



March 2024

## Officers sworn in; three receive Life Savior Awards

On Jan. 25, Quileute Natural Resources Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Officers Eric Ceja and Dustin Larkin along with La Push Police Officers Blaire Hill and Marcus Decker were sworn in.



Chief James Salazar, Sgt. Kevin Harris, Officer Larkin, Detective Corey Clark, Officer Hill, Officer Ceja, Officer Izaak Manuel and Fish and Wildlife Chief Tony Foster were presented with awards during the ceremony.



Quileute Fire Department member Alex Hernandez was recognized for his response to a recent event, and tribal member Michael Foster was recognized for being a first responder for CPR.

Additionally, Officer Ceja, Officer Manuel and Chief Salazar received Life Savior Awards for actions performed on the job Oct. 23, 2023.

Judge Anita Neal, Tribal Attorney Chelsea Sayles, and all of the Tribal Council members participated in the ceremony.

*Photos by Rebecca Ellis.*

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## QUILEUTE DAYS 2024

### ART CONTEST

The Quileute Days Committee is accepting sealed BIDS from the Quileute Community Artists for the 2024 Quileute Days LOGO and until 12PM on THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024. **GRAND PRIZE: \$350.00**

#### LOGO ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be Quileute specific or NW artwork
- Must be original artwork

#### THE BID FOR "LOGO" FOR QUILEUTE DAYS 2024 MUST INCLUDE:

- Original art, must be 8x10 inches, and up to MAXIMUM of 3 colors
- Contain the following: Bidder's Name, Mailing/Physical Addresses/Contact Information

Artwork will be selected at Quileute Days Committee meeting.  
Winner's submission will become the sole property of the Quileute Tribe. All other submissions will be return to artist(s).

For more information, please contact Events Dept to [events@quileutetribe.com](mailto:events@quileutetribe.com) or cell 360-640-3297.

POSTING DATE: 02/01/2024

CLOSING DATE: 03/28/2024

## ***Scholarship policies updated***

Tribal Council recently revised the Quileute Scholarship Program Policies. These policies will take effect beginning with Spring term 2024.

The changes also impact the application process for the 2024-2025 academic year. Applications for next year will be due by April 30, 2024, per the newly revised policies.

Please see the new policies and application form at <https://quileutenation.org/education/higher-education/>.

Questions? Contact Annie Foster at [scholarships@quileutenation.org](mailto:scholarships@quileutenation.org) or 360-374-6782 or 360-374-6163.



Quileute Tribal Council: Chairman Douglas Woodruff Jr., Treasurer Justin "Rio" Jaime, Secretary Skyler Foster, Member at Large James Salazar, and Vice Chairman Tony Foster.

## **bá · yaq – The Talking Raven**

A monthly publication of the Quileute Tribal Council.

Editor: Lisa Pemberton, Quileute

Please send your story ideas, photos and calendar items to: [talkingraven@quileutetribe.com](mailto:talkingraven@quileutetribe.com).

Items may be edited for length, grammar or content.



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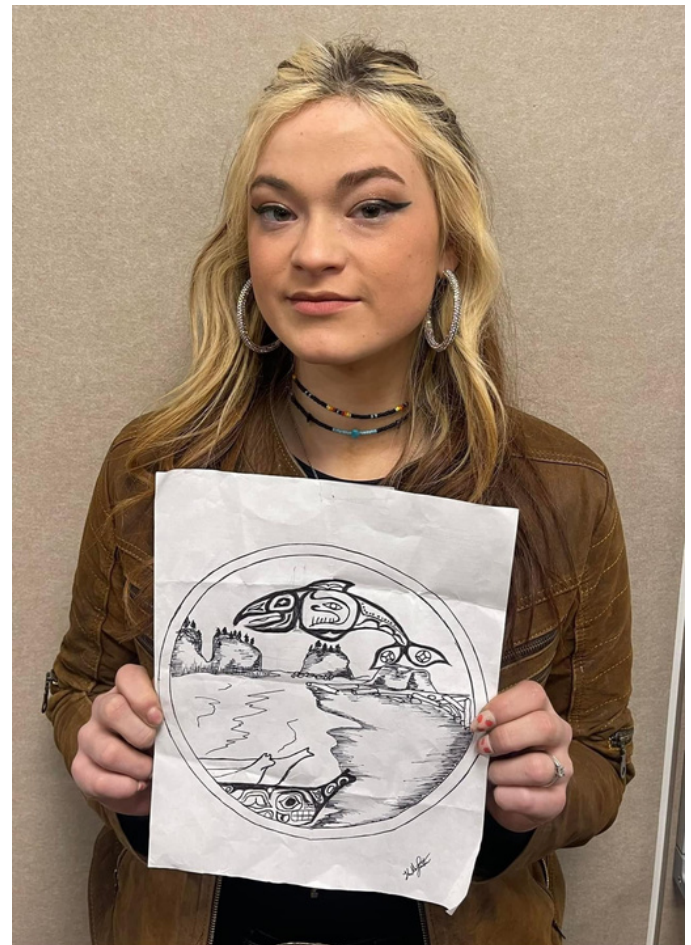
**2024 PLAY DATES:**  
 January 23rd  
 February 28th  
 March 26th  
 April 23rd

