever hold them sacred.

- Thank you for your vulnerability and trust.
- Thank you for sharing your

weddings, funerals, birthdays and memorials with me.

- Thank you for teaching me how to make clam fritters.
- Thank you for the beat of the drum which will forever fuel my heart.
- Thank you for all of the wonderful departing gifts of carvings, blankets, baskets, jewelry, shells, hugs and tears, drawings, cards, etc.
- Thank you for having trusted that my departure was not for lack of love for you.
- Thank you for refraining from negative gossip that always occurs during times of change in a small community.
- Thank you for giving me the opportunity to help you search for health and happiness.
- Thank you for showing me the beaches' friendship

rocks.

- Thank you for respecting me and my wishes for your never ending successes.
- Thank you for the best smoked fish on the planet.
- Thank you for sharing your clams and slippers, elk and crab, fish eggs and Quileute steaks (hot dogs).
- Thank you for sharing your love of language.....keep passing it forward.
- Thank you for teaching me to carve and draw and drum and sing and dance.
- Thank you for letting me paint the rainbow.
- Thank you for dancing with me.

Let us keep dancing in our hearts and remember that family, no matter how distant geographically, still watches the same sun rising and the same moon setting, still laughs with the same bellow and cries the same salty tears of the

ocean.

- Remember that all health and happiness lies within you.
- Remember that you all have brought me an experience I will never forget.
- Remember that not a day will go by that you will not be in my heart and prayers.

For those of you who would like to stay in touch, please do not hesitate to email at [minidoc.nmpa@yahoo.com](mailto:minidoc.nmpa@yahoo.com). I would love to continue to support and embrace you in any way I can. I hope to return to La Push this spring and will look forward to sharing time with you again.

Hoyt,

Julia

### Oceanside Resort needs a local firewood vendor

The Oceanside Resort is looking for a reliable, local vendor (or vendors) to supply firewood for the visitors who stay at the resort.

- Must be an enrolled Quileute tribal member.
- Firewood **must be dry** and the species must be Douglas Fir. (Douglas Fir and Hemlock mix is okay.)
- Payment will be made to the vendors **by check** within 14 days of delivery of the firewood.

Those interested in being a firewood vendor must submit a written proposal per cord price to Cathy Smith at the resort. For more information, contact Cathy at (360) 374-5267.

### Congratulations "Sis" Smith-Sharpless



The Diabetes Support Group held a hemoglobin A1C contest over the past year. Georgejean "Sis" Smith-Sharpless had the overall lowest hemoglobin A1C results and was awarded a Pendleton Blanket by the Diabetes Support Group. Congratulations on your achievement!

## Personnel Department: Job Openings

**Human Services Director**, opened October 25, 2012 and closes November 8, 2012 *or until filled*. **Salary:** \$55,000-\$65,000 or DOQ/E. The primary function of the Human Services Director is to provide administrative oversight and management to the tribe's social services programs. The director is responsible for program development and planning, annual operating budget preparation, contract and grant development, negotiations, implementation, monitoring and reporting.

**Lonesome Creek Store Manager**, opened September 28, 2012 and closed October 12, 2012 *or until filled*. **Salary:** DOE/DOQ. The Store manager is responsible for: hiring employees; scheduling employee work hours; developing training and operations procedures; reviewing job duties and store layout with employees; instructing employees on cash register and cash handling policies and procedures, including the use of the Point of Sales System; adjusting retail prices as necessary; instructing employees on stocking and pricing policies and

procedures; instructing the proper method for receiving vendors and their merchandise with the Hand Held Terminals; and more.

**(5) Housekeeper I** (full-time) at Oceanside Resort, opened September 27, 2012 and closed October 12, 2012.

**Housekeeper II** (full-time) at Oceanside Resort, opened September 28, 2012 and closed October 12, 2012.

**Housekeeper III** (full-time) at Oceanside Resort, opened September 28, 2012 and closed October 12, 2012.

**Security** (part-time) at Oceanside Resort, opened September 28, 2012 and closed October 12, 2012.

**(2) Customer Service Representative** (part-time) at Oceanside Resort, opened September 28, 2012 and closed October 12, 2012.

**Customer Service Representative** (full-time) at Oceanside Resort, opened September 28, 2012 and closed October 12, 2012.

The Quileute Tribe and the City of Forks proudly announce the annual holiday fundraiser for our communities' children in need.

Friday, November 30, 2012

## **Cherish Our Children**

A-Ka-lat Center in  
La Push

**5:00 P.M.**

**Join us for a festive evening**

- \* Dinner at 5:00 ~ ample seafood plates, fry bread, spaghetti & hot dogs
- \* Silent Auction tables
- \* Live Auction begins 6:00 p.m.
- \* Silent Auction table for kids
- \* Photos with Santa
- \* Local Artisans selling creations for additional holiday shopping

All proceeds donated to Quileute Housing Authority's & Forks' Santa's Workshop gift giving programs for kids.

