

The 2025 Annual QIN General Council



610 people registered to vote at this year's Annual General Council Meeting.

The two day meeting began on Friday March 28th with reports presented by the Quinault Housing Authority, each of the businesses under the Quinault Nation Enterprise Board, the Fish Committee Reports and each of the Subcommittees.

In addition a special presentation was presented about the Forensic Investigation.

On Saturday March 29th, the second day of the meeting, Enrollment presented 610 applicants, all of which were approved by the registered voters. The Quinault enrollment now consist of 4,663 members.

Guy Capoeiman presented the State of the Nation and Hannah Curley gave a financial report.

Elections were held fol-

lowing lunch to fill the remaining term of the Treasurer and three council positions.

Treasurer	
**Hannah Curley	273
Kaylah Rosander-Mail	193

5th Councilperson
****Brittany Bryson**
(by acclamation)

6th Councilperson	
Kaylah Rosander Mail	173
ILene Ralston	95
James DeLaCruz	118

6th Councilperson run-off
****Kaylah Rosander-Mail212**
 James DeLaCruz 110

7th Councilperson
****Kristeen Mowitch**
(by acclamation)

General Session items:
1.A resolution, presented by Larry Goodell Jr., provid-

ing all Tribal Members with additional discounts at QIN gas stations as a result of the new fuel tax savings from Cougar Den fuel deliveries.

Resolution, presented by Jennifer McCrory, that there should be office hours and space for elected Business Committee Member. ***Passes***

A resolution, presented by Robert Jackson for the establishment of a Public Records Act. **Tabled**

A resolution, presented by Robert Jackson, for a Public Meetings Act. ***Fails***

Tribal Statute, presented by Robert Jackson, to limit computer access in Tribal and Public Schools. ***Fails***



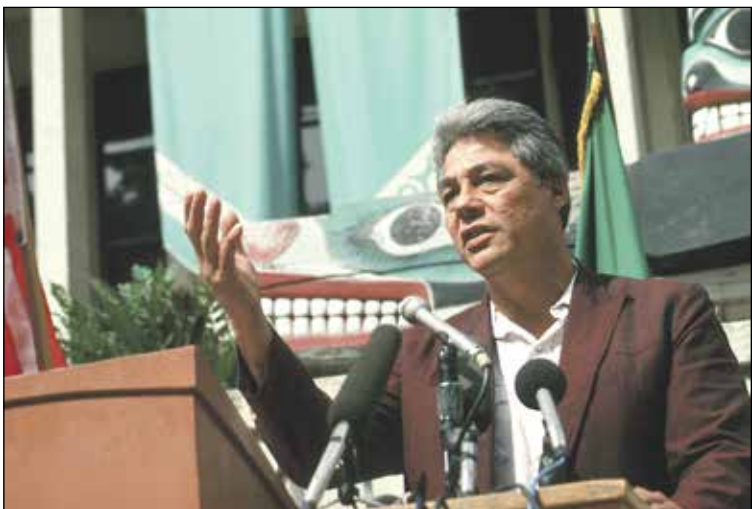
The new 2025-2026 Quinault Business Committee left to right: Tyson Johnston - 4th Councilperson, Brittany Bryson, - 5th Councilperson, John Bryson - 3rd Councilperson, Guy Capoeman - President, Hannah Curley - Treasurer, Noreen Jackson-Underwood - Vice-president, Jim Sellers - 2nd Councilperson, Gina James - 1st Councilperson, Kaylah Rosander-Mail - 6th Councilperson, Mandy Hudson-Howard - Secretary, and Kristeen Mowitch - 7th Councilperson.



Left: Miss Queets, Zakiah Kowoosh, and Miss Quinault, Kylie Dan, with Francis and Tekie Rosander, oldest elders attending the General Council.



Right: Outgoing Councilperson, Ryan Hendricks, honored for his work for the QIN.



Joe DeLaCruz speaking at the signing of the 1989 Centennial Accord. *Photo by Larry Workman*

Remembering Joe DeLaCruz

It's been 25 years since we lost Joe DeLaCruz. Those of us who were alive in April 2000, remember the shock and loss we felt upon learning of his death. Joe was important in the advancement of the modern Quinault Indian Nation. Joe DeLaCruz Day is celebrated

each year on December 5th to honor him and inspire young Quinaults to follow in his footsteps.

On page 18 we have reprinted the article that appeared in the May 2000 *Nugquam* as we said farewell to this amazing man.

NCAI Responds to Threatened BIA Office Closures



Mark Macarro President NCAI. Photo by Jose Luis Magana

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — In tribal nations across the United States, leaders are scrambling to respond to a directive from President Donald Trump and Elon Musk to close more than a quarter of Bureau of Indian Affairs offices, which provide vital services to Indigenous communities.

Trump and Musk are calling on the General Services Administration, or GSA, to begin terminating leases on all of the roughly 7,500 federal offices nationwide, including 25 regional offices of the BIA. Those offices fulfill a wide variety of rights the U.S. owes to tribal nations, and some leaders and legal experts are worried the potential closures, lay-

offs and funding freezes could violate those trust responsibilities.

"It's a destabilizing action," said Mark Macarro, president of the National Congress of the American Indian. "I really have to think we have to assume the worst, unfortunately."

In the many treaties the U.S. signed with tribal nations, it outlined several rights owed to them — like land rights and healthcare through departments established later, like Indian Health Services. Trust responsibilities are the legal and moral obligations the U.S. has to protect and uphold those rights. Tribes go through the

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Sunrise on Mount Olympus from the Quinault Reservation. "Every sunrise is like a new page, a chance to right ourselves and receive each day in all its glory. Each day is a wonder." — Oprah Winfrey. *Photo by Larry Workman*

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May 2025 Nugguam
April 22nd, 2025

Nugguam

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Nugguam headquarters are located in the Roundhouse at 114 Quinault Street (near the mouth of the river).

The Nugguam is a monthly publication of the Quinault Indian Nation (QIN) to inform, educate, and stimulate interest in QIN and community affairs. We believe in freedom of speech, an openness of information and exchange of ideas, cultural awareness and understanding, and respect and trust.

Tribal members and staff are encouraged to submit letters, articles, poems, photographs, drawings or other art to be considered for publication. Written material received should be kept to a minimum of words, either typed, e-mailed, or neatly handwritten, and signed. We reserve the right to edit for clarity and length, and to reject any letter that we feel may be libelous, in poor taste, vulgar, demeaning or unsigned. Respect is a traditional value of the Native People, and will be maintained in these pages.

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If you need to reserve the Taholah Community Center for an event or to get training on the kitchen appliances, please contact Jerome Obi
CommunityCenterInfo@quinault.org

Request Form accessible to:
QIN Staff - IINX Engage Membership - IINX on QIN web page under Membership Experience

Quinault Cultural Advisory Committee

Meets the first Friday of the month
Currently zoom meetings only

Contact Tia Allen for information at: qcac.secretary@gmail.com or Lia Frenchman at: 360.276.8215 ext. 7308

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IMMEDIATE ATTENTION NEEDED

Note that your current Quinault ID will not work. You will need the new Enhanced Quinault ID. We hope that those will be ready soon. Watch for future updates on this. You may have to depend on another form of ID if you want to fly after May 7th.

April 20th

Happy Easter

Easter
SUNDAY



He is Risen

2024-2025 Quinault Indian Nation Tribal Council (Business Committee)				
P.O. Box 189, Taholah, WA 98587				
360.276.8215				
Position	Name	phone	email	Term
President	Guy Capoeman	x 1329	Guy.Capoeman@quinault.org	2027
Vice-President	Noreen Jackson-Underwood	x 1331	nunderwood@quinault.org	2027
Secretary	Mandy Hudson-Howard	x 2555	mhhoward@quinault.org	2027
Treasurer	Hannah Curley	X7219	Hannah.Curley@quinault.org	2027
1st Councilperson	Gina V. James	x 4205	gjames@quinault.org	2026
2nd Councilperson	Jim Sellers	360.640.3177	Jim.Sellers@quinault.org	2026
3rd Councilperson	John Bryson Jr.	360.590.2830	jbryson@quinault.org	2026
4th Councilperson	Tyson Johnston	x 2015	tjohnston@quinault.org	2026
5th Councilperson	Brittany Bryson	x 2011	bbryson@quinault.org	2028
6th Councilperson	Kaylah Rosander Mail	x 5491	kmail@quinault.org	2028
7th Councilperson	Kristeen Mowitch	360.590.2693	kristeen.mowitch@quinault.org	2028

QIN Subcommittee Responsibilities

Justice & Governance (J&G):

- Citizen Review Board
- Public Safety Division
- QIN Self-Governance
- Quinault Tribal Court
- Emergency Management
- Records Office
- Communications Department
- Child Support Office

Prosperity, Health, & Human Services (PHHS):

- Quinault Nation Enterprise Board
- Tribal Employment Rights Office/TERO Board
- Finance Division
- Human Resources
- Quinault Tribal Gaming Agency/Quinault Gaming Commission
- QIN TANF
- Health & Wellness Division

Natural Resources & Community Development (NRCD):

- Quinault Division of Natural Resources
- Quinault Housing Authority/QHA Board of Commissioners
- Community Development Department
- Overall Fish & Game Commission
- Ocean Committee
- Quinault River Committee
- Off-Reservation Committee
- Queets River Committee
- Quinault Planning Commission

Education & Community Services (ECS):

- Quinault Utilities
- Public Roads
- Enrollment
- Enrollment Committee
- Quinault Language Department
- Cultural and Historic Preservation
- Public Transportation
- IT/Technology Division
- Quinault Housing Authority/QHA Board of Commissioners (joint oversight with NRCD)

LEGAL NOTICE

The Quinault Child Support Services Program hereby notifies the Respondent, Fagalulu Filiatula and FauFau Boyd that their presence is required on May 20, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., for a hearing in the Quinault Tribal Court in Taholah, Grays Harbor County, Washington. Failure to appear or respond within 45 days, from the first date of Publication, may result in a default. For more information, please call (360) 276-8211 ext. 2222.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Quinault Family Services Department hereby notifies Lindsey Morgan and Khalil Alhadidi that their presence is required on 4/15/2025 at the hour of 2:00 p.m. for a hearing on a petition for MINOC relating to children born to Lindsey Morgan on 4/29/2021. This hearing will occur in the Quinault Children's Court in Taholah, Grays Harbor County, Washington. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the court may conduct the hearing in your absence and it may result in the petition being granted. For more information, please call (360) 276-8215, ext. 2222 or 1402.

IN THE QUINAULT NATION TRIBAL COURT
IN RE THE DISSOLUTION

Sam Hunt III you are hereby notified that your presence is required on April 22, 2025 at 11:30 am for a hearing in the Quinault Tribal Court in Taholah, Grays Harbor County Washington. Failure to appear or respond within 45 days, from the first date of publication (February 3rd) may result in a default. Copies of documents to be considered by the Court during such proceeding can be obtained from the Clerk of the Court at (360) 276-8215 Ext. 2222.

This is the second notice.

988

Suicide Prevention Lifeline

You may press 4 to speak with an indigenous counselor

Quinault Business Committee Meeting Schedule

Legal Session (Closed) @ 2:00 pm
Regular Session (Open) @ 5:30 pm

April 14th
April 28th

Legislative Sessions:
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
April 16th and 17th (Closed Meeting)

Meetings are held in Taholah at the Joe DeLaCruz Council Chambers.
Meeting in Queets are held at the Gymnasium.

The subcommittee meetings are held in the Joseph DeLaCruz Council Chambers Schedule subject to change. (These meetings are open to the public)

Justice & Governance Subcommittee
April 7th and 21st 10:00 a.m.
Noreen Underwood – Chair
Mandy Hudson-Howard, Tyson Johnston, Brittany Bryson, Ryan Hendricks

Natural Resource & Community Development Subcommittee
April 7th and 21st 1:00 p.m.
Tyson Johnston – Chair
Noreen Underwood, James Sellers, John Bryson

Prosperity, Health & Human Services Subcommittee
April 8th and 22nd 10:00 a.m.
Brittany Bryson – Chair
Mandy Hudson-Howard, Gina James- Kristeen Mowitch

Education & Community Services Subcommittee
April 8th and 22nd 1:00 p.m.
Kristeen Mowitch – Chair
Gina James, James Sellers, John Bryson, Ryan Hendricks

Notice: There will be new assignments to these committees made during the Business Committee Retreat following the 2025 Annual General Council.

Fisheries Monthly Committee Meetings

Ocean
1st Tuesday of every month
10:00 a.m.

Quinault River
1st Wednesday of every month
10:00 a.m.

Queets River
1st Thursday of every month
4:00 p.m.

Off Reservation River
2nd Tuesday of every month
10:00 a.m.

Overall Fish and Game
2nd Tuesday of every month
4:30 p.m.

Alison Boyer—360.276.8215 x 7372



QDNR Permits Office
Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Call or email to schedule an appointment

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Theresa Obi
(360) 276-8215 ext 7004
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Or email to address below and either one of us will respond
qdnrpermits@quinault.org

Westport close to pact for Alaska cable landing site

According to a Jan. 28 press release issued by Alaska Power & Telephone Company (AP& T) upon their acquisition of SEALink, “(SEALink) is currently developing a cable landing station for subsea cables in Westport, Washington. These cables, also known as submarine cables, are fiber optic cables laid on the ocean floor and used to transmit data between continents or across large bodies of water, including providing connectivity for Alaska to the lower 48 states. ... The subsea cables are anticipated to replace aging cables used by AP& T and other carriers, allowing Alaska residents, businesses, and communities to continue to receive high quality services.”

In addition to the cable landing station, fiber backhaul routes from Westport to Olympia and Westport to Chehalis are planned. According to internet infrastructure compa-

ny Meter, “ A fiber backhaul network connects smaller, local networks — like those at mobile towers, broadband access points, and enterprise setups — to core networks or regional hubs, which may then connect to the larger Internet infrastructure. It’s the conduit through which data travels between these local points and data centers, making it possible for information to move across great distances.”

SEALink’s proposal also allows for, “Future community buildout of fiber-to-the-premise to provide more options for residential and business internet.”

If the lease agreement is approved by the Westport City Council during the second reading at the March 31 meeting, construction for the Cable Landing Station project would begin later this year and is expected to be completed in late 2027 or early 2028.

The Bankruptcy of an Idea

Mark N. Trahant - Shoshone-Bannock



HUDSON’S BAY

INCORPORATED 2 MAY 1670

There is an important story that’s easy to miss: Hudson’s Bay Company, the Canadian department store chain, filed for bankruptcy protection in March. The company says it’s facing a severe liquidity crisis and is unable to pay vendors and cannot pay its roughly 9,340 employees. The company is now selling off its remaining stock.

“It is hard not to have a sense of melancholy when considering the Application before me,” Ontario Judge Peter Osborne wrote. “Hudson’s Bay is the oldest company in North America and a very prominent Canadian department store. The company was founded in 1670. Now, approximately 355 years later, it is insolvent and seeks protection from its creditors.”

Hudson’s Bay was awarded a charter from King Charles II as one of the first modern corporations. It was the face of colonialism and capitalism. The company acted as the government over what is now Canada and the northern tier of the United States calling it “Rupert’s Land” named after a British prince. The charter granted plenary authority over those who were not “Subjects of any other Christian Prince or State.” That meant Indigenous world and lands were stolen without compensation. The Crown and the company at one point controlled nearly 4 million acres of land, ignoring the civilized rules of sovereignty or title.

Company traders introduced smallpox and tuberculosis to North America, wiping out entire communities. One major epidemic swept across North America around 1780. In the book, “*Pox Americana*,” author Elizabeth Fenn describes how quickly the disease spread across a Shoshone trade route that stretched in four directions, from the Southern Plains, on into Mexico, throughout the Northwest Plateau and into Canada. She wrote that there was no mortality data but she estimated that total deaths exceeded 50,000

people. In a tribal version of the narrative, Assiniboiné historian Robert Fourstar wrote, “Smallpox epidemics came to our people three times. The first time approximately half of our people perished. Entire bands died.” He said warriors would prove their fearlessness by wearing the robes of victims – resulting in even more deaths from the disease. The sheer enormity of the societal earthquake is beyond imagination. Just think about three words: “Entire bands died.” Family, ceremony and community disappeared forever.

Hudson’s Bay officials described the loss in economic terms, a market slowdown in the fur trade. “This great fall is owing to our loss of Indians but what is worse, several of the Indians who brought the little we have got are since dead,” wrote Matthew Cocking in 1782. A few years later, the company was supplying vaccines to Indigenous people to protect its investment.

My family’s story came into the picture about in 1830s.

Nathan Wyeth built Fort Hall as a fur trading post on the Portneuf River in what is now southern Idaho. His idea was to operate as an independent, but he was up against the monopoly of Hudson’s Bay Company. His venture only lasted three years until he sold the fort to Hudson’s Bay Company.

One of my ancestors, Thomas Lavatta took up the trade running traps from Southern Idaho all the way to Manitoba. Last year I had a chance to look through some of the Hudson’s Bay archives to find that in those records he is listed as Thomas Lavallee, and had land holdings in Manitoba, Montana and Idaho. (The record is thin as many of the documents at the Fort Hall Trading Post were destroyed in a fire in 1863.)

The Hudson’s Bay Company lost its U.S. operations after the Oregon Treaty of 1846 defined the border between the U.S. and Canada. The company claimed a mil-



Announcing the Launch of Quinault Community Health

Expanding Primary Care for a Healthier Future in Grays Harbor

Aberdeen, WA In a heartfelt commitment to community well-being, the Quinault Indian Nation proudly announces the launch of Quinault Community Health, a new healthcare initiative dedicated to expanding access to quality medical services across Grays Harbor. As a significant first step, Quinault Community Health has acquired Family Medicine of Grays Harbor, a long-standing and trusted primary care practice. This move ensures that patients will continue receiving care from familiar providers while increasing the capacity to serve more individuals and families.

Guy Capoean, President of the Quinault Indian Nation, underscored the importance of this initiative, stating, “The establishment of Quinault Community Health is a significant milestone in our mission to provide accessible, high-quality healthcare to everyone in our community. We are honored to continue the legacy of Family Medicine of Grays Harbor and excited to expand our team of primary care providers to better serve the needs of our community.”

Dr. John Bausher, Medical Director of Quinault Community Health, reinforced the clinic’s commitment to serv-

ing our community, “Our initial focus is on strengthening primary care services, as they are the backbone of community health. By recruiting additional providers, we aim to ensure that every resident has access to the care they need, when they need it. Our long-term vision includes expanding our services to offer a full spectrum of care right here in our community.”

Expanding Primary Care to Meet Community Needs

To ensure seamless care and increase patient access, four providers from Family Medicine of Grays Harbor, Dr. John Bausher, M.D., Ph.D.; Katie Clarkson, ARNP, FNP-BC; Nathan Valentine, ARNP, FNP-BC; and Vanessa Fisher, ARNP, FNP-C, will continue serving the community. Additionally, three new providers have joined the team: pediatric specialist Elizabeth Pennington, ARNP, CPNP-PC; adult primary care specialist Monica Hallak, ARNP; and Jean Ebersole, ARNP who has a deep interest in connective tissue disorders. This expanded team enhances access to primary care, ensuring more residents can receive timely and comprehensive medical services.