For more information about play group and free family resources  
 Call First Step at 360-457-8355

**Join Us!**  
 Join us from 3-5 pm for fun family activities, access to resources, snacks, and more!

Group meets the 4th Tuesday of the month for parents, caregivers and children. Come play, pick up FREE children's clothing & equipment, access FREE resources, get connected with family support, and more!

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 First Step is an equal opportunity provider and employer  
 QUILEUTE TRIBAL SERVICES



## Haily Payne wins logo contest

Congratulations Quileute Tribal School senior Haily Payne, winner of this year's Welcoming the Whales logo contest.

"It was an incredibly tough competition this year," school officials posted on Facebook. "We received a whopping 36 mind-blowing submissions from our talented students, and each and every one of them was absolutely fantastic! Our staff and Quileute Elders in the community did an outstanding job judging the entries. The effort and talent put into each submission were truly inspiring."

*Photo by Cody LeClair.*

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# Elders Community Valentine's Dinner

Event photos by Margarita Guerrero and team photo by Letty Jaime





# Tribes celebrate fish warriors and Boldt decision's 50th anniversary

More than 500 people gathered Feb. 6-7 at the Muckleshoot Events Center to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Boldt decision which reaffirmed tribal treaty fishing rights and recognized tribes as co-managers of fisheries.

Several Quileute Tribal members participated.

“It brought many memories back of how we had to fight for our families and what was right to take care of -- our treaty and our entirety,” said Bonita Cleveland Reames, who works for the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission and is also Chairwoman of the Quileute Natural Resources Fish Committee. “We have been caretakers of the waters. Take care of the waters, and they will always take care of us. ...That’s the teachings from time immemorial. The house was full of a lot of great words, yet I felt it was bigger than what we could really get out of two days. Sure brought back memories, and my most favorite was hearing Billy's voice and seeing old fish warriors.”

*Photos courtesy of Bonita Cleveland Reames*





## **Quileute Health Center serves community with enhanced services and activities**

In its unwavering commitment to fostering community wellness, the Quileute Health Center has introduced several pivotal enhancements and engagements aimed at elevating healthcare accessibility and advocacy. From technological upgrades to collaborative initiatives, the health center continues to stand as a beacon of comprehensive care for the Quileute tribe and beyond.

**New phone system:** One of the most notable enhancements at the Quileute Health Center is the introduction of a state-of-the-art phone system. Designed to streamline communication and improve accessibility, this new system ensures that patients can easily connect with healthcare providers and support staff. Patients can expect a more efficient and responsive experience when reaching out to the health center.

**Dental software upgrade:** The dental department recently upgraded to Dentrix Dental Software. This modern software solution is poised to revolutionize the dental department's operations, offering streamlined workflows, enhanced patient management capabilities, and advanced clinical tools. Staff can efficiently manage patient records, streamline appointment scheduling, and access comprehensive treatment histories with ease.

**New dental staff:** In a significant expansion of dental services, the Quileute Health Center welcomes Dr. Wendy Walsh. She will be available for appointments up to two Fridays per month, bolstering the center's capacity to meet the growing oral healthcare needs of the community.

**One Billion Rising:** The New Beginnings program celebrated another triumphant edition of One Billion Rising on March 1. This empowering event, dedicated to raising awareness about gender-based violence and promoting solidarity, witnessed enthusiastic participation from community members. Through education, advocacy, and unity, the Quileute Tribe reaffirms its commitment to creating a safer and more equitable society for all.

