

# ELECTION SEASON

With the advent of the new year comes potentially major changes for the Quileute Tribe. The upcoming general council may end with a new tribal council member, and the concurrent secretarial election may amend the Quileute Consitution and By-laws, leading to greater sovereignty and autonomy for the Tribe. The annual Quileute General Council begins on January 16th at the Akalat with department directors sharing reports and highlights from the year. This will take place from 10am until 2pm and is open to the community. The following day, Friday, January 17th, from 9am until 4pm, the Akalat will host the annual General Meeting. This is open only to enrolled Quileute Tribal members. During this time an election will be held to fill one seat on the Quileute Tribal Council, a seat currently held by Tony Foster.

Nominations for this seat are welcome, following the prescribed format (information on page 2), on January 7. All Quileute Tribal members aged 21 and over are welcome and encouraged to vote in this election.

**\*\*It is important to note that the general election is distinct from the secretarial election, which is being run in conjunction with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.\*\***

## Quileute General Council



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 16TH, 2024**

**10:00 AM—2:00 PM**

**Program Director's Report**

**(Open to the Community)**

*Director's Reports will be in an information booth format*

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 2025**

**9:00 AM—4:00 PM**

**General Meeting**

**\*NOMINEES MUST BE PRESENT AT 10:00 AM**

**QUILEUTE TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY**

**LUNCH AT 12:00 PM**

**AKALAT CENTER, LA PUSH, WA**

Physical Address: 1 By Yak Loop



## YOU ARE INVITED

TO THE MEMORIAL OF

JAMES BRADLEY KING JR.

FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

12:00 PM

AKALAT CENTER

LA PUSH, WA

TRADITIONAL DINNER SERVED AT NOON, PLEASE BRING YOUR DRUMS AND REGALIA. GIFTING CEREMONY TO FOLLOW.

*With heartfelt sympathy and condolences, the members and staff of Quileute Tribal Council and government stand with the family of Bonnie Jackson as they grieve the loss of their beloved.*

*Bonnie was one of the first to arrive at the tribal offices each morning, making sure fresh coffee and a friendly face was ready to greet her colleagues. She was always ready to help anyone with any task, offer a kind word, or share a story. An artist who created intricate and beautiful beaded crafts, she also made sure the entire office knew of her colleagues' birthdays so they could be celebrated. Bonnie brought joy to those around her, and will be deeply missed.*

*May her memory be a blessing.*

**K<sup>w</sup>áwiyaʔalíktiyat:** Steelhead getting days- according to information compiled by Jay Powell, gleaned from interviews with Quileute elders such as Sluggo Jackson and Roy Black. As with many indigenous cultures, the Quileute calendar was lunar, meaning names were given to the time between full moons. The full moon in January is near the time of the steelhead runs, thus the name **K<sup>w</sup>áwiya** (steelhead) **ʔal** (getting or catching) **ktiyat** (days).

### Tribal Council:

Douglas Woodruff, Chairman

Tony Foster, Vice Chairman

Justin "Rio" Jaime, Treasurer

Skyler Foster, Secretary

James Salazar, Member at Large

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# King Tides Strike Coast

With the turning of the calendar to a new year we can also expect colder weather, longer nights, and holidays for many faiths and cultures. In late fall and early winter, however, coastal communities face, a challenge beyond ice and darkness; King Tides. So named for being the highest high tides of the year, these annual events bring a spectacle along with the threat of coastal flooding, which is increasingly problematic when combined with rising seas. King tides typically occur during the months of November, December, and January due to the earth's proximity to the moon and the sun. Contrary to how it feels, winter in the northern hemisphere coincides with the earth's shortest distance to the sun in its year-long rotational orbit, resulting in stronger gravitational pulls (the tilt of the earth on its axis, away from the sun during this time, is what causes the colder air and lower amount of sunlight). This is also when the moon passes closest to earth in its own rotation around our planet.

This years king tides in La Push will not be record-setting, yet still concern some local residents. The highest tide this season was 10.8 feet on November 15 and 16. The 17th of that month saw a tide of 10.6 feet. The remaining king tides for 2024 were December 13, 14, and 15, with high marks of 10.5, 10.7 and 10.7 feet, respectively. January 12, 13, and 14, in the new year, will be the last king tides of the season, all three of which are predicted to be about 10 feet.

In 2022, historic tides struck locations throughout the Washington coastal and Salish Sea areas. La

Push measured its highest tide since record-keeping began of 12.78 feet. That year, low-lying areas near Main Street in La Push were flooded, exemplifying the need for the Move To Higher Ground project.