A Commitment Rooted in Tradition and Hope

Quinault Community Health reflects the Quinault Indian Nation’s deep commitment to community well-being, inclusivity, and culturally informed care. The center will serve both tribal and non-tribal residents, integrating modern medical practices with traditional values to promote overall health and wellness. The goal is to offer a supportive environment where every patient, regardless of background, feels welcomed and cared for.

Vision for the Future: A Hub for Healthcare in Grays Harbor

Looking ahead, Quinault Community Health aims to grow beyond primary care, with plans to introduce specialty services tailored to the unique healthcare needs of the region—bringing advanced treatment options closer to home.

We are now accepting new patients. For more information about Quinault Community Health or to schedule an appointment, please call (360) 533-6063 or visit www.QuinaultCommunityHealth.org.

See Announcement for Quinault Community Health on Page 5



Request for Proposal

For QNEB Community Meeting on **April 24, 2025**

Time: 5:30pm

Hoquiam Grand Central Events Center

427 7th Ave Street Hoquiam

Dinner for up to 75 people

Cooks Choice

Bid must include the following:

1. Cost of food, and paper products (plates, bowls, plastic ware (heavy duty), paper to line the tables, and water. Must submit receipts before final payment.
2. Set up – tables with covers, chairs, etc.
3. Clean up – kitchen - including but not limited to washing/drying and putting away all utensils/pans etc. used in the kitchen, and cleaning surfaces and stove. Clean and sweep bathrooms, meeting space, and take out garbage.
4. Copy of current valid Food Handlers Permit (required).

Bid submissions must be received by 3:30 pm on April 04, 2025. The awarded bid will be notified on the same day by 4:00 PM. If the awarded bidder does not have a W9 on file with Central Account, one will need to be provided.

Remit Proposal bids to:
lunderwood@quinault.org or
contact Latosha Underwood
at (360) 276-2425 for more
information.

hundreds of years before Lewis and Clark.

Yet Hudson’s Bay ignored that legacy and operated as if Indigenous people did not exist as a partner or even as

a customer. The company’s entire trading position was extractive, taking what it wanted.

It’s that idea that’s insolvent.

Ira Guy Cultee Jr.

April 4, 1962 - March 2, 2025

We are sorry,
but there is no obituary available.

A Shaker funeral and dinner were held in
Taholah on March 6, 2025.



Ole Dale Obi

July 20, 1953 - March 6, 2025

Ole Dale Obi, age 71, a longtime resident of Taholah, died on March 6, 2025, at Providence St. Peter Hospital in Olympia. Ole was born on July 20, 1953, in Aberdeen to Richard and Martha (Hudson) Obi. He was raised in Taholah.

Ole had worked in various capacities for the Quinault Nation. For the school district he had driven school bus and as a cook. He drove flatbed and log truck for M & R Trucking; and worked in maintenance for the housing authority and as a commercial fisherman and fishing guide. He was most proud of having owned a burger stand, Ole's Place.

He was well known for volunteering his time for many native functions.

He is survived by his siblings, Ervin Obi



of Taholah, Milton "Walnuts" Obi (Rose) of Ocean Shores, Rosa "Tweety" Hudson Obi of Taholah, and Letty Potter (Richard) of Pacific Beach; sisters-in-law, Wilma Hudson and Alison Boyer, special nieces, Cheri Potter, Mandy Howard and nephews, Clinton Potter and Jonathan Boyer; and special friends Michael and Susan Drake, Devin Drake, Cody Drake,

William Whitman, Glenna Gardner, Chet Tweed, Sue Corder, Paula Kalama, Pam Youckton, Cheryl Shale, Silvia Cayenne, Tammy Blackwell and Shane McFadden.

He was preceded by parents Delbert Boyer, Sr. and Martha Boyer; and siblings, Max Hudson, Dave "Peanuts" Obi, Delbert Boyer, Jr., Angela Boyer and Elizabeth Ann "Blackie" Boyer.

There was a dinner on Friday, March 14, 2025, at 1:00 PM at the Taholah Community Center.

A private urn committal took place later.

Cremation arrangements by Coleman Mortuary.

Please record your thoughts for the family by signing the online register at:
www.colemanmortuary.net

Mike Taylor

January 14, 1944 - February 17, 2025

February 17th, 2025
Michael E. Taylor, 81, of Camano Island, Washington, passed away on February 17th, 2025, in Stanwood, Washington. Born on January 14th, 1944, to Edwin and Ruth Ella Taylor in Sacramento, California, Michael's early years were shaped by the military lifestyle as his family moved from base to base across the country, although he spent the majority of his youth in Sacramento.

Michael met his beloved wife, Doris, during their high school years in Carlisle, PA, where he was a senior and she was a sophomore. Their enduring love blossomed through letters exchanged nearly every day for seven years before they married in 1969. Together, they created a life filled with adventure, celebrating 64 years of marriage last June. They lived in various homes, including a floating residence on Lake Union in Seattle, an adobe house in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and a cedar log house in rural Okanogan, Washington, before settling in their waterfront home on Camano Island. Doris, who passed away in October 2024, was Michael's steadfast partner throughout their journey. He is survived by their daughter Meghan and grandson Desmond, as well as the eight foreign exchange students they welcomed into their lives, who became part of their extended family.

After graduating high school, Michael pursued his passion for philosophy and earned a law degree from the University of California at

Davis Law School as part of its inaugural graduating class. He entered the legal profession during a pivotal time, becoming one of the early advocates for tribal governments as an in-house attorney. For over 50 years, Michael applied his exceptional legal skills in support of the rights and sovereignty of Indian Nations and Tribes.

In his illustrious career, he represented the Quinault Nation in the landmark case, *United States v. Washington* (The Boldt Decision), successfully affirming and defending the treaty fishing rights of the tribe and establishing a precedent for tribal self-governance. His dedication led him to work with Pueblo Legal Services in New Mexico and later as General Counsel for the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, where he played a significant role in protecting tribal sovereign rights and managing critical litigation concerning reservation lands.

Moving across the Cascades, he served as General Counsel for the Tulalip Tribes, where he spearheaded economic development initiatives, including the creation of Quil Ceda Village, a vibrant commercial center that serves the Tulalip community. Even after retiring from his role as a Tribal attorney, Michael continued to share his wisdom and experience as a Tribal Court and Appellate Court judge.

Throughout his career, Michael was a champion for tribal members, tirelessly work-



ing to empower them to take leadership roles in the legal field. His legacy includes mentoring many who now serve as attorneys for tribes across Indian Country. Among many awards he received, was the Goldmark Award in 1993, recognizing his exceptional leadership in the quest for equal justice in Washington State. Michael E. Taylor was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, whose impact on the legal rights of Native American people and the strength of tribal governance will be felt for generations. He held a lifelong enthusiasm for stringed instruments, particularly the banjo, spent much of his time hiking through the mountains, rollerblading on freshly laid pavement, and diligently contributed to his much prized woodpile. The collections of bottles, stamps, license plates, coins, and mismatched gloves rescued from the side of the road give a glimpse into his quirky personality. He now rests peacefully alongside his life partner, Doris, knowing that together they made the world a better place through their love and dedication to others.

Craig Aaron Purser

November 18, 1982 - March 9, 2025



Craig Aaron Purser, Jr., a resident of Taholah, died on March 9, 2025, at Harbor Regional Hos-

pital in Aberdeen. Craig was born on November 18, 1982, in Bremerton, Washington to Craig Aaron Purser, Sr. and Marie Ada Saux.

He had worked for the Quinault Indian Nation as a custodian, commercial fisher and clam digger. He enjoyed tribal journeys, drumming, singing and playing his keyboard.

He is survived by his mother, Marie Ada Saux of Taholah; sister Charlotte Purser of

Taholah; brothers, Simon Purser, Fred Purser, David Cruz and Atilamo Cruz. He was preceded by a brother, Donald Purser and his father Craig.

The funeral service was held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at the Community Center in Taholah. Interment was at the Taholah Cemetery, and a dinner was held at the Community Center.

Arrangements were by Coleman Mortuary.

Laura Mae Eselin

November 24, 1945 - March 19, 2025

Laura Mae (Pope) Eselin, age 79, a longtime resident of the Taholah area, died on March 19, 2025, at Harbor Regional Hospital in Aberdeen. She was born on November 24, 1945, in Aberdeen to Robert "Sully: Pope and Rose Chenois. She attended school in Taholah and Moclips.

Laura was a proud "Full-Blooded" member of the Quinault Indian Nation. She also served proudly as an officer, assistant minister and traveling missionary of the 1910 Indian Shaker Church. She traveled to churches from California to Canada.

She enjoyed spending all her time with her grandkids. She loved beading earrings, basket weaving, collecting coins, and trading beads. She made gifts for Mother's Day with Louise Ancheta George for the Taholah Shaker Church.



She also enjoyed watching the Taholah Chitwhins when her son Johnny played football. Laura was a huge Seattle Seahawk and Mariners fan.

Surviving relatives include her husband of 61 years, Howard Eselin of Taholah; children, Naomi Henry (Charlie) of Skokomish, Rose Johnson (John) of Pacific Beach, Johnny Eselin (Theresa) of Taholah and Uriah Eselin of Taholah; her sister, Pamela

S. Woods of Taholah; 12 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Laura was preceded in death by a daughter, Laura Eselin; son, Howard Eselin, Jr., brothers Clarence "Butch" Pope, Charles "Cigar" Cultee and Frankie Pope, Sr.; and parents Robert "Sully" Pope and Rose Chenois.

A candlelight service was at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 24, 2025, and the funeral service was at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, both at the Taholah Shaker Church.

Interment will follow at the Taholah Cemetery.

There was be a dinner at the Taholah Community Center.

Please record your thoughts for the family by signing the online register at:
www.colemanmortuary.net

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BIA regional offices to approve things like road projects and law enforcement funding.

The move to close the regional offices is part of a sweeping effort by the Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE, led by Musk to reduce the size and spending of the federal government.

Funding for the BIA, IHS and the Bureau of Indian Education represents the lion's share of the government's obligations to tribes, Macarro said, and last year those departments made up less than a quarter of 1% of the federal budget.

"They're looking in the wrong place to be doing this," said Macarro. "And what's frustrating is that we know that DOGE couldn't be a more unified group of people behind the switch. They need to know, come up to speed real quick, on what treaty rights and trust responsibility means."

Part of those trust responsibilities is consulting with tribes on matters that affect their citizens, said Jacqueline De León, an attorney with the Native American Rights Fund, which represents tribes protecting their treaty rights. "In the case of BIE cuts, this type of action taken without consultation is rare and in clear violation of the law," she said.

In February, Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. rescinded an order to

lay off 950 IHS employees, hours after they had been told by phone they were being fired. A Jan. 30 order from the Interior Department titled "Ending DEI Programs and Gender Ideology Extremism" stated that any efforts to eradicate diversity, equity and inclusion in the department's policy should exclude trust obligations to tribal nations.

In a letter sent Thursday to GSA Acting Administrator Stephen Ehikian and exclusively shared with The Associated Press, Arizona Sens. Ruben Gallego and Mark Kelly expressed serious concern about the announced closure of the BIA's regional office in Phoenix, one of the department's largest.

"Its closure will severely limit access for all of these tribes to essential services ranging from economic development to child social services to water system improvements," the senators wrote. "The federal government is at serious risk of failing at its most basic obligations, including breaking long-held promises to tribes."

The senators asked Ehikian to explain how the Phoenix office was chosen for closure and how the government will meet its trust responsibilities if it is shuttered.

A spokesperson for the GSA did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Vital federal departments for tribes like the BIA and

IHS have been chronically underfunded and understaffed. That often means the contracts and projects those agencies are required to approve for tribal nations are already delayed, said Martin Harvier, president of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community in Phoenix.

"If they're going to start shutting down the office, that means all of us on the other end are waiting for a response, and it just delays things that we're trying to move forward," he said. "Whether it be a family waiting for a probate to happen or a family waiting for a lease so they can build a home on their lot or economic development."

Harvier said he has been assured by staff at the Phoenix office that its inclusion on the list of closures was a mistake, but he and other tribal leaders he is speaking with are uncertain about the days ahead.

"I think all of the tribal nations are just very concerned right now," he said. "We just don't know what to expect."





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QIN Residential Energy Survey



Survey for QIN Tribal members on and off reservation. Submissions will be entered into a raffle for a prize!



Dreaming of the smell of salmon cooking on sticks. Photo by Larry Workman

Quinault Nation Chief Operating Officer (COO)

M'Liss DeWade

In December 2024, there was an update from this office of the organizational changes coming forward in Fiscal Year 2025. The Nation has officially renamed “Administration Division” to “*Education, Training and Culture*” and “Community Services” was renamed to “*Public Works*,” both divisions have a new approved logos they will be using to do a community roll out of the name changes. Since October 2024, Enrollment and the Museum have been operational under the Education, Training and Culture Division. I am excited to announce that one of the largest shifts from reorganization will be implemented in April 2025 – the move of Health and Wellness into two divisions: *Health and Wellness* and *Human Services*. This change will help focus on the scope of services provided by both areas and create more manageable are of control for the directors. The breakdown of the divisions appears below.

This changeover will happen April 7, 2025, with the onboarding of our new Health and Wellness Director: Denise Ross. I am thrilled to welcome Denise back to the Nation – below is a quick biography from her:



Denise Ross

Director at the time of the build phase of the current Wellness Center and upon completion.

I left QIN to work at a golf course that I became a co-owner of in Elma. Since I left QIN, I returned to Tribal health and had some rewarding contract work for the Nez Perce, Skokomish and Muckleshoot Tribes. I have spent the last 10 years serving as the Health Director for the Chehalis Tribe. I left behind fond memories and great people at Chehalis.

I feel like I am “coming home” in a way, or full circle. My heart never left the people of QIN, and I stayed in touch with many. My two adult children and my grandchildren are enrolled Quinault Tribal Members. I was raised in Lake Quinault and my father and his wife along with my brother still live there.

I am excited to be back and work with the staff and

community to continue to raise Health Care to the highest possible level. I am confident that my education, years of experience and knowledge affords me the ability to be an effective leader and contributor to the overall health and wellness of those served.

I am also delighted that Aliza Brown will be our Human Services Director. Aliza has been our Health and Wellness director for seven years and will be moving to the Human Services side of the new structure, utilizing her master’s degree in social work and knowledge of the division and community to guide her in success.

More updates on the reorganization changes set forth for FY25 to come.

Lastly, I want to thank Jon Sutherland for the years of service he has given to the Quinault Indian Nation as our Information Technology (IT) Director. Jon and his team have made a lot of significant improvements to our IT division in a short period of time. See page 12 for article about Jon’s work here as he moves on to another chapter in his life.

Moving into spring we will see lots of changes for the Nation, just as we embrace the change of seasons, we will also embrace the changes coming forward to the Nation. As nature will bring us flowers this spring, change will bloom for us with a positive impact felt by our members and community at large.



Education, Training and Culture

Debbie Martin

The Education, Training and Cultural (ETC) Division is excited to showcase the new logo for this Division that was created by artist Aubrey Della, who works at the Quinault Museum. Aubrey did an excellent job of capturing the various activities and services that our division provides for our clients.

Our programs in ETC have been busy collaborating to share the planning, costs and the work on the events that we can co-sponsor. Summer planning is also a big topic in our division right now with summer right around the corner.

Education Program

The Education Department has made 224 payments for post-secondary education, an increase from last year’s total of 185. This funding has supported 183 undergraduate students (PSFA), 7 vocational/technical students (VTDS), 5 running start students (ACP), and 11 post-graduate students (PGEF).

The Boys & Girls Club is committed to keeping the Quinault language alive in the community. We are collaborating with the QIN Language Department to teach the Quinault language in the classroom at the Boys & Girls Club on Mondays. We are currently serving 60 youths in grades K-6 across Taholah and Queets clubs.

Queets Boy & Girls Club hosted their own little St. Patrick’s Day party. Staff wore their green and created a special event for the kids. They cooked everything green, and the kids loved it.

In the 2024-2025 Youth Opportunities Program, we have 118 youth signed up and will host quarterly workshops that focus on mental, physical, and emotional health, building and improving life skills, financial stability, and college and career readiness. We recently added automobile knowledge classes that consist of checking vehicle fluids and learning how to change a tire. Another class was the Financial Literacy class which was a big success.

Communications

This was a very busy start to the new year. In addition to producing four issues of the *Nugguam* we completed the *Annual 2025-2026 Quinault Calendar*, had it printed and distributed it. We also completed the *Annual General Council Report*, and we are also working with the Conversion Center to digitally archive our work. We also provided information and photos to QIN staff for their projects.

Serving the Quinault Indian Nation has been an honor for both of us; April 3rd is Jennifer’s last day as a QIN employee and Larry will call it a career in Early May. We are thankful for all the support and kind words of appreciation for the work we have done with the *Nugguam*, Calendar and other projects over the years.

Early Learning

This program has had a very busy 2nd quarter this year. We are submitting a request to the federal agency to convert our home-based Early Head Start program to a center-based model. We have also submitted a grant to enhance cultural activities in our centers.

The new Queets Generations building will house our Queets Head Start program as well as a daycare program for our children in that area. We will look forward to the September 2025 school year in such a beautiful and spacious facility.

Language

With the support of the ARTSWA grant from Washington State, our Language Department staff conducted Language Family Nights in Hoquiam. Many participants gathered to learn Quinault phrases and play fun games to test their retention. Winter classes have concluded, and Spring classes will start in April.

Staff also visited Aberdeen’s Harbor High, QIN Early Learning and we will be reconnecting with Hoquiam Schools once their new Indian Education Coordinator begins.

We applied for a few grants in the hopes of creating

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MIS Quarterly Update

Jon Sutherland / Chris Frank

Celebrating the Transition of IT Director Role

Jon Sutherland has helped build a great foundation for our MIS Department while serving as the Information Technology (IT) Director and helped build our MIS department to the dynamic team we are today through his mentorship and leadership. Chris Frank is beyond thankful for all the help Jon Sutherland has provided while he transitioned into the IT Director role. Chris is excited for the future of QIN and looks forward to the continued transformation of our MIS department.

Project Highlights

Annual General Council Meeting (Planning Ahead) – Taholah / All of QIN

The MIS Team has been planning for the Annual General Council Meeting as of the time of this update (week prior to the AGC Meeting). This

has been a collaborative effort which includes but is not limited to planning for audio / video / printing / voting / Wi-Fi. A big THANK YOU to all our MIS Team, our Secretary Mandy Hudson-Howard, the Taholah School staff that we have been in communication with and everyone else who has been a part of this great planning effort!

Continued broadband upgrade efforts are underway in the Lower Village with a focus on replacing aging connectivity equipment. Our MIS team has been helping to increase bandwidth and internet reliability while lessening the complexity of our network solutions.