Multimedia Design by Sandy

### **Oceanside Resort and RV Park: Tribal Member Discounts**

- No discount on off season for motel, cabins or RV bookings, September 15<sup>th</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup>
- 30% discount for Peak Season for the motel and cabins May 16<sup>th</sup> through September 14<sup>th</sup>
- 15% off for Peak Season on RV Spots.
- Enrolled Quileute Tribal Members ONLY not to be applied to friends and family booking. (If reservation is already booked by a friend or family of a Quileute Tribal Member, the reservation may not be changed to receive the discount.)
- 30 day booking prior to arrival (exception includes family emergencies)
- 3 day cancelation notice - \$20.00 service charge applies
- 1 night stay deposit required upon booking
- All rooms/units are to be secured with a credit card.
- Non-taxed on all merchandise in Resort Gift Shop and Room Stays.
- Includes both booking at Oceanside Resort & both RV Parks.
- Limited to 1 room or RV booking per Tribal Member per stay.
- Limited to 5 bookings per Tribal Member per year.
- Free rooms upon council approval and motion copy submitted to OSR prior to stay.
- Other restrictions apply per rules & regulations of Oceanside Resort & RV Park.

*Subject to change without notice due to issues that may arise.*

### **Please Spay and Neuter YOUR Pets!**

The Humane Society of the United States estimates that animal shelters care for 6-8 million dogs and cats every year in the United States, of whom approximately 3-4 million are euthanized.

FRIENDS OF FORKS ANIMALS

(360) 374-3332

**Low-Income Spay/Neuter  
Assistance Available**

### **Health Clinic**

All Tribal Employees are receiving new KPS cards with NEW member numbers.

Tribal members who are on KPS need to bring that new card when they come to the Medical Clinic. It is very important that we have the new card because the numbers have changed.

## QTS students take field trip to Lake Ozette

By Nicole Rasmussen

Lake Ozette is a place of rich history that supports the endangered Lake Ozette Sockeye Salmon. On October 10<sup>th</sup> the Quileute Tribal middle school and high school students had the opportunity to become the reporters and film a documentary about the lake. Teachers Rio Jaime and Andrew Rahal took sixteen students to the lake and were accompanied by Paul and Tara from NOAA Media Center, Peggy and Casey from NOAA Fisheries Science Center, tribal members Leticia Jaime, Arnold Black, and Tommy "TJ" Jackson, and Quileute Natural Resources Staff Nicole and Garrett Rasmussen, Jacob Turner, and Perry Black.

Students had the opportunity to learn about the life cycle of the Lake Ozette sockeye from QNR staff, learn about the Quileute history of the lake from TJ, and the career opportunities from NO-

AA. The students and volunteers took canoes out on the lake to a remote beach. TJ explained to the students that Quileute tribal members would come by canoe from La Push up the coast to Ozette River and fish all the way up to the lake. The Quileute Natural Resources staff emphasized the importance of the lake habitat and how sockeye need the lake for spawning, rearing, and even to exist.

The students were given iPads, video cameras, and cameras from NOAA to capture what Lake Ozette means to the tribe and the students. They are currently in the process of downloading all the photos, videos, and footage of the experience to prepare for the next visit by NOAA which will be to learn how to edit and compile the media. Once the video is finalized, it will be shown to the community and be posted on a website for viewing.



## Spotlight on Student Artwork

Cameron Hodges



## Head Start Announcements

The Quileute Head Start is accepting donations for gently worn boys and girls clothing, sizes 3T-6T. Please drop off donations at the Head Start front desk. For more information, call Amanda Ellis at (360) 374-2631.

**The Quileute Head Start Parent Committee is holding a Harvest Dinner and Silent Auction on Friday, November 16, 2012** at the Akalat, starting at 5 p.m. They will be serving pasta, salad, and breadsticks.

Please contact Head Start at (360) 374-2631 if you have any questions or donations.

## Meet the new employee



Hello, my name is **Walter Ray Nope** and I was appointed by the Tribal Council as the Controller for the Quileute Tribe on August 23,

2012. My experience includes work as a Certified Public Accountant, Auditor, Corporate Controller, Tribal Finance Officer, CFO, Tribal Administrator, Tribal Economic Development Director, Tribal Grant writer, and Tribal Consultant. I have also worked as a tribal consultant for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Falmouth Institute. As

a CPA, I represented clients before the Internal Revenue Service. I have served as a member of the Board of Directors of the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., and as Treasurer of the Native American Finance Officers Association.

Over the years, I worked with numerous tribal organizations located in Oklahoma, New Mexico,

Nebraska, Washington, Maine, Michigan, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Louisiana, and Tennessee. I have served on numerous committees and had previously retired, but now I am serving as Controller for the Quileute Tribe.