**Regional advocacy:** In January, representatives Jolene and Cathy from the Quileute Health Center actively participated in the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board quarterly board meeting. This engagement underscores the health center's dedication to regional healthcare advocacy and collaboration. By contributing insights and perspectives at the board level, the Quileute Health Center continues to champion the interests and well-being of indigenous communities across the Pacific Northwest.

The Quileute Health Center remains steadfast in its mission to provide accessible, holistic healthcare services while actively engaging in initiatives that uplift community health and wellness. Through strategic investments in technology, expansions in dental care, and meaningful collaborations with community partners, the health center reaffirms its position as a cornerstone of indigenous health advocacy and empowerment. As it continues to evolve and innovate, the Quileute Health Center remains committed to nurturing a healthier, stronger future for generations to come.





**Quileute Human Services** Invites you to our  
**Community Support and TANF Fair!**

**March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**10am-2pm**

Akalat Center, La Push, WA

Learn about financial and supportive services offered to the community. Sign up for food benefits, LIHEAP, GA, TANF, volunteer programs, and more!

Lunch provided – pizza from Pacific Pizza

For more information contact:  
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Stephanie Calderon

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# MARCH 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	1 <b>CLOSED OG</b> <b>ONE BILLION RISING</b> <b>10AM AKALAT</b>	2
3	4 <b>OPEN GYM 5PM-9PM   AA</b> <b>6PM-7PM SENIORS BLDG</b> <b>EMPLOY FITNESS</b> <b>(SCHED TIME)</b>	5 <b>OPEN GYM 5PM-9PM</b> <b>DIABETIC GRP</b> <b>EMPLOY FITNESS</b> <b>(SCHED TIME)</b>	6 <b>HEALING CIRCLE 5PM-9PM</b> <b>Basketweaving (Pam)</b> <b>5PM-7PM *Registr</b>	7 <b>OPEN GYM 5PM-9PM   AA</b> <b>6PM-7PM SENIORS BLDG</b> <b>EMPLOY FITNESS</b> <b>(SCHED TIME)</b>	8 <b>CLOSED OG,</b> <b>PERSONAL USE</b>	9 <b>PERSONAL USE</b>
10	11 <b>OPEN GYM 5PM-9PM   AA</b> <b>6PM-7PM SENIORS BLDG</b> <b>EMPLOY FITNESS</b> <b>(SCHED TIME)</b>	12 <b>OPEN GYM</b> <b>5PM-9PM</b> <b>EMPLOY FITNESS</b> <b>(SCHED TIME)</b>	13 <b>HEALING CIRCLE 5PM-9PM</b> <b>Basketweaving (Pam)</b> <b>5PM-7PM *Registr</b>	14 <b>OPEN GYM 5PM-9PM   AA</b> <b>6PM-7PM SENIORS BLDG</b> <b>EMPLOY FITNESS</b> <b>(SCHED TIME)</b>	15 <b>CLOSED OG, PROG USE</b> <b>QDAYS MTG 3PM</b> <b>WEST WING</b>	16 <b>PROG USE</b> <b>COASTAL RECOVERY JAM 4PM</b> <b>CLINIC AKALAT</b> <b>*FLYER COMING SOON</b>
17	18 <b>OPEN GYM 5PM-9PM   AA</b> <b>6PM-7PM SENIORS BLDG</b> <b>EMPLOY FITNESS</b> <b>(SCHED TIME)</b>	19 <b>OPEN GYM 5PM-9PM</b> <b>DIABETIC GRP</b> <b>EMPLOY FITNESS</b> <b>(SCHED TIME)</b>	20 <b>HEALING CIRCLE 5PM-9PM</b> <b>@ PENINSULA COLLEGE</b>	21 <b>OPEN GYM 5PM-9PM   AA</b> <b>6PM-7PM SENIORS BLDG</b> <b>EMPLOY FITNESS</b> <b>(SCHED TIME)</b>	22 <b>CLOSED OG,</b> <b>PERSONAL USE</b>	23 <b>PERSONAL USE</b>
24 <b>PERSONAL USE</b>	25 <b>OPEN GYM 5PM-9PM   AA</b> <b>6PM-7PM SENIORS BLDG</b> <b>EMPLOY FITNESS</b> <b>(SCHED TIME)</b>	26 <b>CLOSED OG,</b> <b>PROG SETUP</b>	27 <b>CLOSED HEALING</b> <b>CIRCLE, PROG USE</b> <b>TANF SERV FAIR 10AM-2PM</b> <b>AKALAT</b>	28 <b>OPEN GYM 5PM-9PM   AA</b> <b>6PM-7PM SENIORS BLDG</b> <b>EMPLOY FITNESS</b> <b>(SCHED TIME)</b>	29 <b>OPEN GYM</b> <b>5PM-9PM</b>	30 <b>EASTER EGG HUNT</b> <b>11AM RESORT</b>
31 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	1 <b>AKALAT CLSSRM VARIES   QT FLYERS POSTED QT FACEBOOK, WEBSITE, DEPTS</b> <b>AKALAT FACILITY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE FOR EMERGENT &amp; UPDATED: QuileuteEvents</b> <b>Ijalme FACEBOOK PAGE &amp; WEBSITE</b>	2	3	4	5	6

QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT EVENTS DEPT: EMAIL: [EVENTS@QUILEUTETRIBE.COM](mailto:EVENTS@QUILEUTETRIBE.COM) | CELL: 360-640-3297 | WEBSITE: <https://quileutenation.org/>

## 17TH LA PUSH, WA

# Welcoming the Whales

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH**  
**10:00 AM AT FIRST BEACH**

Lunch to follow at Akalat Center  
Akalat address: 1 By Yak Loop, La Push, WA

**Sponsored by:** Quileute Tribe & Quileute Tribal School  
**FREE & OPEN TO PUBLIC**

### QUESTIONS?

Email: [events.assistant@quileutetribe.com](mailto:events.assistant@quileutetribe.com) | Cell: 360-640-5990

## QUILEUTE DAYS MEETING



Friday, March 15, 2024

3:00pm – 4:00pm

West Wing

(90 Main Street, La Push)

The Quileute Days Committee is seeking volunteers  
& Your continued support for this year's  
Quileute Days 2024.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

July 19-21, 2024

For more information, please contact Events Dept to  
[events@quileutetribe.com](mailto:events@quileutetribe.com) or call 360-640-3297.

POSTING DATE: 02/26/2024



# Quileute Tribal Enterprises Board of Directors

## ATTENTION QUILEUTE TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Quileute Tribal Council is soliciting interested tribal members to serve on the Enterprises Board of Directors. The Board will consist of five members and will provide oversight and direction for Quileute Tribal Enterprises. These positions receive a stipend.

### Open Board Positions Include:

- (2) Three-Year Term Position
- (2) Two-Year Term Position
- (1) One-Year Term Position

Please submit your resume and a letter of interest. Address your letter to the Tribal Council and submit to the Tribal Office Front Desk at 90 Main Street in La Push, WA. Alternatively, you may email your resume and letter to [executive.secretary@quileutenation.org](mailto:executive.secretary@quileutenation.org). The **deadline for submissions is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2024**. Interested candidates must include their name and contact information.

**Members of the Enterprises Board of Directors are required to pass a background check and drug and alcohol screening. They must also follow the Quileute Tribe's Confidentiality Policy, Code of Ethics, and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy, including drug and alcohol testing requirements.**

If you have any questions regarding eligibility, board member duties, etc., contact Terra Sheriff-Penn at (360) 374-6163 or email [executive.secretary@quileutenation.org](mailto:executive.secretary@quileutenation.org).