Fiber Engineering Plans and Design – Queets & Taholah

We have completed the fiber engineering plans and designs for Taholah Lower Village. We are underway with

engineering plans and designs for Queets.

Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Internet / Network – Q-Village, Taholah

The MIS Team has been working with Dave Hinchin (QIN Utilities Manager) as well as other staff/management to develop a solution for the ongoing problems WWTP has been battling regarding the Internet / Network connectivity issues. This has been a longstanding issue due to the unique location of the WWTP site. The MIS Team, led in part by Neal, Jay and Joseph, has installed a network solution which seems to have resolved many of the reported issues.

Thank You from MIS

Our MIS Team here at QIN looks forward to continuing to serve the Nation and improve our level of service. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Public Safety

Mark James

Law welcomes Officer David McVey to the program. Officer McVey comes to us from the Port of Pasco Police Department and brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience as well as a great attitude and desire to serve the Quinault Nation. We are excited to have Officer McVey and to introduce him to our people.

Resource Enforcement is excited to announce Officer Robert Harrison successfully

completing the FLETC police academy. Officer Harrison scored high marks throughout the academy, and we look forward to his return to begin serving the Quinault Nation. Officer Harrison is set to graduate on Friday April 4.

Emergency Management continues to work with the Nation’s leadership to develop and implement tabletop exercises to prepare for any major disaster response. This includes hands-on training as

well as scenario-based training to provide necessary skill sets that will allow programs to respond seamlessly when an event occurs. Thank you, Daniel Ravenel and Desiree Markishtum, for all your hard work coordinating these trainings.

EMS continues to work very hard to provide services all over the Reservation. For those that are unaware, EMS has been providing extra duty services to cover for District 4 EMS since approximately

May of last year due to a lack of staffing. District 4 is the County EMS agency tasked with servicing Highway 101 side, on and off the Reservation up to Queets. This has been an incredible strain on our staff and the Nation is working on a long-term solution to the issue. Thank you to all our EMS staff who have been working beyond capacity to meet the emergency medical needs of our community.

Animal Control: Public Safety is still working to fill two open Animal Control positions. In the interim, Law Officers will continue to respond to dangerous animal complaints and address them appropriately. Pets for Life continues to provide necessary pet services to the community and we are grateful for all the hard work and services Coordinator Kira Ferrier-Curley continues to provide to the community.

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story books and have been awarded the ARTSWA grant to conduct more Family events in our communities. We coordinated efforts with 7000 Languages and the University of Hawaii to post on-line lessons. Please contact staff to attain a sign-in for these lessons.

Quinault Tribal Museum and Cultural Center

The museum is currently entering its busy season. During our winter months we had 182 visitors to our museum with visitors from as far away as Arkansas, Tennessee, and the United Kingdom.

We have acquired six new baskets, the most noteworthy being a burden basket dated to the late 18th century to early 19th century. We also purchased various smaller baskets from local makers. We have had numerous requests for donations. We are quickly running out of room in our museum. We also had several inquiries for appraisals and research assistance.

We helped host a podcast for Cryptid Researcher Matt Parrish and Quinault Storyteller Harvest Moon. We also welcomed UW students to film a documentary on Food Sovereignty in our museum.

Looking forward: We are currently in the schematic design phase of our new museum plans. Next on the list will be exhibit design and lighting. In April our staff will be journeying to Washington DC to meet with staff from the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian as we reclaim 10 ceremonial Quinault items.

TANF

This program is in the final stages of securing an office for Queets. Once the office is secured, an Intake Specialist position will be requested and hired. The position will assist with processing applications and provide receptionist services. Taholah staff are wait-

ing for the court to be complete. Once complete, staff will move back into the TANF building and all services will resume to include onsite training once a classroom is available. In addition to the weekly DSHS services provided, Employment Security will be using office space one day a week to provide services in the village of Taholah.

April is the audit month for the program. A bi-annual internal audit is completed to ensure all participant electronic records are up to date. The bi-annual covers October 1 through March 31st. This way, when annual audits are conducted, records are audited from April 1 through September 30th.

May 1st, all TANF participants will complete an orientation. The TANF Manual will be complete, with additions or revisions to services. The orientation time will be spent going over changes. Some of the changes that will be in the manual are ones requested by participants through group interview sessions that were held in December 2024. Siokwil to the families that participated in those sessions.

TERO

TERO has been preparing for Coastal 29 that is going to be replacing fish barriers on Highway 101/109. This project will create jobs, training opportunities and bring in revenue from the TERO tax. TERO sponsored a class for flaggers on March 25, 2025, with 15-20 receiving this training to prepare for jobs this summer.

We are exploring workforce development opportunities with Pacific Mountain Workforce Development. A joint meeting was held in February with the Wellness Center, QBRC, TANF and Quinault Corporate to see how Pac Mountain can assist them in their training and employment needs.

Energy Park: Planning staff are currently working on a design-build for a solar array portion of the energy park in the relocation area. The RFP is being worked on, and a job description drafted for the Energy Manager.

Community Clean up: This year, the QIN Community Cleanup was March 18-20, 2025. The following departments planned, and implemented the annual undertaking of the Community Clean up: Utilities, Maintenance, Beautification, Custodial, and Quinault Housing Authority. The cleanup occurred in Queets, Q-Village, and Taholah. We were able to hire a temporary Beautification crew to assist in efforts as well. We had faithful volunteers who assisted with cleaning up of all three sites.

New Staff:

Public Works is happy to announce the following new hires within our division: Brian Pelach, Senior Planner. Malaki Bradley-Mora, Maintenance Tech 2/Landscaper

Health and Wellness

Aliza Brown / Melissa Capoeman

Reminder that RSHC hours of operation are 8:00am – 4:30pm. **Doors are locked at 4:30 pm.**

Health & Wellness will begin the process of dividing into two divisions beginning the first week of April. There will be a Director for the Health & Wellness departments such as Medical, Dental, Pharmacy, Business office etc. Aliza Brown, Director and Melissa Capoeman, Deputy Director will be transitioning to the Human Services division and will be over departments such as Chemical Dependency, Behavioral Health, Family Services, Seniors, Community Resources, Sacred Healing.

Business Office: We are currently signing up patients for Medicare, Medicare Part D, and Medicaid. Our Health Benefits are outreaching and contacting patients for alternate coverage and the annual patient registration update. If you have questions regarding insurance coverage, please contact Trinity Flores-Buck at 360-276-4405 ext. 8716.

Reminder to our Elders of Grays Harbor & Jefferson Counties:

Health Benefits: We would like to acknowledge and thank our elders for taking the time to get in their paperwork for the quarterly reimbursements in a timely manner. The next scheduled reimbursement date is June 2025. For those of you who are not able to find your Social Security Administration (SSA) paperwork, let us know and we can help you navigate the SSA to get the documents needed. For more information, please contact Jeannie Underwood or Trinity Flores-Buck at 360-276-4409.

DSHS-Out Station Services: Kelisha Evans, DSHS Outstation Liaison will assist Taholah/Queets community members apply for Cash Benefits, Food Cards, EBT Cards.

The Last appointment of the day is 2:00pm Roger Saux Health Center Every Monday & the 4th Thursday of the month 9:30am- 3:30pm Charolette Kalama Clinic Wednesday 10:00am-3:00pm

Patient Registration: Patients need to update with patient registration annually. You can call, email or stop in at the 3rd window at the clinic and see Latrell Markishtum (Latrell. Markishtum@quinault.org). Please bring your license, Tribal ID, and insurance card if not already on file.

As part of our commitment to your care, we now offer a patient portal through **myhealthrecord.com** where you can see your health information including your labs, your health care plan on any internet-enabled device such as a smartphone or tablet. You can send a secure message and get a prompt response to non-urgent questions. You can request prescription refills or request to send your health records electronically to other providers.

Family Services: We will be partnering with the Sacred Healing Journey in April’s awareness campaigns for Child Abus and Sexual Assault. We are very excited to be a part of this outreach. QFS has recently hired two new employees, they will be starting the week of March 24th, an Admin Assistant and a Caseworker. One more position is set to be filled, which is the Program Assistant/Case Aide, then we will be fully staffed.

Senior Program: The senior program offers medical transport, gas vouchers, caregiving, chore work, respite, and has limited resources for the hygiene lending closet, firewood, and assistance through the grandparents raising grandchildren program. Please contact the elder care coordinator for the requirements and/or

applications for assistance. We also do referrals to other programs that provides assistance.

Dental: In 2025 the Roger Saux Dental Department saw 321 encounters since January 1. During this time-period 21 comprehensive exams were conducted as were: 29 periodic exams; 105 limited exams; and 70 emergency exams. The dental clinic is still seeking a new hygienist and preferably two new dental assistants.

Diabetes: We began Mammograms last May, and 36 women have had them done so far; three women had to go for further testing, one of which was diagnosed with breast cancer and has been referred to a specialist.

The diabetes Power Hour will be transitioning to every other week instead of every week as we no longer have a dietician on Mondays. One is going to be held in person and the other one will be virtual. It will be on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 11:00 in the Demo Kitchen.

Stay Active and Independent (SAIL) classes have begun at the Generations building, classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 - 11:30. This is a fun program, and we welcome more people. Our department started the adopt-a-highway cleanup this year and had five people sign up for our first event held in March.

Fitness Center – National walking day is April 2nd, 2025. Come join us as we walk and celebrate a day to be the healthiest version of ourselves on the 2nd from 12:00pm – 2:00 pm at either the Riverview or Queets Fitness Center. Felix will start a Circuit training program at Riverview Fitness starting Monday, March 24th 1-2pm. Dimitri at Queets Fitness had a Co-Yoga Class with Roberta Harrison and Sue Corder from Recreation on Wednesday, March 19, 2025. We are also working to fill a vacancy at the Riverview Fitness Center.

Riverview Fitness participants numbers are looking great for the month of March; we had 168 adult males, and 130 adult females, 11 youth females, and no youth males, for a grand total of 309 participants so far for the month of March

Chemical Dependency – Chemical Dependency has one Substance Use Disorder Professional (SUDP) Counselor; we are actively searching for three more counselors. When we are down to one SUDP we may refer you to the Quinault Wellness Center in Aberdeen for your Chemical Dependency needs. We can provide a gas card for a limited time with proof of an appointment. If you or a member of your household is in need or want to go to Detox or treatment, please have the person call or come see us in our Chemical Dependency Department so we can make sure the person is updated with their current address, phone number, proof of residency and insurance to help expedite the process.

Both Mental Health and Chemical Dependency counselors actively participate in the Quinault Wellness Court providing advocacy and support for those individuals participating in the Wellness Court.

Mental Health: There are currently three Counselors providing services in Taholah, Queets and Hoquiam in addition to a contracted telehealth counselor through Tribal Health Connections. We’ve added a third day to our psychiatrist Dr. Armstrong’s contract allowing him to provide three days of service a month at our clinic in Taholah. We also have two college interns providing limited services. Our newly hired Mental Health Counselor, Lelia Meas will begin going to Queets one

day a week beginning in April in addition to Alex Fabini going on Tuesday. The counselors do provide outreach services to students that attend Taholah, Hoquiam, Aberdeen, Pacific Beach, North Beach, Queets Clearwater and Lake Quinault Schools.

Behavioral Health will be participating in the Roger Saux Health Center Health Fair on May 2 in Taholah and May 16 in Queets. Stop by our table and pick up prevention and educational material and put your name in for the drawing. We will have information on self-harming, 988 (number you can text or call if you are suicidal or in a crisis for free Mental Health Services by a tribal counselor).

Pharmacy: In the pharmacy, we continue to execute our duties and strive to provide the best service to our customers. We are in the process of recruiting a new pharmacy technician to fill in the void left by our beloved technician Keisha Pope but have not found a suitable candidate yet. To help us in the interim, we solicited the help of an agency pharmacy technician, Angelica Cunningham, who exhibits a great work ethic and respect for our tribal members and has been very helpful to us during these difficult times.

Medical: We will be fully staffed with providers with Billi McNary coming on permanently March 27th. We do still have one provider out on leave.

Our nursing staff is fully staffed for MA positions, but we are still short an LPN and RN. Cherlyn Turchan is transitioning to the Community Health Nurse role. We are also still recruiting to replace Claudia, either with a dietician or RN, and we need an RN for the Chronic disease (diabetes) team.

We are excited to welcome the new Director of Health and Wellness,

Sacred Healing: The month of April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (or SAAM) and Child Abuse Awareness Month. Sacred Healing Journey and partners will be hosting an event in Taholah and Queets in April. The theme for SAAM is “Together We Act, United We Change” this highlights the importance of working together to address and prevent sexual abuse, assault, and harassment.

We are also looking forward to May outreach for MMIW/MMIP, we will be posting specific details to community events soon and we will be working with local schools to help with their awareness events. May 5th is recognized as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Day; this is dedicated to raising awareness about the alarming number of indigenous individuals and people who have gone missing or murdered.

May 17-18 we will be hosting a grief and loss retreat with the Native Wellness Institute (NWI). This in-person retreat that will take place in Seabrook aims to assist and provide skills to deal with grief and loss and navigate through the healing process and move forward on a wellness path. Our friends from NWI, Wade and Lovina will be the main facilitators of this retreat.

Commodities (FDPIR): We are currently accepting applications, which are available at the Community Resources Building or online on the Quinault Indian Nation Website. If you have questions about eligibility, please contact staff.

LIHEAP: This is currently open as of December 4th, 2024, for on-reservation households within Grays Harbor and Jefferson counties only. Applications are available online at [Quinault Indian Nation, WA | Official Website](#) or at the Community Resources building.



Photo of the Taholah water tower being constructed. Photo by Wenaha Project Management team.

Greater Grays Harbor, Inc. Announces New Online Business Startup Training BEST



The effort is in partnership with GGHI and the Thurston Economic Development Council Center for Business & Innovation

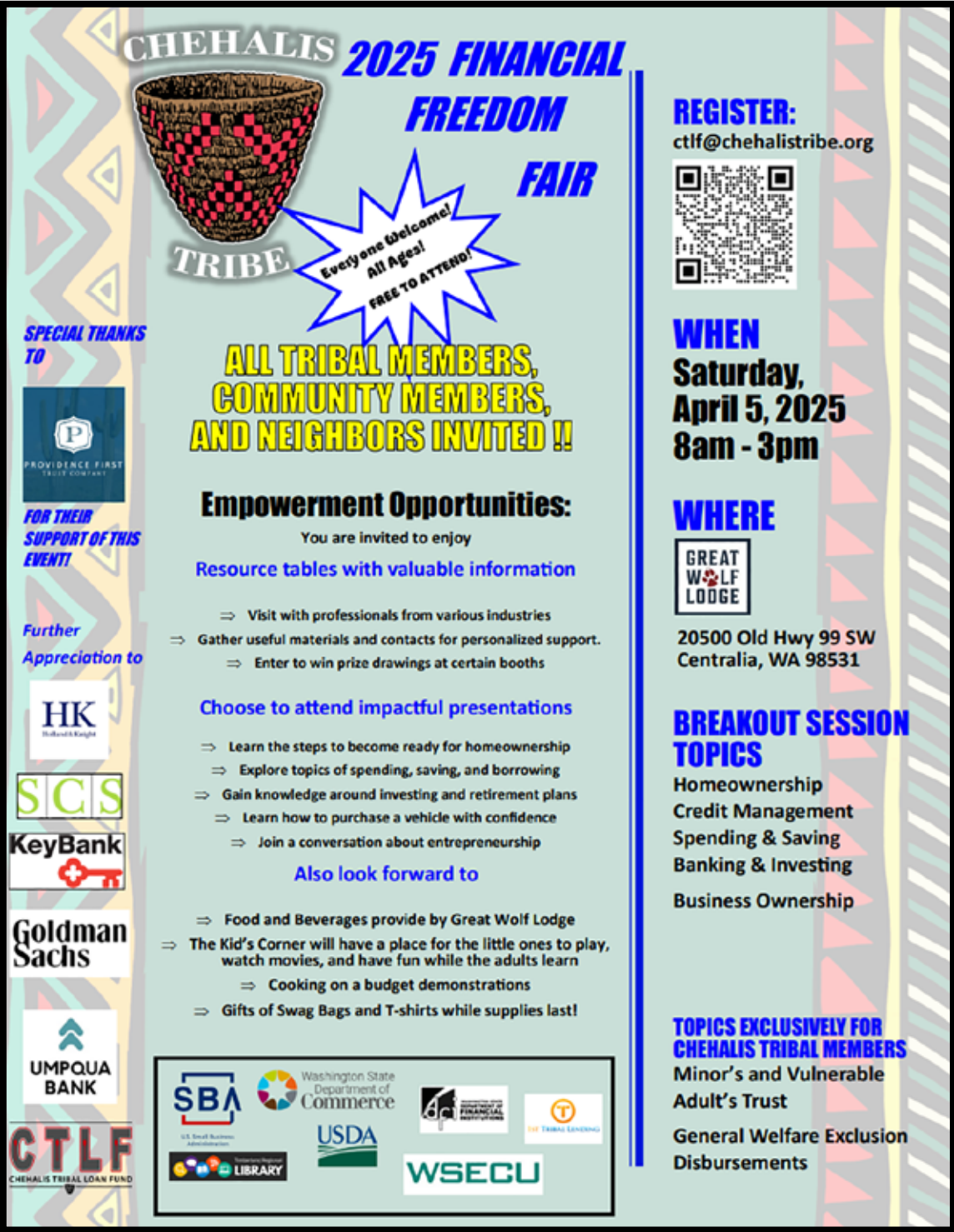
ABERDEEN, Wash. (March 12, 2025) Greater Grays Harbor, Inc. – Greater Grays Harbor, Inc. (GGHI) is excited to promote a new Business Enterprise Startup Training (BEST) that is currently being offered to new Grays Harbor County entrepreneurs. This effort is in partnership between GGHI and the Thurston Economic Development Council Center for Business & Innovation.

BEST consists of five online on demand courses that teach new entrepreneurs how to write a business plan, structure and license their business, start branding and marketing their business, protect their intellectual property and gain basic accounting knowledge for their business.

After filling out the scholarship application, applicants will be contacted by the Thurston EDC’s Center for Business & Innovation Training and Resource coordinator who will provide access to the courses along with no cost access to business plan writing software.

More information on applying can be found at: <https://center-for-business-innovation.teachable.com/p/graysharbor>

Questions can be emailed to info@wcwb.org.



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- ⇒ Cooking on a budget demonstrations
- ⇒ Gifts of Swag Bags and T-shirts while supplies last!

SPECIAL THANKS TO

- PROVIDENCE FIRST TRUST COMPANY
- FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS EVENT!
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- UMPQUA BANK
- CTLF
- SBA
- Washington State Department of Commerce
- USDA
- WSECU



Cedar Root Business Center

ELEVATING YOUR LIFE BY LIVING OUT YOUR DREAMS

The Cedar Root Business Center is making strides in fostering entrepreneurship and economic growth within the Quinault Indian Nation. As a dedicated business incubator, the center provides invaluable resources, support, and training for emerging business leaders in the community.