## Rules for Bus Safety

There have been instances in La Push of children getting off the buses (including the school bus, transit, and community shuttle) and running across the street without looking both ways for traffic.

Here are some rules about bus safety from the National Safety Council. Parents, please educate and share these important rules with your children:

### Rules for getting on and off the bus

#### Getting on the bus

- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other behavior that can lead to carelessness. Do not stray onto streets, alleys or private property.
- Line up away from the street or road as the bus approaches.
- Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before stepping onto the

roadway.

- Use the handrail when stepping onto the bus.

#### Getting off the bus

- **When getting off of the school bus, Washington State laws say that children must cross in front of the bus so the driver can make sure the children cross the street safely. The driver always has flashing red lights to stop motorists until the children have safely crossed.**
- However, when using public transportation, riders should cross the street behind the bus so as not to interfere with the bus schedule.
- When crossing the street in front of a school bus, walk at least ten feet ahead of the bus along the side of the road until you can turn around and see the driver.
- Make sure that the driver can see you.
- Wait for a signal from the driver before beginning to

cross.

- When the driver signals, walk across the road keeping an eye out for sudden traffic changes.
- Do not cross the center line of the road until the driver has signaled that it is safe for you to begin walking.
- Stay away from the bus' rear wheels at all times.

### Correct way to cross the street

- Children should always

stop at the curb or the edge of the road and look left, then right, and then left again before crossing.

- They should continue looking in this manner until they are safely across.
- If student's vision is blocked by a parked car or other obstacle, they should move out to where drivers can see them and they can see other vehicles—then stop, and look left-right-and left again.

## Quileute Athletes



Congratulations to the Forks football teams on a great season! Pictured from the A Squad: Jae Eastman, Tristan Coberly, Gene Gaddie and Thomas Jackson. Not pictured: Austin and Nathan Flores. Photo submitted by Mark Williams

## Join the Mailing Lists!

The Talking Raven has a Mailing List and an Email List! If you would like to join either of them, contact

Emily Foster at:  
(360) 374-7760

[talkingraven@quileutenation.org](mailto:talkingraven@quileutenation.org)

Submit your name and email address or mailing address.

Thank you!

## QVSD Policy

The Quillayute Valley School District respects and supports cultural activities and recognizes students may occasionally miss school to attend. Each school requests that you either call the school in advance to let them know of upcoming absences or send a note to school when your child returns from an event.

It is important to know that although the absence will be excused, your child will be expected to make up assignments missed in his/her absence. If your child is planning to attend a cultural event, please encourage him/her to get the schoolwork in advance, and support him/her in completing and turning in all missed assignments.

## Happy Birthday to Enrolled Quileute Tribal Members

### November Birthdays:

Ronald Penn Sr.	1	Wilbur Ward	11	Erica Fonzi	23
Eugene Jackson Sr.		Esau Penn		Larissa Roldan	
John Ramsey	2	John Dailey IV		Cody Woodruff	
Tracy Eastman		Lillian Boyer		Jennifer Hillyer	24
James Salazar	3	Leslie Salazar	12	Ardis Pullen	
Michelle Ward		Isaac Schmitt		Roger Jackson	
Michaela Christiansen	4	Janet Bender		Winston Kaikaka	25
Rio Jaime		Tonya Harrison	13	Dakotah Smith Jr.	
Sharon Pullen		Camille Casto	14	Raylee Ward	
Theodore Colfax III	5	Dylan Shepherd	15	Arnold Black Sr.	26
Susan Trainor	6	Stephen Smith II		Teresa Vazquez	
Jenny Black		Cirilo Lopez	16	Chad Foster	
Jacqueline Smith	7	Jerome Eastman		Geraldine Sisneros	
Marion Jackson		Teela Sablan		Roger Jackson Jr.	27
Shayla Penn		Wesley Schumack		Nancy Williams	28
Frank Cooper	8	Petty Ward		Donny Williams	
Charlotte Jackson		Samantha Brewer	17	Tallulah Meneely	29
Maw-The-they Jackson		Bernadette Rasmussen	18	Amari Penn	
Jordan Remington	9	Kayla Conway-Jackson		Dakotah Smith Sr.	30
Brandon Pappas		Teresa Payne	20	Darrell Long	
Kasarah Henry	10	Tonya Garcia	21	Terry James	
Joe Black		Marian Schumack	23	Mary Coberly	
Nicole Wilcox		Johnathon Schmitt			

## A Happy Halloween in La Push



1. Station Quillayute River Coast Guard crew members, John Textor and Frank Comunidad, volunteered to run a game booth at the community Halloween Carnival.
2. Children lined up for the costume contest judging.
3. Quileute tribal staff participated in a costume contest at work. **1st Place:** Julie Windle, **2nd Place:** Crystal Lyons, and **3rd Place:** Kala Jackson



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