Posted February 26, 2024



Michael Estrada, March 1  
Carlos Soto, March 1  
Alexandra Navarrete, March 2  
Keishaun Ramsey, March 2  
Jasmine Wallace, March 3  
Leo Williams, March 3  
Allen Black, March 3  
Joe Moore Jr., March 4  
Harold Jefferson, March 4  
Jonah Black, March 4  
Madison Burnside, March 4  
Madeline Adamire, March 4  
Zoe Zimmerman, March 5  
Andria James, March 5  
Edwin Poulin, March 5  
Ka Tarra Lee Jackson, March 6  
Saniah Eastman, March 6  
Rosita Matson, March 7  
Henry Morganroth Jr., March 7  
Rieda Sparks, March 8  
James Richeson-Penn, March 8  
Hailey Miller, March 8  
Kya Flores, March 8  
Nehemiah Gaddie, March 9  
Logan Hatch, March 9  
Serena Iotte, March 9  
Angeline Baker, March 9  
Darrin Rosander, March 10  
Pamela Jackson, March 10  
Da'Dai Mendoza, March 10  
Jai Leavitt-Ward, March 11  
Douglas Wiedemeier Jr., March 11  
Laura Wayne, March 11  
Randy Eastman Jr., March 11  
Leslie Ward, March 11  
Faith Abrahams, March 11  
Brooks Jacobson, March 11  
Joshua Penn, March 12  
Catherine Ceja-Cisneros, March 12  
Delores Woodruff, March 12  
Violet Williams, March 12  
Javier Roldan-Schmitt, March 12

*Happy  
Birthday!*

Theo Penn, March 13  
Jacqueline Connell, March 14  
Erik Sovde, March 14  
Cordell Black-Stillwell, March 14  
Kali Martinez, March 15  
Odin Zimmerman, March 15  
Philip Ward Jr., March 15  
Janice Smith, March 16  
Jacob Smith, March 16  
Isaac Lorentzen, March 16  
Miranda Jackson, March 17  
Ashlynn Jones, March 18  
Rio Foster, March 18  
Crysanía Morganroth, March 18  
Immanuel Black, March 18  
Donald Colfax, March 19  
Thomas Baker Jr., March 19  
Ava-Rayne Jackson, March 20  
Vincent Rosander Jr., March 21  
Beau Lawrence, March 21  
Susan Penn, March 21  
Rae Martinez, March 21  
Fawn Gabales, March 22  
Jordan Davis-Jackson, March 22  
Avah Lynch, March 22  
Beronica Galeana-Penn, March 23  
Douglas Pullen Sr., March 23  
Sheila Harrison, March 24  
Leilani Eastman, March 24  
Brandi Olson, March 24  
Kage Hoskins, March 24  
Camilla Guerrero, March 25-Mar  
Michael Stewart, March 27  
Eva Sanchez, March 28  
Elizabeth Satiacum, March 28  
Ronald Eastman, March 28  
Ezekiel Gaddie, March 28  
Sarah Burnside, March 30  
Cole Palmer, March 30  
Keith Penn, March 31  
Jason Lawrence, March 31  
Bertha Wallerstedt, March 31

# Tribal youth participate in chess championships

Quileute Tribal School students Ryan Mason, Marshall Perez-Penn, Jacob Smith, Chris Cherry and Michael Holt participated in the Southwest Washington High School Chess Championships on Feb. 3.

Simeone Jackson Cruz, who is Quileute and attends Forks High School, also competed in the tournament.

Dame Jones and Cole Peregrine attended as chaperones.

The event was held at Centralia College. Each student played five rounds during the day, and most games lasted about an hour.

QTS math teacher Scott Jackson runs an open classroom for chess time during the morning, and serves as the team's coach. "Every student who went won at least one game," Jackson said. "We got 10th place as a team and Forks got 9th place, but we needed 7th to go to state."

## LEARN TO PLAY CHESS

Tribal community members who want to learn or practice chess are welcome to attend Jackson's open classroom for chess, from 8 to 8:30 a.m. on school days. All visitors need to check in at the front office upon arrival.

*Photos by Scott Jackson and Cole Peregrine*





**Natural Resources Department**  
Natural Resources Director  
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## Public Worker 1

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Head Cook/Nutrition Manager  
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QUILEUTE HOUSING AUTHORITY YOUTH PROGRAMS AND  
QUILEUTE TRIBAL EVENTS presents:



**26<sup>TH</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt**  
**At the Quileute Oceanside Resort,**  
**La Push**  
**Separate age area to hunt.**  
**Saturday**  
**March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



**For all Children 12 years and under**  
**11 AM SHARP**  
**Special appearance by the Easter Bunny**

**Dr Symonds will be here providing eye exams. Please get yourself scheduled with one of the providers for a referral, as they are needed to be seen.**

**When: Friday, April 26th 2024  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Where: Quileute Health Center**

**If you have any questions please call QHC at 360-374-9035**