On April 18th, from 12-3:30pm we are excited to host a Women's Empowerment Workshop at the Quinault Beach Resort and Casino. This event is designed to inspire and equip women entrepreneurs with the tools and confidence they need to succeed in their ventures. Attendees will have the chance to engage in discussions, share experiences, and learn from successful women entrepreneurs who have navigated the challenges of the business world.



In May, we have an exciting lineup of workshops to further assist our community members in their business journeys. On May 3rd and 4th, we will be hosting a Business Readiness Workshop. This two-day virtual event, taking place from 10 AM to 6 PM over Zoom, will cover essential topics like business planning, marketing strategies, and financial management. It's an excellent opportunity for aspiring entrepreneurs to gain insights and prepare themselves for success.

Following that, from May 6th to May 28th, we will offer the Money 101 Workshop, also held virtually. This workshop focuses on foundational financial education, helping participants understand budgeting, saving, investing, and managing money effectively. Whether you're starting a new business or looking to enhance your personal finance skills, this workshop is designed to empower individuals with the knowledge they need to make informed financial decisions.



At the Cedar Root Business Center, we believe that through education, mentorship, and community support, we can help pave the way for a prosperous future for the Quinault Indian Nation. Our programs are tailored to address the unique challenges faced by our community and provide the essential tools for success.

We invite everyone to join us at these workshops and take a step towards empowering your business aspirations. Together, we can build a thriving community of entrepreneurs ready to make their mark.

www.cedarrootbusinesscenter.com

Questions ? Message catheriner@taalafund.org



APRIL'S STRESS AWARENESS MONTH

Tips to Help You Cope

Stress Awareness Month has been recognized every April since 1992, however this year it seems particularly important. Learning to cope with our stress and finding healthy ways to deal with these situations can go a long way in living a healthy and positive life. Long-term stress can prove to be more than just a mental issue.

We all experience stress, yet we experience it in different ways. For that reason, there is no single definition for stress, but the American Institute of Stress states the most common explanation is a “physical, mental, or emotional strain or tension.”

Common issues related to stress:

Headaches;
Stomach disorders;
Anxiety/Depression;
Stroke; and
Heart Disease.

Tips for Coping with Stress

- Take care of yourself. Eat healthy, exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep, give yourself a break if you feel stressed.
- Discuss your problems. Talk with a parent, friend, or another trusted source.
- Avoid drugs and alcohol. Brain research now indicates that people exposed to stress are more likely to abuse alcohol or other drugs, or to relapse into drug addiction.
- Jot down three things you are grateful for. Before you know it, your mindset will shift because you're now focusing on life's positives versus its challenges.
- When you need quick relief, taking a few deep breaths will instantly slow down your heart rate and center you.
- Recognize when you need more help. Know when to talk to a psychologist, social worker, or counselor if things continue.

What's important to remember when dealing with stress is that you are in control, you're strong and you got this. So, let's start finding our chill everyone!

Please join the Diabetes Wellness Team on Mondays at 11 am for education, snacks and fun. Felicity Andersen and Lynn Bumgarner are doing most of the coordination.

360-276-8215
Felicity ext. 8648
Lynn ext. 8642

Roger Saux Health Center
Nail Care Services



Nail care is available for established patients with diabetes or other chronic disease. Nail care is provided by trained nurses. If you would like to receive nail care please call: 276-4405 ext. 8640 and your name will be placed on the list.



We serve victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, harassment, stalking, adults’ survivors of childhood sex and abuse and more. Our vision is to empower individuals to retore healthy family’s structure where everyone is safe, honored and respected. Available services include crisis intervention, information and referral, advocacy, outreach and awareness. We also have the Sacred Healing House that provides temporary shelter for DV or SA victims and their children.

Please reach out if you are needing services.
Follow our Facebook page for updates and events.
360-276-8211 extension 8151



Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL)

A strength, balance and fun fitness class for adults

SAIL Fitness Classes
Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:30am-11:30am
@ New Generations Conf.Rm w/
Diabetes Wellness & Fitness Staff



National Walking Day 2025, April 2nd
*** Walk More Stress Less ***

National Walking Day is every year on the first Wednesday in April. National Walking Day is promoting physical activity, a way to celebrate the easiest way to be the healthiest version of you, both physically and mentally. Walking for thirty to sixty minutes a day is a simple and effective way to improve cardiovascular health, manage stress, boost mood and improve overall well-being.

Please join us as we walk and celebrate a day to be the healthiest version of ourselves ☺

Join Our Walk
Wednesday, April 2nd
12:00pm-2:00pm
Riverview or Queets Fitness Center

We have Health Benefits & Patient Registration who will be at the Generations Bldg every Thursday in April from 9 am-1 pm to assist elders with Health Benefits and update Patient Registration.

Raffle prizes weekly for those who utilize our amazing team to update.

Dates: April 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th
Thanks!
Aliza Brown





Mental health is just as important as physical health.

Get help and healing from Native counselors on the Native & Strong lifeline.

Connection is Prevention.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis or thinking about suicide, dial 988 and press 4 for confidential support from a Native counselor.

For mental health resources, visit **NativeAndStrong.org**

Quinault Wellness Court Peer Support

By Bryce Greene



Quinault Wellness Court Peer Support Counselors, Astra Howtapat and Tim James along with CSP Manager, Bryce Greene engaged in the Washington State Certified Peer Counselor Native Training week at QBRC last month. The training, hosted by the Washington State Healthcare Authority and Roger Saux Health Center, challenged and strengthened the peers through 10 learning modules on topics such as Role of a Peer Supporter, Recovery Principles, Trauma informed care, Self-Advocacy, Culture, Ethics & Boundaries.

Peer Support services are currently offered through the Quinault Healing to Wellness Courts through the CSP Peer Support Program. Peer support staff are employed who meets individuals in recovery where they are to hold hope, model recovery and to build a safe mutual relationship.

If you are interested in becoming a certified peer counselor, email glen.black@quinault.org or bryce.greene@quinault.org for more information about the CSP Peer Support Program.

You do not need to be a client or graduate of the Wellness Courts to be eligible for a peer support role. You need only to be in recovery and sober for at least one year.

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

During April, several organizations unite under the same mission to encourage everyone to drive with focus and reach their destination safely. Distracted Driving Awareness Month puts safety first and text messages, arriving on time, and friends under the influence in the back seat.

According to 2016 statistics, the National Safety Council estimates as many as 40,000 people died on U.S. roadways. That’s a 6% increase over 2015 statistics and 14% over 2014. The NDC says that’s the most dramatic two-year increase in 53 years. 42,514 people died in 1922. Highway deaths are the leading cause of death worldwide with nearly 1.19 million people dying annually.

- What can you do?**
- Turn off your phone. Designate a sober driver. Reduce your speed. Crying children can wait until you can pull over safely. Wear your seat belt.
 - Take the pledge to stay focused and end distracted driving.
 - Read Distracted driving: a safety guide for responsible young drivers to learn safety tips for your teen driver.
 - Throughout April, visit www.nsc.org or www.nhtsa.gov to learn more about what’s causing crashes, how to prevent them, and what else you can do.

February Chitwhins of the Month - Teachings of the Violet



Kindergarten
Hector Corona Gonzales

Hector is the powerful violet flower reminding us to always stand up for what we believe in. Hector has a great memory and always shows courage even when something is uncomfortable or scary. Hector chooses to do what is good, right and kind even when it's hard. Hector is always the kindergartener to remind others of what kindness looks like. Hector is always the student to try something new and faces it with poise and excellence. I am so proud of Hector's growth and commitment to helping our classroom be a better place for himself and others. Thank you for being you, Hector! You are one strong Violet!



1st grade
Legend Rosander

Legend had demonstrated courage this month by standing up for his friends. He has also done a great job improving his study habits and his math skills. His positive attitude is a great example for the other students. Well done Legend!



2nd grade
Giuliana Mills

Giuliana carries a peaceful spirit. Her calm attitude tells us all to slow down, take a moment to think through things and appreciate the blessings in our lives. Giuliana is meticulous with her artistry and her school-work. She is loving and compassionate with people and animals.



Taholah School District would like to congratulate our February Chitwhins of the Month. These students have followed the teachings of the violet, a small, delicate flower that holds immense strength and beauty. Violet medicine can soothe, strengthen and bring courage when we most need help. It reminds us to tend and listen to our hearts, particularly in times of distress, when we might feel afraid. The following students have shown courage by speaking their minds and telling all their heart. Way to go Chitwhins!

"It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are." E.E. Cummings



3rd grade
Muno Ramirez-Martin

Muno is a courageous student who is always willing to try new things. He is an active and passionate learner and friend who always tries his best and lives in the moment. He always has a hand raised to give an answer and always asks for help from others if he doesn't know. He has achieved so much this year and is growing up into a wonderful person.



4th grade
Ariana Underwood Newton

Ari has been improving in all subjects. She stands up for what is right even though it is not popular. Ari is becoming the academic student I hope all will become, inquisitive, thoughtful, and strong.



5th grade
Kenai Narron

Kenai has stepped up to the challenge of 5th grade. He is often the first one to help a student that may be hurt and offers words of encouragement when his peers struggle. Keep up the good work, Kenai!



6th grade
Amadora Chapman

Amadora is a focused student who has the courage to show she is smart. She never backs down from a challenge or a chance to win. She is unapologetically herself and we are so glad she is as she is a treasure just like the violet.



7th grade
Kale Comenout

Kale has been working hard in class. He asks questions when he needs help and completes his weekly assignment on time. He is respectful to everyone in the classroom. He is good at making the class laugh and making everyone feel welcome and happy to be here.



8th grade
Autumn McCrory

Autumn is a sweetheart. She is creative and loves to share her artwork with people. Autumn does things to help people without expecting anything in return. Autumn shows her courage everyday by holding a high standard for herself to be kind and respectful to everyone.



9th Grade
Maliah Pluff

Maliah is a joy, she has a subtle, clever sense of humor. She worked hard on the court and balancing her athletics and academics. Maliah might be know for her courage on the court the best but she also shows it in her everyday. She will let you know if she sees mistreatment or unfairness.



10th Grade
Evalyn Waugh

Evalyn has shown courage by setting hard goals for herself. She does not allow challenging situations to hold her down and fights for what she believes is right. She is hard working and meets all of her deadlines. She is willing to help anyone and is respectful to everyone. She expects others to be the same. Thank you Evalyn for setting a standard and advocating for others.



11th Grade
Makaila James

Makaila has made great improvements in her daily work and her weekly assignments. She is always willing to help others and shows nothing but grace and patience as she does so. She is always polite and respectful even when advocating for herself.



12th Grade
Zah-kylah Mason

Zah-kylah has great attendance, works hard daily, completes her assignments and is not afraid to ask for help so that she can do the assignment correctly. She is working hard to end her high school career on a high note. She helps her classmates at all concessions doing more than her part to support the athletes in her class. She is quiet but stays true to herself and kind to those around her.

Bus Riders of the Month



We'Yana Valenzuela



Alaya Kaleak
Taholah employees of the month:
Eddie Rodriguez
Craig Harold
Ruby Pope
Fred Pope



A big shout out to the families that encouraged your students to be here and are continued supporters of your children's education.

Joshua Weissman
Attorney General

Josh Weissman is the Quinault Indian Nation’s new Attorney General as of March 3, 2025. Before joining QIN, his most recent job was Section Chief, Complex Litigation Division with the Washington State Attorney General’s Office, a position he had for 12½ years.

As the Attorney General, his job duties in his position with the QIN will be to lead a team of six attorneys and two professional staff; represent and provide legal advice to the Nation’s Business Committee and governmental departments.

Josh was asked why he was interested in working with the QIN, and his response was, “I am interested in developing a close relationship for a specific client and providing that client with dedicated advo-



cacy and advice, particularly one that is forward-thinking like the Nation.”

Josh grew up near Redmond, Washington and has lived most of his life in the Pacific Northwest. His parents, sister, nieces and nephew live in the region. His education includes a bachelor’s degree from Whitman College, and a

Law Degree from Willamette University, he has also served as a judicial clerk for the Washington State Court of Appeals.

Hobbies/interests that he shared are playing soccer his whole life, and still plays, as well as referee high school games in Grays Harbor, Thurston, Lewis, and Mason Counties. Josh said he also loves traveling, hiking, and exploring the outdoors.

We ask our new employees if there was something they want to share with our readers; Josh said, “I want to be a dedicated and loyal advisor to the Nation, advocating for and serving the interests of its people.”

Welcome to Quinault Indian Nation Josh! We’re glad you are here.

Bradley Biggs
Forestry Technician -
Wildland/Structure Firefighter

Bradley joined the Division of Quinault Department of Natural Resources as a Forestry Technician Wildland/Structure Firefighter and started on March 3rd, 2025. He has six years’ experience as a Wildland Firefighter – seasonal. In his new position, he will protect the life, property, and natural resources of the Quinault Indian Nation by responding to wildland and structure fires. His position will assist the forestry program throughout the year with both indoor and outdoor forestry projects and may also participate in wilderness search and rescue efforts.

Bradley will perform various fire control tasks, such as fire patrols, wildfire suppression, controlled burns, and fire prevention. He will perform a variety of emergency activities at fire or emergency scenes to include administering first aid and CPR and respond-



ing to wildfire calls at any time and under all weather and hazardous conditions.

In his forestry operations activities, Bradley will assist forestry with various silvicultural, inventory and harvest duties that may include but not all inclusive: Inventory of stands using forestry procedures and use of drones; Inspection and crew supervisor of tree planting operations and may assist with re-planting of harvest units. Other tasks may include laying out

pre-commercial thinning units, performing precommercial thinning, and other forestry operations as needed.

Bradley wants to protect his community in the best way he can and is looking forward to working with QIN. His training in the areas he will be working is extensive. It includes ICS-100, 200, 130, 211, 212, 700 and 800. Additionally, he has Swift water first aid, Search and Rescue, Engine Operator, Wilderness first Aid, CPR, Hazmat Response and Hazmat Awareness-Operations. His interests and hobbies are fishing, working out, hiking, playing 2K, and camping, and traveling.

After living on the Reservation for almost 20 years, Bradley felt the best way to support our community was to protect our forest, our structures, and our people.

Harley Biggs
Forestry Technician -
Wildland/Structure Firefighter

Harley joined the Division of Quinault Department of Natural Resources as a Forestry Technician Wildland/Structure Firefighter and started on March 3rd, 2025. In his position, he will protect the life, property, and natural resources of the Quinault Indian Nation by responding to wildland and structure fires. The position will assist the forestry program throughout the year with both indoor and outdoor forestry projects and may also participate in wilderness search and rescue efforts.

Other functions of his job, Harley will perform various fire control tasks, such as fire patrol, wildfire suppression, controlled burns, and fire prevention. He will perform a variety of emergency activities at fire or emergency scenes to include administering first aid and CPR and respond-



ing to wildfire calls at any time and under all weather and hazardous conditions.

In his forestry operations activities, Harley will assist forestry with various silvicultural, inventory and harvest duties that may include but not all inclusive: Inventory of stands using forestry procedures and use of drones; Inspection and crew supervisor of tree planting operations and may assist with re-plant-

ing of harvest units. Other tasks may include laying out pre-commercial thinning units, performing precommercial thinning, and other forestry operations as needed.

Harley was interested in working with QIN to assist in the wildland and structure fire mitigation activities. Harley is not a member of the Quinault tribe, but he and his family have lived in the Quinault Village for the last two decades and has participated in numerous community events throughout the years. He has a Bachelor of Science in Anthropology, and training in ICS-100 and ICS-7000. He enjoys camping, fishing and traveling. He looks forward to his new duties and hopes to assist in both wildland and structural fire mitigation and management to the best of his abilities.

Ann House
Senior Assistant Attorney General

Ann was hired on February 24, 2025, to be the Quinault Indian Nation’s Senior Assistant Attorney General. Her most recent job was the Senior Staff Attorney for the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe for nearly six years.

She will be working with our Office of Attorney General’s team on a variety of duties. She said her main focus will be working on issues in environmental and natural resources, contracts, construction, community planning and development, and anywhere else she will be needed. Asked why she was interested in working with QIN, Ann said she is excited to work on the numerous projects the Tribe is involved with and to work with a great team of attorneys. This position is a great fit for her background and she looks forward to working with everyone.

Ann grew up in Oregon and moved to Maine when she was 17, then South Carolina and Montana and then Washington. Her family is small and



lives in Washington and Oregon. Ann and her husband live in Blaine with their two dogs - a 15-year-old lab and an 18-month-old German Shepherd, and two cats.

Her training and education include a B.S. in Environmental Science (Fisheries) from Unity College (Maine), M.S. Public Health (Environmental Health Sciences) from the U. of South Carolina, J.D., University of Montana School of Law. She worked for five years for the State of Montana for the Department of Public Health and Human Services and the

Department of Environmental Quality. Her work included West Nile Virus work and outreach, public health inspections, environmental enforcement, water quality standards for fish and aquatic life and dam relicensing issues. She then went to law school and was torn between environmental law and Indian law. Other work was as a prosecutor, public defender, she did civil litigation in private firms and then worked at Snoqualmie Indian Tribe on environmental and natural resources, real estate, land use and government affairs. Ann has been licensed to practice law since 2011 in Montana and Washington.

She lists her hobbies and interests as kayaking, walking, hiking, and anything Washington has to offer outdoors. She likes to paint and make attempts at being “crafty.”

Ann said her door is always open, and hope people feel comfortable reaching out. She said she looks forward to working with all of you!

Dave McVey
Officer IV - Police

David was hired on February 24, 2025, to join the Public Safety Division as a Law Enforcement Officer. He comes with five years of Police Officer experience. In his duties as a Law Enforcement Officer, David will perform general duty police work to protect life and property. He will enforce laws and ordinances, maintain order, and prevent and investigate crime. He will have arrest authority and will be required to be a commissioned law officer. He will have the authority to issue misdemeanor citations, investigate, arrest, and/or book suspects for misdemeanors, gross misdemeanors, and felony offenses, serve warrants



and subpoenas. Additionally, his essential functions will be to direct and regulate traffic, investigate accidents or crimes; administer first aid, gather evidence, locate witnesses, and other duties as assigned.

He was interested in working here to try a new and diverse policing style with the Quinault Indian Nation Public Safety Division. David said he is happily married to his beautiful wife Kate. They have seven adult children and two grandchildren, with another one due in March.

He has 26 years in law enforcement, patrol, FTO, Sergeant, Chief of Police, and S.W.A.T. His hobbies are golf, riding motorcycles, boating, fishing and hunting. David shared that he enjoys his job helping people in need of assistance. He looks forward to helping the QIN.

Maria Mata
Elder Care Coordinator

Maria Marta was hired as the Elder Care Coordinator and started her job on March 3, 2025, to ensure the efficient and effective coordination of community services, resources, and activities to meet the needs of our elders. Job responsibilities include assisting elders with obtaining community services, resources, and assistance, as well as assisting them with completing required forms and documentation.

Other duties are to assist the client in obtaining access to and coordination of necessary rehabilitative and medical services, scheduling appointments; coordinating transportation and/or accompanies elders to appointments. She may coordinate, plan, and implement a variety of social and cultural activities, events, and programs for elders, and maintain consistent communication with elders to determine needs and gather input for projects.



Finally, Maria will collaborate with other departments and programs to coordinate elder care.

Maria was interested in her position with the QIN because she had been working in this area providing caregiving and was offered an opportunity to be a caregiver for tribal elders. She said she did that for two-plus years and enjoyed it and gained love for many elderly people, now she can help more in different ways. She is Mexican American, her mother

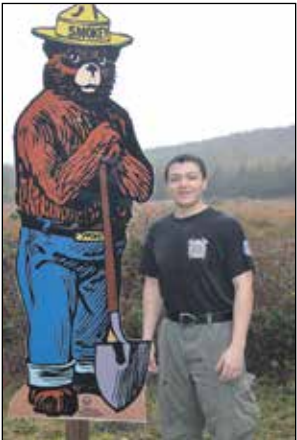
passed away when she was young. She has a younger sister, and they were raised by their dad and his family, they speak Spanish at home.

Maria’s education and training includes graduating from high school in 2020 and being a caregiver for many years. Maria said she has learned a lot about Quinault culture while out here. Her hobbies and interests are knitting, arts and crafts and she is interested in learning how to bead and weave. She said an elder taught her to make cedar roses and frybread.

She is thankful for being given the opportunity to work for the QIN. She appreciates it very much, and she is excited to learn more about the culture and spend more time with elders. She said she is learning so much from them, their stories, family trees, and is learning about the treaties and more.

Cade Capoeman

Forestry Technician - Wildland/Structure Fire Fighter



Cade Capoeman was hired on March 3, 2025, as a Forestry Tech-Wildland/Structure Fire Fighter for the Quinault Indian Nation. He comes with previous experience as a Wildland Fire Fighter since July 2022 for the QIN.

As a part of this team, Cade will protect the life, property, and natural resources of the Quinault Indian Nation by responding to wildland and structure

fires. His position will assist the forestry program throughout the year with both indoor and outdoor forestry projects and may also participate in wilderness search and rescue efforts. He will be involved in fire prevention, preparedness, suppression and prescribed fire aspects of the Fire Program.

As a member of the QIN, Cade has always had the desire to serve the

Tribe and communities here, where his home and family are from. He comes from the Capoeman and Charley families; his father is Jeff Capoeman, Sr., and his mother is Melissa Cheney-Capoeman. His grandparents are Cecil and Barbara Capoeman on his father’s side, and Benjamin and Lynn Cheney on his mother’s side.

He graduated from Taholah High School in 2022,

then immediately entered the Fire Program of the QDNR. He graduated from the Grays Harbor County Regional Fire Fighter 1 Academy in May 2024. Cade said he enjoys staying active and being outdoors. In his free time, he can be found at the gym or fishing, camping and golfing. He also likes spending time with his family and going to Disneyland!



Job Listings

Raven Bryson
HR Manager

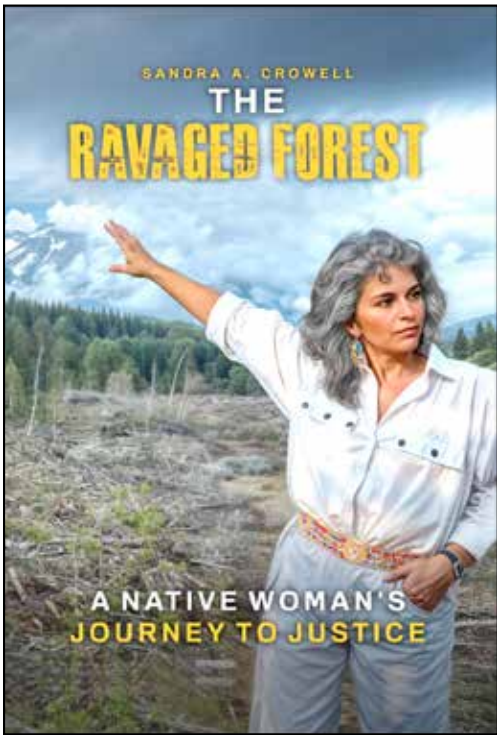
360.276.8215 ext 4610
jobs@quinault.org

BOOK SIGNING



Sanadra Crowell (left) author of the book *The Ravaged Forest* and Helen Sanders. Photo by Larry Workman

Helen will be hosting two book signings. One will be held at the Polson Museum on April 5th and another one will be held at the Duffy's restaurant on May 24, should you want to purchase a book and have it autographed.



Stephanie Capoeman's Retirement

Photo by Aliza Brown and story by Jennifer McCrory - Nugquam



Stephanie Capoeman retired on March 7, 2025, from the Roger Saux Health Center (RSHC) after nearly 10 years at the clinic. She held various positions within the programs including as the administrative assistant for both the Mental Health and Chemical Dependency programs, she was the main receptionist and the first person you were greeted by as you entered the clinic's waiting area. Before she decided to retire, Stephanie went on to become a patient registrar where she spent her last part of her employment at RSHC. Before going to work at the Clinic, Stephanie did work in other areas of the Tribe; Human Resources records indicated that she became an employee in 2009.

When asked what she plans on doing now that she is retired, Stephanie said she is going to take some time for herself, decide each day what that day will bring and don't have any special activities planned at this time. But she does want to get involved in programs at the Seniors that include crafting of all types.

We wish Stephanie the best in her retirement and hope she finds time to pamper herself and maybe attend a few intertribal elder lunches in the coming year. Thank you for your service, Steph!

Jon Sutherland Moving on

Story by M'Liss DeWald, Photo by Jennifer McCrory

Jon worked diligently to ensure we are completely up to date with cyber security and his work has protected us when other Tribes were hit by cyber-attacks.

He started a help desk and ticketing system, ensuring there was a way to track and support staff in their technological needs.

He worked hard to get fiber to the homes in Taholah and Queets, which the Nation is taking its last steps in securing.

He ensured we were successful in a quick pivot to working from home capabilities during covid.

He was our succession planning guinea pig and spent his last six-months training our new Director, Chris Frank, to ensure the transition was as smooth as possible

And he has done so much more – Jon is a brilliant kind person that we were lucky to work with! Thank you, Jon, we wish you the best in your next chapter!



Larry Wiechelmann on his Retirement

Adios to my friends and co-workers. I am retiring from QIN Forestry after 34 years of serving the Nation and its members. I spent time in Forestry doing reforestation, fertilization, pre-commercial thinning, forest inventory, GIS, land acquisition, drone operations, and GPS. I have truly enjoyed my time with the Nation, and I am thankful that I have done a small part to make the Nation a better place for the Quinault people.

I have experienced much of my life while working for the Nation. I got married to a wonderful woman, had two independent kids (a boy and a girl), watched my kids grow and graduate from high school, have seen my kids become adults, saw my daughter marry a terrific man, grieved the death of my parents and my wife's parents, and made a few friends along the way. Most importantly, I have been



Larry working in the bear feeding program in May 1993. This and the 1994 photo by Larry Workman

able to provide for my family while working for the family friendliest employer I've ever known.

I cannot express in words the gratification I feel towards the Quinault people for providing me with an opportunity to work in forestry and provide for my family, all the while being treated like a family member. When I showed



Larry in 1994.

up for my job interview, I was a bit nervous, but while I was waiting, I ran into my friend Justine James, and he calmed me right down. During my first two weeks on the job, Dora Underwood would ask me almost every day about me and my family (which I'd never experienced before), but I found out later was how things were done around Taholah. I

will never forget that feeling of family while working for the Quinault people.

But all things come to an end and all people grow older in time. I have no great adventures or challenges planned after my working career, just travelling to see family, working more with Scouting, being involved a little bit more at church, spending more time



A recent selfie photo of Larry.

in my garden, golfing, playing card and board games, fishing, and reading. I also will become more involved in my favorite pastime of eating; doing more cooking, BBQ, and smoking.

It's now time to ride out into the sunset. I will miss working in Forestry but am ready for the new chapter in my life. Adios!

Why Climate Action Matters While Putting America First

Part of an article by Anjali Chaudhry, Forbs contributor

We are witnessing a sweeping shift in the fight against climate change as the current administration dismantles science-based environmental initiatives, instead prioritizing what it calls "America's energy potential." This policy reversal has earned the United States the dubious distinction of being the only country to withdraw from international climate action agreements, such as the Paris Climate Accord. The pace of these changes has been relentless: references to climate change have

been wiped from government websites, grants supporting clean energy and transportation initiatives have been canceled, and environmental regulations have been systematically rolled back.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), historically tasked with protecting human health and the environment, is now pivoting toward massive deregulation. EPA Administrator Zeldin has characterized this shift as "driving a dagger straight into the heart of climate change."

The Business Dilemma: Retreat or Resilience?

In this rapidly evolving landscape—where "drill, baby, drill" is the new mantra—businesses face a critical dilemma: Should they abandon their climate initiatives in response to policy changes, or should they stay the course? For some, the retreat has been swift. Numerous companies across the technology, energy, and food sectors have quietly rescinded their climate commitments, rolling back policies that once promoted sustainability.

The Economic and Security Risks of Climate Inaction

Scientific consensus is clear: unchecked climate change presents a profound threat to economic growth and national security. In 2023 alone, global natural disasters caused \$380 billion in economic losses. Data from the National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) shows that since 1980, the U.S. has suffered 403 weather-related disasters, each causing over billion dollars in damage. It is worth noting that before 1980,

there were only three such billion-dollar events.

Ironically, the NCEI—tasked with providing up-to-date data for businesses to make informed, sustainable decisions—has now been deemed non-essential by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). Many of its employees have been terminated, and its offices slated for closure.

Earth Day 2025 Marks 55 Years with the theme “Our Power, Our Planet”



The theme for Earth Day 2025, which falls on April 22nd, is “Our Power, Our Planet,” focusing on the importance of renewable energy and urging a global shift towards clean electricity generation.

This is the 55th anniversary of Earth Day. Initiated by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson, the first Earth Day mobilized 20 million Americans to advocate for environmental reform. This movement led to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the enactment of significant environmental laws, including the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act.

The Power Of Collective Action

Our environmental legacy is a testament to the power of collective action, and it calls upon individuals, businesses, governments, and the private sector to join hands in safeguarding our planet. Now, more than ever, we must step up our efforts to combat climate change, protect biodiversity, and preserve our ecosystems. Join us and the Earth Day Network of supporters as we fight for a sustainable and thriving future.

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Trump wants a world without the EPA Here’s what that would actually look like

The Trump administration announced plans to rollback more than 30 EPA regulations. Doing so would endanger all our lives, former EPA administrators say.



The Tacoma Smelter stack emits arsenic and lead residue. Ruston, 1972. Photo: Gene Daniels/US National Archives/Wiki Commons

By Kristin Toussaint – Fast Company

William Reilly, who served as the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency under President George H. W. Bush, first moved to Washington D.C. in the late 1960s—before the EPA was established. He remembers a contest in which dogs were to retrieve items by swimming into the Potomac River. “After the first two dogs got out and vomited, it was closed down,” he says. At the time, the river was intensely polluted, full of raw sewage and industrial waste.

Then came the EPA, which

President Nixon established in 1970, and then it’s 1972 Clean Water Act. Now, Reilly notes, there’s a campaign to allow swimming in the Potomac, and every summer people flock to the river to kayak, canoe, paddleboard, and more. Reilly was speaking on a press call, along with two other former EPA administrators, in response to the Trump administration’s decision to roll back nearly three dozen environmental regulations.

Christine Whitman, who served as EPA administrator under President George W. Bush, remembers how, when visiting the beach as a child, “you had to

be very careful of the tar balls,” she says. “We’d go down to the beach and we’d get tar all over our feet.” Floating balls of sticky tar were common in the ocean in the ‘60s and ‘70s, because of offshore oil tanker operations or even oil spills. “Nobody wanted to go in the water,” she says. Though sometimes tar balls still appear on beaches today, the frequency has dropped drastically, thanks to efforts by the EPA.

This is what we’re in danger of returning to amid the Trump administration’s efforts to gut the EPA and roll back regulations. Lee Zeldin, the current EPA administrator, said such regulations have unfairly burdened industry. But experts say removing those regulations would be a catastrophic move that endangers all of our lives

Before the EPA was established, environmental regulations were left up to the states, many of which were plagued by dirty air and polluted waters. After the Trump administration announced its plans to roll back crucial environmental protections, people began sharing images on social media of pre-EPA America, showing cities shrouded in dense smog, moun-

tains of waste, and even Ohio’s Cuyahoga River on fire.

“One reason I think there is less immediate understanding of the environment is people don’t remember how bad it was, and it truly was,” Reilly says. That’s not to say the country is perfect; there is still air pollution, water pollution, and risk from chemicals like PFAS. But there have also been major improvements. Between 1980 and 2017, we’ve reduced the emissions of six common air pollutants by 67%—even as the country’s population, energy use, and even GDP grew.

“We cannot have a healthy, thriving economy if we don’t have a clean environment,” Whitman says. And if the United States steps back from environmental regulation, it could have reverberations around the world, because we’ve historically been seen as a leader. “If we withdraw from our involvement in trying to clean up the air, it sends a message to the rest of the world, ‘don’t bother.’”

Under Trump, Zeldin has made it the EPA’s mission to “unleash American energy,” a contrast to the agency’s long-standing mission to protect the health and environ-

ment, says Gina McCarthy, who served as the EPA administrator under President Barack Obama from 2013 to 2017. That, in combination with the moves to rollback regulations and fire workers, is a “not so subtle way of ushering in a global age of pollution,” she adds, “at the expense of our ability to breathe clean air, drink clean water, and to continue to protect and preserve our national resources.”

Though the courts may stop some of the Trump administration’s efforts, these previous EPA administrators worry that the government firings will still leave the agency without the ability to actually carry out any laws if they are reestablished. And if the laws are rolled back, that leaves Americans with far fewer crucial protections, particularly from polluting businesses.

“We’re almost going to have an honor system where we’re going to trust corporations and businesses to behave in a way that they have been behaving when there were laws, but all of a sudden there are no laws,” Reilly says. “And so I honestly wonder if the malefactors are going to give us more burning rivers.”

NOAA cuts are a dangerous move

By Toby Ault, Daniele Visioni, Peter Hitchcock | March 14, 2025 for Bulletin of Atomic Scientist



The Langley Hill weather radar (KLGX) near Copalis Crossing. Photo by Larry Workman

An invisible river of information flows through our daily lives, powering American commerce and keeping all of us safe in our homes, offices, and on our roadways. Its keepers are the dutiful public servants at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Weather Service (NWS). The recent elimination of over 800 positions, with another 1,000 planned, will not only threaten lives and diminish US leadership in weather prediction—it will invariably disrupt countless industries, from finance to agriculture to reinsurance.

Like haphazardly dismantling sections of our interstate

highway system, these cuts create dangerous gaps in our national capacity that the private sector cannot fill. Every time an airline routes around turbulence, an insurance company prices a policy, or a farmer plans their planting season, they rely on a sophisticated network of 620 facilities nationwide that includes 100 upper-air monitoring sites and crucial satellite operations centers as well as advanced numerical models of weather and the supercomputers required to run them. This infrastructure, supporting more than one-third of US GDP, requires sustained investment in both infrastructure and highly trained personnel with advanced degrees.

Businesses and lawmakers must step up and stop the hemorrhaging of NOAA and NWS data products and personnel before it’s too late. If saving money or improving efficiency is the goal of DOGE’s activities, then the economic case for protecting NOAA and NWS is clear: Their activities support fully one-third of US GDP, making these services essential to private sector success. In terms of return on investment, every US dollar spent on weather services yields \$73 in documented returns.



Ocean waves breaking over the seawall in Taholah in January 2022. Photo by Larry Workman

NASA Analysis Shows Unexpected Amount of Sea Level Rise in 2024

<https://sealevel.nasa.gov>

Last year’s increase was due to an unusual amount of ocean warming, combined with meltwater from land-based ice such as glaciers.

Global sea level rose faster than expected in 2024, mostly because of ocean water expanding as it warms, or thermal expansion. According to a NASA-led analysis, last year’s rate of rise was 0.23 inches (0.59 centimeters) per year, compared to the expected rate of 0.17 inches (0.43 centimeters) per year.

“The rise we saw in 2024 was higher than we expected,”

said Josh Willis, a sea level researcher at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California. “Every year is a little bit different, but what’s clear is that the ocean continues to rise, and the rate of rise is getting faster and faster.”

In recent years, about two-thirds of sea level rise was from the addition of water from land into the ocean by melting ice sheets and glaciers. About a third came from thermal expansion of seawater. But in 2024, those contributions flipped, with two-thirds of sea level rise coming from thermal expansion.

“With 2024 as the warmest year on record, Earth’s expanding oceans are following suit, reaching their highest levels in three decades,” said Nadya Vinogradova Shiffer, head of physical oceanography programs and the Integrated Earth System Observatory at NASA Headquarters in Washington.

Since the satellite record of ocean height began in 1993, the rate of annual sea level rise has more than doubled. In total, global sea level has gone up by 4 inches (10 centimeters) since 1993.

BC RESOLUTIONS
February 21, 2025 - March 11, 2025

Submitted by Mandy Hudson-Howard via Shannon Bradley

Resolution attachments and the full resolutions may be viewed at the office of Records Management.

2/21/2025
Resolutions 25-336-102 –Hand Carry
WIAA 2025 Winter Sports State Championship Funding

2/24/2025
Resolutions 25-337-102 – Consent 2
Whereas, by Resolution No. 18-315-97, as duly adopted on September 24, 2018, the QBC authorized the application to the U.S. Department of Justice for participation in the Tribal Access Program, which provides Tribes the ability to access and exchange data with the national crime information databases for both civil and criminal purposes; Whereas, certain decisions, such as what information will be entered into the system, and which agencies will submit that information, need to be made by the QBC; Whereas, the QBC finds that it is in the best interests of the Nation to implement the attached recommendations; Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, the QBC hereby authorizes providing direction for the implementation of the Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information.

2/24/2025
Resolutions 25-337a-102 – Consent 4
The Quinault Business Committee approves the attached Memorandum of Understanding Between the Quinault Indian Nation and the State of Washington Regarding Aristocrat Oasis Tribal Lottery System (TLS) One Ticket Solution. Chris Baller, as Executive Director of the Quinault Tribal Gaming Agency, is also authorized to sign and execute the Agreement.

2/24/2025
Resolutions 25-337b-102 – Consent 5
Whereas, by Resolution No. 24-135-102, dated June 11, 2024, the QBC approved a Master Lease for six of the 26 Lots (Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7); Whereas, the QHA desires to lease the remaining twenty (20) separate parcels of real property directly from the Quinault Indian Nation for seventy-five (75) years, for the purpose of constructing or placing twenty (20) residential units in the Northeast Neighborhood within Taholah Village, Taholah WA, within the Quinault Reservation, and which is held in trust by the United States for the Nation, described particularly as: Lots 14, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 38, 42, 45, 47, 50, 53, 56, and 58; Whereas, the QBC has determined the granting of a new Lease with the Quinault Housing Authority is in the best interests of the QIN; Now Therefore be it Resolved, the QBC approves the attached Master Lease of 20 Lots within the property particularly described above to the QHA for residential purposes,

2/24/2025
Resolutions 25-337c-102 – Consent 6
QBC approves the QIN TANF Plan as submitted with changes for renewal to begin on April 1, 2025.

2/24/2025
Resolutions 25-337d-102 – Consent 7
WHEREAS, the Quinault Indian Nation works directly with the Washington State DCYF to ensure the safety and well-being of Indian children; Whereas, in relation to this collaboration, the Nation and DCYF entered into a Indian Nation Program Agreement which needs to be renewed, requiring the Nation & DCYF to execute a new Agreement; Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, the QBC approves the attached Indian Nation Program Agreement Between QIN and DCYF effective beginning July 1, 2025 and ends December 31, 2027.

2/24/2025
Resolutions 25-337e-102 – Consent 8
Whereas, Christina Breault bid for services from a posted Request for Proposals and was the only bid; Whereas, the PHHS Subcommittee has reviewed the Contract and recommends that the Agreements be approved and executed; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the QBC hereby approves the attached Contract with Christina Breault.

2/24/2025
Resolutions 25-337f-102 – Consent 9
Whereas, the Education and Community Services Subcommittee convened on February 18, 2025 and approved the attached artistic design as a logo for the Division of Education, Training, and Culture, designed by tribal member Aubrey Della; Whereas, the Nation will hold all copyright and proprietary rights to said design after payment to the artist as provided in the attached Copyright Assignment; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the QBC approves the attached Copyright Assignment and design created by artist Aubrey Della.

2/24/2025
Resolutions 25-337g-102 – Consent 11
Whereas, the QIN Resource Data Incorporated (RDI) Electronic Fish Ticket program is required for Annual Maintenance and Support of the Quinault Electronic Fish Ticket System, to support our record keeping requirements and data control as detailed in U.S. v Washington and to maintain our self-regulatory status; Whereas, \$14,000.00 (1,200.00 a month) is required to maintain the RDI, Electronic Fish Ticket Technical Support Contract for Annual Maintenance and Support; Now, Therefore, be It Resolved, the QBC approves \$14,400.00 payment designated specifically for the contract to maintain the QIN RDI Electronic Fish Ticket Technical Support Contract.

2/24/2025
Resolutions 25-337h-102 – Consent 12
Whereas, by Resolution No. 23-49-100, dated February 27, 2023, the QBC appointed Judge Amy Lettig as an Associate Judge for the Quinault Tribal Court for a six-year term; Whereas, Chief Judge Leona Colegrove wishes to enter into the attached Contract for Judicial Services with Judge Lettig for 2025-2027; Now, Therefore, be It Resolved, the QBC approves the attached Contract for Judicial Services Judge Amy Lettig.

2/24/2025
Resolutions 25-337i-102 – Consent 13
Whereas, the Nation has a current contract with Lori Guevara to provide the Quinault Tribal Court attorney services when the Nation's Public Defender has a conflict; Whereas, the Nation desires to modify the current contract with Lori Guevara to add to the existing contract amount; Therefore, be It Resolved, the QBC approves the attached Modification #2 to the Standardized QIN

Independent Contractor Agreement with Lori Guevara.

2/24/2025
Resolutions 25-337j-102 – Action 2
Whereas, the QBC recognizes the importance of employing a Chief Operations Officer (COO) as the QBC's lead staff member and leader of the senior management team; Whereas, the QBC wishes to hire M'Liss DeWald as COO subject to the terms and conditions of the attached Employment Agreement; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the QBC approves the attached Employment Agreement with M'Liss DeWald, effective February 16, 2025.

2/26/2025
Resolutions 25-338-102 – Hand Carry
Whereas, the QBC recognizes the importance of abating dilapidated homes in the lower village of Taholah; Whereas, the QIN recognizes that Thriving Communities offers a grant of \$150,000.00 for Assessment (Type 1) for testing/monitoring which would allow for asbestos testing and abatement which is a requirement prior to demolition; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the QBC approves the QIN Planning Department to apply for the Thriving Communities Assessment (Type 1) grant in the amount of \$150,000.00.

3/5/2025
Resolutions 25-339-102 – Hand Carry
Whereas, on October 15, 2024, the Quinault Tribal Courthouse was gutted by fire; Whereas, a new modular building has been installed to house the Courthouse; however, the new building is not large enough to accommodate all staff; Whereas, Pacific Mobile Structures has provided the attached Quote, Lease Agreement, and Tribal Amendment to install a second temporary mobile office so that the Tribal Court can continue to function; Whereas, the monthly rental cost for the second modular will be \$1,252, installation will cost \$4,580, and removal is estimated to cost \$2,980, all of which will be covered by the Nation's insurance; Now Therefore be It Resolved, the QBC authorizes the execution of the attached Lease Agreement and Tribal Amendment to Lease Agreement with Pacific Mobile Structures and authorizes Chief Judge Leona Colegrove to sign the Lease Agreement and Tribal Amendment to Lease Agreement on behalf of the QIN.

3/10/2025
Resolutions 25-340-102 – Consent 1
Whereas, the QBC wishes to approve an official sponsorship for the 2025 Annual Self Governance Conference; Whereas, the Justice and Governance Subcommittee met and recommended a BRONZE level sponsorship of **\$7000.00** and with this sponsorship comes; 1 complementary registration, good branding visibility in materials during event and acknowledgment during the plenary session; Now Therefore Be It resolved, the QBC hereby approves the "BRONZE" level sponsorship in the amount of **\$7000.00** for the 2025 Annual Self Governance Conference.

3/10/2025
Resolutions 25-340a-102 – Consent 2
Whereas, the Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) is a working committee between the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Tribes and native villages in Region 10; Whereas, since 2021, Ann House, Senior Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Attorney General, has served as the Western Washington Alternate for the RTOC; Whereas, Todd Mitchell of the Swinomish Tribe serves as the Western Washington representative and was recently re-elected and asked that Ann House continue in her capacity as the Western Washington Alternate; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the QBC hereby supports Ann House to continue serving as the Western Washington Alternate for RTOC Region 10.

3/10/2025
Resolutions 25-340b-102 – Consent 3
The Quinault Business Committee accepts the Committee's recommendations and directs the Casino to distribute the 2024 Community Impact funds in the amount of \$26,575.58 as provided herein, to pay the 2023 invoices from Grays Harbor Fire District #7 in the amount of \$1,636.00, and to distribute the remaining balance of \$90,198.04 to the Quinault Indian Nation.

3/10/2025
Resolutions 25-340c-102 – Consent 4
WHEREAS, in 2015, the Roger Saux Health Center entered into a Locum Tenens Agreement with Barton Associates, a locum tenens staffing firm to provide locum tenens providers including but not limited to physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and/or dentists to provide medical services; Whereas, the attached First Amendment to Locum Tenens Agreement allows for automatic renewal of the agreement, has been reviewed by the OAG, and has gone through the QIN process for consideration of approval; Now Therefore be It Resolved, the QBC approves the attached First Amendment to Locum Tenens Agreement with Barton Associates, effective June 22, 2020.

3/10/2025
Resolutions 25-340d-102 – Consent 5
The Quinault Indian Nation is applying for the maximum allowable amount of \$1,900,000 under Purpose Area 4 of the CTAS solicitation to construct a state-of-the-art, disaster- resilient tribal courthouse, which will house the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court, Adult Healing to Wellness Court, and other key justice system functions; and the Quinault Indian Nation is applying for the maximum allowable amount of 900,000 under Purpose Area 5 of the CTAS solicitation to expand and improve the Adult Healing to Wellness Court, ensuring that tribal members receive holistic, trauma-informed, and culturally grounded interventions; and the Quinault Indian Nation is applying for the maximum allowable amount of \$400,000 under Purpose Area 8 of the CTAS solicitation to strengthen the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court, ensuring that Quinault youth receive structured, evidence-based, and culturally rooted rehabilitation services; and that the Quinault Indian Nation is hereby authorized to accept funding from the U.S. Department of Justice through this opportunity, if awarded, and President Guy Capoman or his designee is authorized to sign all related documents.

3/10/2025
Resolutions 25-340e-102 – Consent 6
Whereas, the QIN seeks funding to establish the Youth & Family Summer Recovery Through Culture Camp, a structured, culturally responsive initiative designed to promote healing, resilience, and recovery for youth and families engaged in the Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts; Whereas, the Youth & Family Summer Recovery Through Culture Camp will include culturally grounded healing activities, facilitated family support sessions, and trauma-informed recovery workshops to strengthen protective factors and reduce justice system involvement among participants; Whereas, the QIN is applying for up to \$200,000 from the Washington State Healthcare Authority (HCA) to implement this initiative, with no further cash or in-kind match required; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the QIN authorizes the submission of this grant application for up to \$200,000 to the HCA, with no further cash or in-kind encumbrances.

3/10/2025
Resolutions 25-340f-102 – Consent 7
Whereas, an audit has been conducted on the QINn's vehicle fleet, and it is recommended that some vehicles be disposed of; Whereas, the QBC has been provided a list of vehicles to be disposed of, and the QBC finds it is in the best interests of the Nation to do so; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the QBC approves the disposal of the vehicles described in the attached list and directs Police Chief Mark James to oversee arrangements for said disposal.

3/10/2025
Resolutions 25-340g-102 – Consent 8
Whereas, the QBC recognizes the need to repair the broken culvert on the Moclips Highway between milepost 18-19, and repair cracks in the asphalt; Whereas, funding is available for the project in the following amounts: \$900,000.00 from TERO fees from Coastal 29; Whereas, the QIN will accept these funds from Kiewit Infrastructure West Co.; Now, Therefore, be It Resolved, the QBC approves the Public Works Division to utilize the TERO fees in the amount of \$900,000.00 for the repair of the Moclips Highway broken culvert and repair of the asphalt.

3/10/2025
Resolution 25-340h-102 – Consent 9
Whereas, the Quinault Canoe Club currently does not have a cultural home and wishes to have free and open access to use such space in order to convene weekly drum and dance practices; Whereas, the QBC wishes to provide such facilities and equipment for a limited period of time under the terms and conditions set forth herein; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved the QBC agrees to make the Taholah Community Center available to the Quinault Canoe Club each Monday evening for the next twelve months and will check in weekly with the Community Center Superintendent.

3/10/2025
Resolutions 25-340i-102 – Action 1
Whereas, the QBC finds the QNEB recommends QBC authorize QBRC retain Tech Power Solutions, Inc to provide the replacement hardware and software necessary to use the Aristocrat/ ATI slot accounting system software; Whereas, the QNEB finds pursuant to the Tech Power IT Solutions' proposal the cost for replacing the Ballys hardware and software is \$566,824; Whereas,the QBC finds it is in the best interest of the QBRC and the QIN to retain Tech Power Solutions, Inc to provide the replacement hardware and software; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved the Tech Power IT Solutions proposal is approved and QBRC is authorized to retain Tech Power IT Solutions to replace the outdated Ballys hardware and software pursuant to that proposal and the QNEB resolution.

3/10/2025
Resolutions 25-340j-102 – Action 2
The Quinault Business Committee approves entering into the attached Forest Carbon Development Agreement with Greenline Climate to develop and administer a carbon credit project for the Nation's 100% owned lands, to be paid out of grant funding and the proceeds of the sale of carbon credits, and authorizes execution of the Forest Carbon Development Agreement and all related documents by President Guy Capoman or his designee,

3/10/2025
Resolutions 25-340k-102 – Action 3
Whereas, Billi McNary, ARNP, has been servicing patients at the Roger Saux Health Center since 2023 as a Locum Tenens and the Nation desires to hire her as a Staff Provider as provided in the attached contract; Whereas, the Prosperity, Health, and Human Services Subcommittee has reviewed the attached Contract and recommends that the Agreements be approved and executed; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the QBC Hereby **approves** the attached Employment Agreement with Billi McNary, ARNP.

3/11/2025
Resolutions 25-341-102 – Hand Carry
Whereas, Sanjay Nadesan, MD, has been servicing patients at the Roger Saux Health Center since 2022 as a Locum Tenens and the Nation desires to contract him as provided in the attached contract; Whereas, the Prosperity, Health, and Human Services Subcommittee has reviewed the attached Contract and recommends that the Agreements be approved and executed; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the QBC hereby approves the attached Services Contract with Sanjay Nadesan, MD.

3/11/2025
Resolutions 25-342-102 – Hand Carry
Whereas, the QBC wishes to support student athletes and families for funding to aid them to attend WIAA 2025 State 8th grade championships in Spokane Washington; Whereas, the Chitwhino's 8th Grade Basketball team qualified for the State playoffs and is seeking assistance for two of their families, no more than 750.00 per family and not to exceed 1500.00 from said budget for this activity; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the QBC hereby approves \$750.00 for the two families for the 2025 8th grade State Championships.

Ann Masten (Sharp) Interview

March 13, 2025 By Pearl Capoeman-Baller



Pearl with Ann. Photo by Miliana McCrory

Ann was born in Nespelem on the Colville Reservation. She is the oldest living child of Alice and Everett Masten. Her Mom, Alice was an allotted Quinault Tribal member, and her father Everett was an enrolled Yurok Indian. He had lived in the Northern California area. Her Mom was born in the old Jonah Cole house. Her dad has been trained to work with the various BIA offices and attended the Sherman Indian Bible College. Her Mom had an adopted brother Fred Cole. The family stayed involved with their church and believed in Gods healing.

Her sisters included Cath-

erine (Dodie), Papp, Sharon (Patty), Jamie, and her youngest sister, Alena. Besides her sisters, she had brothers, Everett, Greg and Troy, aka: Chip, Sparky and Cab. As they grew up, the oldest girls in the family were taught how to manage a fishing ground, they used to set the net in the Quinault River, knew how to do lead lines, cork lines, etc. They lived in poverty into their teenage years, they had an outhouse and had to pick up beer bottles to sell. She said they hardly had any furniture in the home, and they would sit on apple boxes. They also babysat to make money.

Ann went to school in Taholah at the old school down in the lower village, first grade through the sixth grade. They moved to Clyde Chenois’s house which had a toilet. She was taught how to swim by Sheila Strom. She graduated from Moclips High School in 1962 and eventually went to a business school in Portland; Ron Williams from the BIA assisted her in getting all necessary paperwork submitted, she attended a clerk typist course. She met George, he was an extremely handsome native who wore a cowboy hat. They married and had a daughter; she said the relationship was toxic and was riddled with domestic violence. He was of Chinook and Salish descent. She was also married to Terry Reed, and they had a son. Terry was an awesome cook.

Her life has been led by God, and she was very animated when talking about being baptized in the Jordan River.

She shared with us that she was a grant write for the Quinault Tribe, and was not interested in any political position, but always enjoyed working with former Chairman Jug Jackson and Joe Delacruz. One of her homes was in the trailer park in Taholah. She implied that she wasn’t a very good cook at that time, and she didn’t know how to clean a fish. Some of her favorite foods are potato salad and fruit salad.

Ann was one of the first all-female canoe pullers to participate in the first Canoe



1989 Paddle to Seattle. Photo by Larry Workman

Journey that Emmett Oliver organized, and it was for the “Paddle to Seattle” Journey (from Suquamish to Alki Beach in Seattle). The other women that were on the Paddle included her sister Dodie, Natalie Charley, Lawanna (Bonnie) Sanchez, and Uncle Phillip Martin.

As a tribal employee she always assisted Joe DeLaCruz, especially during the Boldt era days, she assisted in trips to Washington D.C., many of these trips involved meeting the Tribal Lobbyist who was one of QIN’s longtime friend Joe Tallakson. During that time, she also worked with Francis “J.B.” McCrory who was the head of Fish & Game. She also participated in the interviews that Dr. Barbara Lane did with Horton Capoeman. Another highlight for her was participation in the Sovereignty Run from Taholah to Washington D.C. traveling with her daughter Fawn, Don Capoeman, and Stu Young. A part of the purpose of the run was to share the knowledge that we as Tribal people are here to stay; we are not going anywhere. She said there is always some-

body that wants to abrogate treaties.

Ann commented on her own personal style of dress and how she wore high heels forever. She also said that some of her immediate family members do not like being called by their nicknames (but almost everyone in the entire village gets nicknames as children). Also, she mentioned some family members have had to deal with major health issues, e.g. cancer, diabetes, and sciatica. Ann has always believed in the power of praying, in the community shaker prayers were always powerful, it’s best to put things in the hands of God. She talked about going to the Fiji Islands to celebrate her birthday and how exciting that was.

We as Quinault people know who we are, praying is powerful. Her oldest grandson Daniel is a powerful prayer warrior and is very blessed in the respect that many tribal songs have come to him that he enjoys singing and drumming. Ann said she also enjoyed caring for her other grandchildren who seem to be growing up fast.

Kathy Kowoosh (Law) Interview

February 25, 2025 by Pearl Capoeman-Baller



Kathy gets a hug from Michael Patten. Photo by Miliana McCrory

Kathy is Quileute from the Baker Kowoosh, Clara Penn and Seth Kowoosh families. She also descends from the Purdy family from the Skokomish Tribe. (The family is from one that came over the mountains). Her family includes decadency from the Pope family via a marriage and later a divorce. Her immediate family included three sons, Alfred who died at a young age due to an accident, her other sons, Greg and Peter from her marriage to Bob Law, who died from suicide. She later remarried and had a daughter, Amber Pickett.

She is extremely proud of her children’s accomplishments. Amber attained her master’s degree in education, Peter was an original employee from when the Quinault Beach Resort & Casino opened in 2000. He currently is employed by the Spokane Tribe as a Counselor, and her oldest son Gregory was Valedictorian of his High School graduating class and was accepted and attended West Point. The

late Hank Adams was an asset with his contacts, and the family was ever so appreciative of Hank and his assistance with Greg’s application to West Point.

Kathy has 12 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. In her family she is called Chi? (sounds like Chit’ee, the Quinault word for Grandma). There are currently five generations in her family. Kathy was involved with many different committees with the QIN and in numerous community activities. They included being an employee of the Taholah School for 30 years, she has always been a strong advocate for Education. She began working as a playground supervisor and a teacher’s aide and attended college courses to work with students. She served on the Taholah School board and was one of the few members of the community who opposed having a High School here in the village because she felt strongly that our kids needed to get

off the reservation and interact with other students.

She participated in Mr. Clarence Pickernell’s culture classes, where he taught Quinault songs and dancing. Her family had a name giving event, it wasn’t ceremonial, this was held in Queets when they were hosting a party for her son Greg (Wa Ho LK), his grandfather’s name was Seth Kowoosh, Charlotte Penn Kalama was very involved, Esol Penn made a paddle carving for the family.

Kathy lived in Taholah until she was about 12 years old, then her stepfather got a job in Eugene, Oregon and later Springfield, Oregon.

Some of her classmates in the Taholah school included Dan Hall, Dave Seymour, Alfred Basa, Ben Cheney, Darlene Capoeman, Laura Mae Pope, Marietta Sailto, Carol Purdy, and Mary Jane Shale.

She learned to swim in Taholah, where a lot of the time kids swam around the old Kloochman House. She knew how to dog paddle, but you were considered a wussy if you didn’t jump off the fish house.



Taholah Days 1975. Left to right: Kathy Kowoosh (Law), Agnes “Aggie” Shale, Yvonne “Tootie” Hudson and Beverly “Bev” Howard. Photo by Larry Workman

Most kids participated in berry picking in Taholah and at the berry fields. In her much younger years her friends would make great mud pies, play anti I Over and work-up.

Gramma Beatrice Black taught basket making, and when you were young you were taught to watch and listen, pray and be respectful.

Kathy went to the shaker church when Laura McCloud would make everyone adhere to the rules, you couldn’t run around. Elders were always reminding people to pray for Taholah, the songs and message from the Lord were to Love one another, pray for one another, forgive one another.

Kathy’s message to the younger generation is to be respectful; sometimes the younger generation seems lost, they don’t know how to communicate, they don’t have good value systems and don’t understand the value of money.

She believes this Council needs a strong Elder (Senior) Council to advise them, teach them about the past, the Council needs patience, and to have public hearings, solicit input from members. One problem that she observed while on the Council was that many Council members didn’t read their packets and so they were unprepared at the meetings.

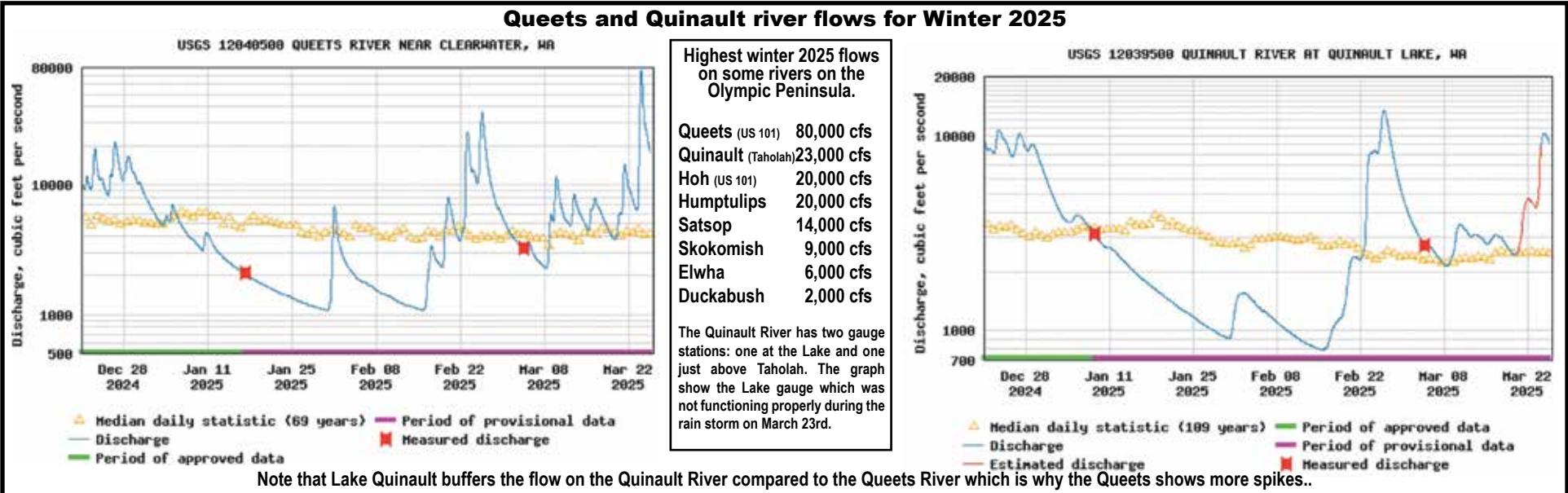
Are you an elder interested in being interviewed?

We continue to do interviews as often as we can. Please contact me at the Conversion Center if you are an elder and are interested in being interviewed. Millie McCrory and Gloria Miranda assisted with the interview process. We are willing to travel to Hoquiam, Queets, Ocean Shores etc. Any elder interested in being interviewed, please contact us by calling the Conversion Center.

Pearl Capoeman-Baller 360.276.8215 ext. 4605



In the February 2025 issue of the Nugguam (page 13) we had a photo of the washout on the Lake Quinault South Shore Road Taken on December 30, 2024. This is a March 1, 2025 photo of the same washout showing that it now has consumed the entire road and is continuing to grow. Photo by Larry Workman



Crab pot limit aims to ease whale entanglements



In 1987, this gray whale died as a result of becoming entangled in ropes from a ghost net. Photo by Larry Workman

Old fish nets and crab pot lines can lead to whale deaths. As a result, crab pot limits are aimed to ease whale entanglements. Starting May 1, 2025 the number of crab pot lines will be limited when humpback whales are present off the Washington coast.

Total Solar Eclipse as seen from the Moon



It was cloudy here along the coast and on the Reservation late in the evening of March 14th, so we could not see the Lunar Eclipse. However, "Blue Ghost" a landing craft on the moon, took this photo of the Earth passing in front of the sun resulting in a total solar eclipse. The image shows the sun about to emerge from totality behind Earth creating a "diamond ring affect". Photo by Firefly Aerospace

2025 Expedition Patch Contest Winner!

Congratulations to the 2025 Nautilus Expedition Patch Design Contest Winner, Caitlyn, age 18 from Australia, and many Honorable Mention designers! We loved all the submitted designs inspired by deep sea exploration as imagined by talented young artists and explorers worldwide.

Students ages five to eighteen submitted original artwork to be considered for the official Nautilus Expedition Patch. The winning design will be worn by members of the Corps of Exploration during our annual exploration cruises.

The Nautilus spent several years along our coast and engaged with the Quinault students here. It will be in the Western Pacific this season.

To learn more about the Expedition, go to:

Nautiluslive.org

American Wetlands Month

May is a very Vital month - The temperature warms with the coming of the sun. The vibrant plants within the Land of the Quinault emerge and bloom. As they do, we encourage you to come out and play!

What: Wetland Prairie Walk and Community Dinner
Where: A Quinault Prairie
When: Wednesday May 14th
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Embark on a Camas quest, identify & learn about plants, wetlands, wild foods and medicines. Snacks & stories.
2:00 – 4:00 PM Return to Taholah Community Center. Share a deliciously wild meal prepared and gathered by Quinault Youth Opportunities Program. See a prairie presentation & map display. Share stories, see prairie maps and offer your preference on prairie property management decisions.

Sponsored by Quinault Youth Opportunities Program, Roger Saux Health Center, The Wellness Garden, and QDNR Wetland Program. **You must be signed up for this event.**

Please contact Janice.Martin@quinault.org and 360-276-8211 (7342).



A Haunting Portrait of a Threatened Ecosystem and Those Who Care Deeply for It

In the vast rainforest homelands of the Heiltsuk (located in the Great Bear Rainforest), extractive industries have exploited the land, breaking the fragile links that connect thousands of species within their complex adaptive systems of interactions. Now the salmon are in peril.

Brought together with a common purpose, a disparate group of people, from Indigenous leaders and elders, university researchers, and the filmmaker, explore the intersecting complementarities between traditional knowledge and western science. These extraordinary people are united by their connection to the forest and advocacy for protecting the integrity of ecosystem

functions to support healthy forests and recovering salmon populations.

The film features insights from UBC Faculty of Forestry experts Dr. Teresa Ryan (Sm'hayetsk, Tsm'syen) and internationally celebrated author Dr. Suzanne Simard, and forestry consultant Dr. Allen Larocque.

In this visually charged story, magnificent bears lead us to the waters where the salmon spawn. In their subsequent death after spawning, the salmon create a cycle that spreads nutrients throughout the forest via underground mycorrhizal networks, sustaining a diverse array of plant and animal life.

In bearing witness to the

timeless rhythm of life in this ethereal landscape, the film offers a profound meditation on what the salmon nations of the Pacific Northwest have known for millennia – that everything in this world is connected, and maintaining those connections is essential to life itself.

Ultimately The Salmon Forest Project film is a stunning cinematic testament of the connections in nature and the reciprocal impact of severing those connections. By exploring the complementarities of these knowledge systems, the film offers a glimmer of hope that changes in extractive practices could facilitate healing those broken linkages to restore salmon.

You can watch this 30 minute film at: <https://salmonforestproject.ca/>

Mural by Guadalupe Solis Diaz Jr. Horning Phillip E. Martin

Hello I’m Guadalupe Solis Diaz Jr.

This is a mural I drew, dedicated to my Great Grandfather, Phillip Edwin Martin “Haynisisoos” Thunder Elk, who deep down I’ve always admired and honored! I grew up on and off the Rez of Taholah as a kid, till I was a teenager, with my grandmother, Rosella Martin, who I miss dearly!

I’m currently incarcerated, going on 18th year! I fell the day after my 17th birthday! I’m 34 now! What a journey... I did not make wise decisions and lost my ways due to drugs, alcohol, and gang life! I know my Elders would want me to be honest, so this is not a glorification, just a vision who I have been and what I’ve become. If I could go into depth of the wrong path I’ve took, it would take too long. I think and feel different now!

As I remember going down memory lane, my youth before all this! Shy, long haired Native kid, and liven up on the hill running with a pack of dogs deep in the woods with my cousin, Rick Grundvig! As we would go into town, to Great Grandpa’s house, I would peek at him as he went over particular wood to carve his next paddle, or just stop and talk to everyone one on one! I was so shy I didn’t know how to approach, I just felt he wanted me to pay attention was the lesson.

I am Indigenous, Proud Quinault Musqueam Mexica!! I bet the “Mexica” through you off. It’s the original term of Mexican before the Spaniards invaded, colonized, and created genocides all through South America! Just like what our other half of Americas Survived through! These are conversations me and my sister, Stephanie Chavarria, talk about consistently! That always lead off what would our Elders want us to know, and carry on in life. We are consistently having these conversations. The depth of our culture, heritage, and Ancestry. This is why I drew my Great Grandfather who was dear to everyone in his life, surviving and passing every bit he could to the next generation!!

It may not be accurate, but I at least pray he sees my effort and creativity, that something he would smile and also correct and give me knowledge on! I’m married and have a daughter now, and hope to be just a little wise and humble as he was, because his passed through us all! I just wanted to share this with All Family and Families of our Quinault Nation! In Honor of Haynisisoos and Elders passed!

Sincerely, Jr.



Thanks to Nelson Dan (uncle) and David Martin (great uncle) for helping with supporting this project. (You can email me on Securus.com or address Guadalupe Solis Diaz #313623 Clallam Bay Corrections Center 1830 Eagle Crest Way Clallam Bay, WA 98326.)



Image courtesy of Getty Images -Snopes illustration

DOD removed pages about Native American Iwo Jima veteran Ira Hayes and the Navajo Code Talkers

The *Washington Post* reported on March 17, that the Department of Defense (DOD) removed numerous pages, including one about Ira Hayes, a Marine and Pima Nation member best known for being one of the six men who raised a U.S. flag on Iwo Jima during WWII, following a February 26, 2025, memo from Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth that ordered the removal and archiving of all “DOD news articles, photos, and videos promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), including content related to critical race theory, gender ideology, and identity-based programs.”

Following the February 26 memo, the DOD also removed pages about Navajo Code Talkers and a Black Medal of Honor recipient.

Hayes, who was born on the Gila River Reservation in Arizona in 1923 and died in 1954, is best known for appearing in photographer Joe Rosenthal’s Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph of six men — Hayes and five other U.S. Marines, along with one member of the Navy — raising an American flag atop Mount Suribachi on the western Pacific island of Iwo Jima, the site of a protracted and bloody WWII battle.



Navajo Code Talkers were honored at President Obama’s White House Tribal Nations Conference in December 2010. *Photo by Larry Workman*

Pentagon restores histories of Navajo Code Talkers, other Native veterans after public outcry

Part of an article by Terry Tang - Associated Press March 27, 2025

Phoenix — The Pentagon restored some webpages highlighting the crucial wartime contributions of Navajo Code Talkers and other Native American veterans days after tribes condemned the action.

The initial removal was part of a sweep of any military content that promoted diversity, equity and inclusion, or commonly referred to as DEI. Following President Donald Trump’s broader executive order ending the federal government’s DEI programs, the Defense Department deleted thousands of pages honoring contributions by women and minority groups. Department officials say the Navajo Code Talker material was erroneously erased.

“In the rare cases that content is removed — either deliberately or by mistake — that is out of the clearly outlined scope of the directive, we instruct the components and they correct the content so it recognizes our heroes for their dedicated service alongside their fellow Americans, period,” Pentagon press secretary John Ullyot said in a statement.

Several webpages on the Code Talkers landed on a “404 - Page not found” message Tuesday. Some were back up Wednesday — although any that also mention Native American Heritage Month remain down. Thousands of other pages deleted in the DEI purge are still offline.

White House officials informed the Navajo Nation that an artificial intelligence-powered automated review process looking for content with DEI initiatives led to the elimination of anything mentioning “Navajo,” according to a statement from Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren.

The U.S. Marine Corps initially recruited 29 Navajo men to develop a code based on the unwritten Navajo

language in World War II. Using Navajo words for red soil, war chief, clan, braided hair, beads, ant and hummingbird, for example, they came up with a glossary of more than 200 terms, later expanded, and an alphabet. To convey the word “send,” Code Talkers would say the Navajo words for “sheep, eyes, nose and deer.”

Hundreds of Navajos followed in their footsteps, sending thousands of messages without error on Japanese troop movements, battlefield tactics and other communications crucial to the war’s ultimate outcome. The code stumped Japanese military cryptologists.

The Code Talkers participated in all assaults the Marines led in the Pacific from 1942 to 1945 and are credited with helping the U.S. win the war. Hundreds of Native Americans from more than 20 tribes also served as code talkers during World War I and World War II, according to the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian. Among them were Choctaw, Cherokee, Osage, Chippewa and Hopi speakers.

Among those alarmed to hear of the missing Navajo Code Talker webpages was Peter MacDonald, 96. He and Thomas H. Begay are the only two Navajo Code Talkers still living today.

“That code became a very valuable weapon and not only saved hundreds of thousands of soldiers, but it also helped win the war in the Pacific,” MacDonald said by phone from his home in Tuba City in the Arizona portion of the Navajo Nation. “And it has absolutely nothing to do with DEI.”

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis of the Gila River Indian Community in Arizona also expressed disappointment, claiming there was missing content relating to all Native American veterans, including Ira Hayes.

Snapshots in Time

1 Year Ago – April 2024

- 6 919 Quinalts registered for the Annual General Council Meeting.
- 8 Total solar eclipse across central and eastern US seen by million and millions more stream it live or watch on TV.
- 10 OJ Simpson, former football star acquitted of murder, dies at 76.
- 13 Quinault Indian Nation Wellness Court featured in *The Daily World*.
- 15 The first criminal trial against a former president, Donald Trump, begins
- 16 Washington state declares statewide drought emergency. Olympics hold only 61% of normal snowpack.
- 17 99-year-old locomotive used at the Crane Creek Reload, returned to Aberdeen.
- 20 The Daily World building for sale.

25 Years Ago – April 2000

- 7 Stafford Creek Prison officially opens.
- 13 Two murder suspects in custody in connection with the death of 16-year-old Daryn Tolle last Saturday in Aberdeen.
- 16 Joseph B. DeLaCruz, former QIN President, dies of apparent heart attack at SeaTac Airport.
- 16 Gladys Phillips, respected and inspirational Harbor attorney, dies at 87.
- 22 Nearly 2,000 people attend funeral for former QIN President Joe DeLaCruz
- 29 *The Daily World* publishes special section highlighting the top ten events of the Century for the Grays Harbor area.

50 Years Ago – April 1975

- 10 Two women murdered in Moclips.
- 29 Ford orders final evacuation from Vietnam.
- 30 VC take Saigon. “Boat people” picked up by U.S. ships.

75 Years Ago – April 1950

- 8 Soviets down U.S. Navy plane over Baltic Sea with loss of 10 Americans.
- 19 President Truman authorizes economic rehabilitation plan for the Navajo and Hopi Indian tribes.
- 30 The shift to Daylight Saving Time on the Harbor is not unanimous.

100 Years Ago – April 1925

- 9 *Mason vs Sams*; Court rules that the treaty has reserved the fishing rights on the Quinault Reservation exclusively to the Indians.
- 10 Salmon run on the Quinault is heavy.
- 15 The Norwegian ship *Dagfred* carries first Harbor cargo direct to Europe.
- 17 Federal Judge Edward Cushman says Quinalts exempt from ruling by Secretary of Interior that they have to pay royalties to fish caught over a certain limit.
- 24 First U.S. aircraft carrier, *USS Saratoga*.
- 25 Polson Logging.
- 27 American Forestry Week, April 27 - May 3.
- 27 Heavy runs on Queets and Quinault rivers.

125 Years Ago – April 1900

- 3 Barge *Washtucna*, carrying over one million feet of timber for San Francisco. Largest cargo load ever to go out of Grays Harbor.
- 6 The new long wharf at the end of eighth Street in Hoquiam is now in use and has become a dumping place for garbage; that is not what it was intended for.
- 13 A second camp of gypsies arrived in Montesano. They seem a prosperous bunch. They plan to work the hitherto uncultivated fields.
- 20 “The gypsies in Aberdeen attracted the attention of the Marshal’s weather eye beaming over the fence and have left for greener scenes and landed in Hoquiam.”
- 20 Carl Dick and Tom Williams, two Indians arrived in Hoquiam. They have asked for transportation to Victoria from the British vice consul. Claim they have been lost in a canoe from the British sealing schooner *Viva...* They landed near the Quinault Indian Reservation in good condition.
- 27 The western hemlock will be the subject of special investigation this summer by the division of forestry.
- 30 Casey Jones dies while trying to save passengers on a runaway train.

150 Years Ago - April 1875

- 27 The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NYSPCC), the world’s 1st such agency is incorporated

175 Years Ago - April 1850

- 4 Los Angles incorporated
- 15 San Francisco incorporated
- 19 America and Great Britain sign treaty for projected \ canal across Central America to be neutral and act as protectors of the area.

200 Years Ago – April 1825

- 7 David Douglas arrives at the Columbia River aboard William and Ann.
- 8 Douglas learns that Fort George had just been moved to Fort Vancouver.
- 9 Because of rain and fog, Douglas’ ship stays anchored near Cape Disappointment. He goes ashore there and the first plant he takes in hand is salal.

225 Years Ago – April 1800

- 24 The Library of Congress is established. The 1815 purchase of Thomas Jefferson 7,000-volumn library will form the nucleus of the collection.

250 Years Ago – April 1775

- 18 Paul Revere and William Dawes warn of British arrival; American Revolutionary War begins with the battles of Lexington and Concord (18th and 19th).

25 years ago we said our final farewell to Joe DeLaCruz



Washington Governor Gary Locke speaking at Joe DeLaCruz’s funeral. Photos by Larry Workman

Nearly 2,000 people came to honor and remember former QIN president Joe DeLaCruz on Saturday Aprill 22, at the Quinault Beach Resort. The large crowd spilled from the large convention center into the future casino and pre-function area where close circuit video screens were set up for people to see and listen to the speakers and the service.

Drums and rattles marked the procession of Joe’s arrival in the room. Father Pat McDermott led the Catholic service of scripture and songs.

Jennifer and Randy Scott introduced family, friends, politicians and tribal leaders who spoke about Joe’s many accomplishments. There were tears and laughter. James DeLaCruz, Joe’s brother, recalled arriving at the airport and seeing the paramedics working on someone, and saying a prayer for the person and family, not knowing the prayers were for them. Pearl Capoeman-Baller told how Joe mentored her as a teenager and his tireless fight to advance tribal sovereignty. She also read several letters from those who could not be there.

Congressman Norn Dicks called Joe, “one of the greatest leaders in the history of our state and our nation.” His vow to take care of the North Boundary issue in Joe’s memory brought a loud cheer from the crowd.

Fred Lane of the Lummi Nation marveled at how Joe’s almost superhuman ability to appear at meetings coast to coast.

Governor Gary Locke said the people of the state lost “a good friend and a great leader.” He recalled Joe’s “extraordinary enthusiasm

and ceaseless energy. Governor Locke said,” And nothing ever tamed his roaring laughter... it was like a waterfall – clear and clean...”

Mel Tonasket, a longtime leader of the Colville Confederated said that “Joe was a warrior but of no guns. His weapon was his ability to sell his ideas and personality.” He credited Joe advancing tribal self-determination and government-to-government relations at the national level. He said that the 1989 Centennial Accord was Joe’s idea. The crowd chuckled as Mel recalled Joe standing in the back of a room whispering in a loud voice. “And wherever he was, he was Joe – from tea and cookies at the White House to a Peruvian village, wolfing down a soup that featured maggots.”

Billy Frank, Jr. chairman of the NWIFC said that “Joe’s passing is a great shock to us all...we will miss him a lot. He was my friend, my ally, my teacher, and my comrade.”

All the speakers remembered Joe as a visionary and tireless advocate of tribal health, welfare, education, fisheries, and economic development.

Gayle DeLaCruz finishing the list of speakers remembered her father as a family man with boundless energy who liked to play baseball and his attempts as a handyman around the house. She thanked everyone for attending. “It has lightened our hearts.”

The three hours plus service convened to the Ocean Shores convention center where a feast of oysters, clams, elk, salmon and other dishes were served to the crowd.





April Birthdays and Anniversaries



Time when the geese go by - pán gwánshahá

Birthdays	05 Kamauri De Roche	10 Jonathan S. Glendenning	14 Tristan Newton	21 Tanya R. Eison	26 Lawrence R. Hall
01 Carole C. Teeman	06 Teihya Hawkes	10 William Stanton	14 Willa Grover-Curley	21 Billy J. Howerton	26 Francheska J. Smith
01 Arlene F. Woods	06 Juanita Robertson	10 Ciara Romero	14 Kyla Sotomish-James	21 Jolene Grover	26 Frederick R. Pope
01 Deborah K. Barr	06 Hermenia R. Galang	11 Glen R. Bobb	14 Benjamin Wong	21 Darrel Pickett	26 Dawneen R. DeLaCruz
01 Mary Lee Travis	06 Carmen H. Yancey	11 Elissa J. Eastman	15 Ravena Moffett	21 Kayleah C. E. McCrory	26 Maya L. Terry-Blackburn
01 Kimberly S. Sasticum	06 Ate-ha C. Perez	11 Sequoya S. Lorton	15 Mary A. Misquez	21 Anthony Charley	26 Jameson L. Estavillo
01 John P. Verdugo	06 Donald S. Hawks	11 Gilbert Seymour	15 Eugene E. T. Nerton	21 Averie Brandt	26 Joshua Bighead
01 Anne M. Hill	06 Autumnn McCarty	11 Johnny T.E. Eselin	15 Tia Marie Allen	21 Levi Lewis	26 Lovella Black
01 Antoson Duvall	06 Edith Lopez	11 Nikita Billie	15 Evan Newton	21 Kyrah Albrecht	26 Mya Butler
01 Kameron W. Sotomish-James	06 Dayton Saunders	11 Zenon J. Estavillo	15 Quanah Valenzuela	21 Jacob Gill	26 Benjamin Lorton
01 Kylo James-Juneau	06 Lorena Alverenga	11 Lord A. Duvall	15 William Ward	21 Joseph Najera	26 Isabell Lewis
02 Pamela G. Shrader	07 Mae K. Smith	11 Jonah Frank	15 Justine Zumwalt	21 Rylee Pickernell	26 Pippa Pennypacker
02 Martin H. Figg II	07 Michael A. Underwood	11 Madix Moon	15 Nova Jasabe	21 Claire Jones	26 Nolan Peterson
02 David F. McCrory	07 James E. Blackburn	11 Jimena Tapia-Sanchez	15 Aurora McCrory	22 Keith T. Christopherson	26 Kyson Rodriguez
02 Penny L. Nerton	07 Jerry Walther	11 Conrad Barrett	15 Kacheena Pluff	22 Aiyana R. Underwood	26 Natalie Jagielski
02 Shirley Masten	07 Corrine J. Lind-Larson	11 Sa'Keeli Willis	15 Isabella Lee	22 Chase M.Capoeman-Baller	26 Savanna Malla
02 Bryce W. Blackburn	07 Invictus Pink	11 Greyson Holmes	16 Kim Phelps-Evans	22 Lataya J. Cole	26 Leann Smith
02 Kristy Lynn Crawford	07 Kelvin J. Juneau	12 Robert Siddle Jr.	16 Deborah R. Martin	22 Kayra Jane Wells	26 Bridget Lorton
02 Emily Imari Armas (Mclean)	07 Chandler Cleveland-Cooke	12 John W. Mail	16 Alison L. Boyer	22 Walter Soboleff	27 Jesse Ferry
02 Jody C. Morgan	07 Teagan Dunn	12 John W. Lorton	16 David D.S. Underwood Jr.	22 Zachary Hampson	27 Dorothy R. Nickell
02 Isaiah McMinds	07 Nora Rowe	12 Aaron T. Bryan	16 Emily R. Teitzel	22 Edward VonReichbauer-Frenchman	27 Shawn O. Crane
02 Nash Meldrich	08 Marie A. Saux	12 Misty R. Lazzar	16 Anna J. Miles	22 Jaliyah Butler	27 Naani Charlie
02 Lucas Sellers	08 Leilani A. Chubby	12 Celestine Hicks	16 Betty Lathers	22 Grace Brown	27 Myla Jackson
02 Renly Nixon	08 Mary E. Mason	12 Nathaniel Pickernell-Kaiama	16 KellyAnn Graves	22 Karen Harris	27 Alecia Schwebke
03 Raymond L. Capoeman	08 Elaine N. Capoeman	12 Zah-Kylah Mason	16 Evan Bay	22 Kyler Murdock	27 Peyton Keeney
03 Deborah K. Blackburn	08 Michael S. Williams	12 Jacoby Underwood-Pickernell	17 Rosa Obi	22 Amaya Shaw	28 Francisco C. Castillo
03 Evelyn F. Mowitch-Wagner	08 Douglas L. James	12 Ava Grace Pine-Isaksen	17 Angela TurningRobe	22 Warren Ramirez	28 James K. Miller
03 Corey D. O'Lague	08 Shawna L. Lorton	12 Roy Curley	17 Eli J. Waugh	23 Gregory D. Hicks	28 Joanne M. Lippy
03 Jodie L. Corwin	08 Louise K. Walcott	12 Amilia Gordon	17 Debra S. Peasley	23 Charles G. Grover	28 Adrian D.G. Comenout
03 Stanley C. Ellis	08 Amanda L. Ochoa	12 Paisley Sanchez	17 Holly J. Charles	23 Jessica R. Ralston	28 Lionel L. Smith
03 Allan W. Mark	08 Samuel F. Martin	13 Isla Sansom	17 Latoya Mowitch	23 Peter Kalama Jr.	28 Elva Comenout
03 Clinton T. Potter	08 Ernest Taylor	13 Owen Sansom	17 Kayleen Spigler	23 Jeanne L. Anderson	28 Riley Nelson
03 Lucinda E. (Adams) Nieves	08 Clinton R. Underwood	13 Bridgett Y. Krukoff	17 Jiana Jung	23 Misty L. Schmidt	28 Raven Curley
03 Elizabeth Purser-Howtopat	08 Christine A. Winn	13 Cheryl A. Charles	18 Vernon C. Lorton	23 Shireen V. Y. Kalama	28 Colten Capoeman
03 Kristin Jaynes	08 Alissa Jean Bowley	13 Adreienne R. Yancey	18 Naomi K. Walther	23 Victor Buck	28 Carter Wirkkala
03 Tyrrah J. M. Larson	08 Theron Capoeman	13 Joanne C. Castillo	18 Shirley C. Carlton	23 Miranda Smith	28 Weela Grover
03 Jennifer Capoeman-Mora	08 Anthony Mix	13 Aaron M. Mail	18 Patrick M. G. Ramos	23 Kailand Halstead	29 Arthur R. Lawson
03 Nevaeh R. McMinds	08 Elizabeth N. Frye	13 Steve T. Cultee	18 Kacey L. A. Martin-Squiemphen	23 Bree Obi	29 Lorali Lopez
03 Xander D. Imhof	08 Joyce Slape	13 Shannon A. Comenout Jr.	18 Jonathan L. Pluff	23 Elijah Ewing	29 Jim Dunn
03 Anahuy Strom	08 Grace Morales	13 Calatis M.G. Curleybear	18 Lahāla F. Robinson	23 Khloe Pickernell	29 Aiden Ferry
03 Tiger Lily Kelley	08 Aeson Tweed	13 Benjamin K. Cheney	18 Byrdeen E. Underwood	24 Gary A. Simmons	29 Steven Russell Jr.
04 Sitka Louthan-Sharp	08 Natalie Wagner	13 Kiana Louise Porter	18 Bryce Greene	24 Daniel W. Chenois	29 Oaklee Kuni
04 Faustine I. Edwards	08 Lillian Schwenk	13 Benjamin C. Davis	19 April L. Capoeman	24 Vern L. Wilson	29 Matais Purdy
04 Margaret T. Kochuten	09 Amanda Chivira	13 Jackson L. Boothe	19 Jaynie M. Figg	24 Jasmine S. Jones	29 Collin Hiett
04 Daniel R. Eselin	09 Hayden Beezley	13 Serenity Heck	19 Otto Que-pel Tanner	24 Aaron W. Blackburn	30 Isabella Siddle
04 Christine L. Bryson	09 Jodee N. Traweek	13 Bryleigh A. Mendoza	19 MorningStar Ione Bryson	24 Christie Jo Nerton	30 Jhaylee Kalama
04 Nelson E. Papp	09 Ted S. Summarell	13 Fortino Najera	19 Aden Marcus Bryson	24 Erik Velador	30 Kevin G. Larson
04 Henry D. Williams	09 Linda M. Alberto	13 Adriana Mowitch	19 Evynn Perez	24 Noah Boome	30 John Brings Yellow
04 Freddie E. Cole	09 Tara A. Wong	13 Pamela Nolan	19 Domonique Rodriguez	24 Kai Parker-Conrad	30 Josiah Bradley-Mora
04 Kelvin J. Juneau	09 Lori A. Heath	13 Tyee Charley-Paniagua	19 Barbara Dougherty	25 Windy Gaches	30 Jamison Underwood-Newton
04 Adelina V. Serrano	09 Edward J. Franco	13 Cale Madson	19 Trenton Larson	25 Kenneth W. Comenout Jr.	30 Jonah Billie-Metcalf
04 Eugene Ancheta-Oya	09 Landon R.D. Morse	13 Ocean Perkins-Tice	19 Sophie Overstake	25 Antone W. Luscier	30 Matthias Billie
04 Haven N. Pink	09 Juanita Vaughn	14 Amari Peck	20 Raiden Pope-Jackson	25 Katie E. Ralston	30 Veronica Duggins
04 Tyler Warne	09 Nolan Charley	14 David E. Watson Jr.	20 Harlow Peterson	25 David E. Malapitan	30 Daniel Gutierrez
04 Mia Hernandez	09 Sophie Boome	14 Anne K. Sotomish	20 Henrietta Sharp	25 Joseph Strode	30 Jax Bouwens
04 Alissa Pine	09 Lila Serrano	14 Kyle J. Dan	20 Scott J. Sufficool	25 Johanna Billie-Tapia	
05 Jessie M. Stevens	09 Eli Mark	14 Curtis K. Strom	20 Zeyanawin Estavillo	25 Joseph Owens	
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05 Anthony D. Lehman	10 Susan R. Capoeman	14 Josiah C. Rhoades	20 Avalynn Hill	25 Kado Kelly	03 Kierstin & Frederick Pope
05 David A. Cruz Jr.	10 Dortha C. Graves	14 Tresa M. Martin	20 Lance Lorton	25 Addison Butler-Dan	11 Don & Patty Thomas
05 Andrew W. Sowers	10 Rebecca J. Ralston	14 Guy James Sr.	20 Quincy Winn	25 Hezekiah Hill	20 Pete & Karen Kalama
05 Katrina DeLaCruz	10 Andrew K. Starr	14 Rick Trudeau	21 Theodore J. H. Simmons	25 Elijah Eliott	
05 Brendan Adams Jr.	10 Levi Jackson	14 Madison Harrison	21 Larry E. Fuller	26 Felix E. Capoeman	
05 Annabel J. Buck	10 Kylie J. P. Larson	14 Emma Jackson	21 Amber K. Williams	26 Justine E. James Jr.	
05 George Slater	10 Keason M. Kramer	14 Zaiden Ludington	21 Jen-nei J. Waugh (Angel)	26 David Martin	

Please help us to keep this list up to date. Send corrections or additions to jscott@quinault.org. Siokwil to Jennifer McCrory and Sarah Martin for review and updating the list.



Jerry - April 7th
To the best person I could ever hope for to look after my sister and do all you do. Happy Birthay my dear brother in-law. I love you, Jennifer. &
Naomi – April 18th
Sisters can be our first best friends and I am blessed to have you be that for me. I wish you the best birthday ever – you totally deserve it! I love you, Jennifer.



Happy Birthday to Nelson, Madix, Preston and Arianna! Love your family

April 3rd
Happy Birthday Ray Capoeman
Wishing you a day filled with happiness on your birthday. Enjoy your special day. Pearl , John & Baller grandkids

April 22 (I think 😊)
Chase Baller
May your birthday wishes all come true. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. Hope you have best day ever. Love you Gram Pearl & Grandpa John

April 13th
Happy 4th Birthday to our Tyee baby! Mama, Daddy, and brothers love you so much.



April 4th
Happy Birthday Wishes to one Of the sweetest little guys... Sitka Jai Sharp We all love you very much little man 😊
Capoeman-Sharp Family

April 13th
Wishing my sweet baby girl, Calatis Curleybear a fabulous 24th birthday! Love, Mom + Tuutda and Kiddo’s ❤️

April 3rd
Happy 27th Birthday TigerLily Kelley! Love Mom and Dad



16th
Happy Birthday Debbie! We hope you have a wonderful day, and many more to come. Roundhouse family



“Happy 21st birthday to Bridget Krukoff, AKA Mom!”

Kindergarten cooks!

By Leah Hollon Paquette - Wellness Gardens Coordinator
Photos by Mariah Arias, Kindergarten teacher -Taholah School



At the beginning of the school year, the Wellness Gardens created a new garden at Taholah School for the kindergarten (see October 2024 *Nugguam*). Other classes joined in the fun at our first planting day. The Garden Coordinator (or “Flower Lady” as the kindergarteners call her), Leah Hollon Paquette, visited with the class several times to observe with them what was growing. Fall and the beginning of winter were mild. In late January, the first heads of broccoli were ready for harvest. Everyone was excited to discover that there were baby side shoots growing beneath the main central heads. As we cut the main heads, we discussed that the side shoots would continue to grow and could be harvested later.

The class washed up and got to try the raw broccoli that day. They loved it! They saved most of the harvest for making soup later that week. Leah and Liz Gomez, the Youth Wellness Coach brought leeks, garlic, and potatoes from the other gardens to add to the broccoli soup. The class got an opportunity to practice fine motor skills and knife safety by cutting potato sticks down into cubes, while Leah and Liz cut up the broccoli and cooked.

The kids LOVED the soup. A mom of one of the children shared with me later that week that when she was making broccoli for dinner, her son said, “I like broccoli!” She said she didn’t believe him, because in the past he said he didn’t like it or wanted to eat it. Growing and harvesting the broccoli from his own garden, and eating it alongside his friends, had changed his mind.



Left: 3rd graders help plant the garden with the kindergarteners -September 9th, 2024.



Right: Kindergarteners check out the broccoli, ready for harvest. -January 28, 2025



Above: Hector shares his delight when he tastes the broccoli potato soup.



Above: The class holds up the broccoli we cut for them to try. Left to right: Hector, Oxel, Patty, Sa’Keeli, Liz, Alaya, Jewel, Ms. Stearns.

Left: Lizzy, Oxel, Patricia and Nakoa cutting potatoes for broccoli potato soup.

Right: Maurice, Sa’keeli, and Hector cutting potatoes.



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Specials

Sunday April 20th

BREAKFAST SPECIAL SERVED FROM 8:30AM-12PM

Carrot Cake Pancakes \$14

Cinnamon Spiced Carrot Cake Batter | Cream Cheese Frosting | Toasted Walnuts

Smoked Salmon Benedict \$20

Smoked Salmon | Poached Eggs | Asparagus | Hollandaise Sauce | Hash Browns

DINNER SPECIALS SERVED 4PM-CLOSE

Herb Crusted Rack of Lamb \$48

Pan Seared Half Rack | Rosemary-Panko Crust | Roasted Vegetables & Rainbow Quinoa Apple-Mint Demi

Pineapple Upside-down Cake \$9

Bourbon-Caramel Sauce | Whipped Cream

Big Eats

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Specials

Sunday April 20th

BRUNCH BUFFET \$25

\$23 WITH PLAYERS CLUB CARD

SERVED 9AM-3PM

FEATURING: Omelet Bar, Breakfast Potatoes, Bacon, Sausage Links, Biscuits & Gravy, Corned Beef Hash, Pancakes, Mini Maple Waffles, Cheese Blintz And Breakfast Pastries

LUNCH ADDITIONS:

• Roasted Turkey With Cranberry Sauce

• Pineapple And Brown Sugar Glazed Ham

• Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

• Candied Sweet Potatoes

• Apple Sage Dressing

• Green Beans

• Dinner Rolls

• Desserts

BEACH

GETAWAY

\$279

2 NIGHTS

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• Bottle of champagne or bottle of wine

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