Progress is being made toward that goal, with funding slowly and meticulously being secured. At this point there is a plan, pending final word and some hurdles to clear, for the installation of utilities for

the government buildings across the highway from the school. For now, La Push will still deal with the possibility of flooding. Aided by a powerful off-shore storm that coincided with the king tides in December, large waves smashed into First Beach on the 14th causing minor erosion at the parking area of the point. King tides next year are predicted to be slightly worse than this season, with high water marks topping 11 feet.



Ocean foam and debris litter the access road by the youth softball field, signs of a wave cresting the dunes

The marina water level during king tide, 12/14, with debris left behind from swells



# ***The Quileute Election Board Announces***

## **2025 Quileute Tribal Council**

### **Elections:**

# **OPEN NOMINATIONS**

## **January 7, 2025**

There is one (1) open position for the 2025 Quileute Tribal Council.

To nominate a candidate for the Quileute Tribal Council, you must submit a completed Nomination Form to the Election Board. Nomination Forms are located at the Quileute Tribal Office Front Desk or the Akalat. The Election Board is available to accept nominations at the **Akalat** (located at 1 By Yak Loop, La Push, WA, 98350) **only** on the scheduled dates and times below:

<b>Tuesday, January 7, 2025</b>	<b>8:00 AM – 4:00 PM</b>
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Nominations close promptly at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, January 7, 2025. Background checks are required.

Following the submission of a nomination, the Election Board will contact nominees to inform them that they have been nominated and that if they wish to accept the nomination, they must do so by 4:00 pm on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

For a digital copy of the Election Ordinance, visit: [www.quileutenation.org/court/law-and-order-codes/](http://www.quileutenation.org/court/law-and-order-codes/). For a physical copy of the Election Ordinance or Nomination form, you may request one from: the Election Board at [election.board@quileutetribe.com](mailto:election.board@quileutetribe.com), or the Quileute Tribal Office Front Desk at 90 Main St.

**The election will be held on January 17, 2025.**

Additional Mental Health Services:  
Angela Cavill, mental health clinician at the Quileute Health Clinic, has been accepted into a 15-month program for adding an infant and toddler mental health specialization to the services already provided. Focusing on infants and toddlers was identified as a need by the Head Start community assessment (page 5), and will bolster

## **Clinic Updates**

Cavill's ability to provide support and services for families of very young children with behavioral challenges or concerns. Referrals for services can come from Head Start or directly from the families.

Prescription medications offered:  
Quileute Health Clinic now offers

approximately 150 common prescription medications for tribal citizens and employees. Currently available at no cost, prescriptions at the clinic include antibiotics, common diabetes and cholesterol medications, birth control and emergency contraceptives, and more. Medications can be disseminated for initial prescriptions or refills, with 60 and 90-day supplies available.



# Head Start Completes Community Assessment

**chicho'ótskati**- House of Children, is a dual program early childhood learning center offering two child-care classrooms, funded by several outside sources and subsidized by Washington State, and two Head Start classrooms, fully funded by the Office of Head Start, a program of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Found in communities across the country, Head Start classrooms are free for families wishing to enroll their children in an early childhood education program. Government funding and free programs are, however, accompanied by federal regulations, the failure to comply with potentially resulting in the loss of that funding. One regulation leaders of Head Start centers must follow is the completion a community assessment once every five years. The goal of this assessment is to ascertain the extent of current services offered to families within the community, the needs of the families, and the role head start can play in fulfilling those needs.

Tyler Sumpter, Assistant Director of Early Childhood Education, supported by Danielle Salazar, Family and Community Partnership Specialist, recently completed this assessment for La Push. Most recently done in 2017, the undertaking comprised of a survey, researching community organizations and entities, and a full week of data compilation. More than one hundred respondents answered the survey relating to family size, food resources, income,

race or ethnicity, and childcare needs, helping to provide a snapshot of the services available and gaps that exist. The final step in the process is determining what Head Start can do to fill some of the gaps. Completing the assessment, Sumpter remarked on the amount of resources available in the area. The food bank, she found, was underutilized, with numerous respondents reporting a lack of awareness about the hours it was open (Food bank hours are typically posted on the door and can often be found in this newsletter). Sumpter also commented on the services offered for housing, education, and work, including vocational support and transportation. Also gratifying to learn for Sumpter was the presence of mental health services in La Push for tribal citizens as well as employees.

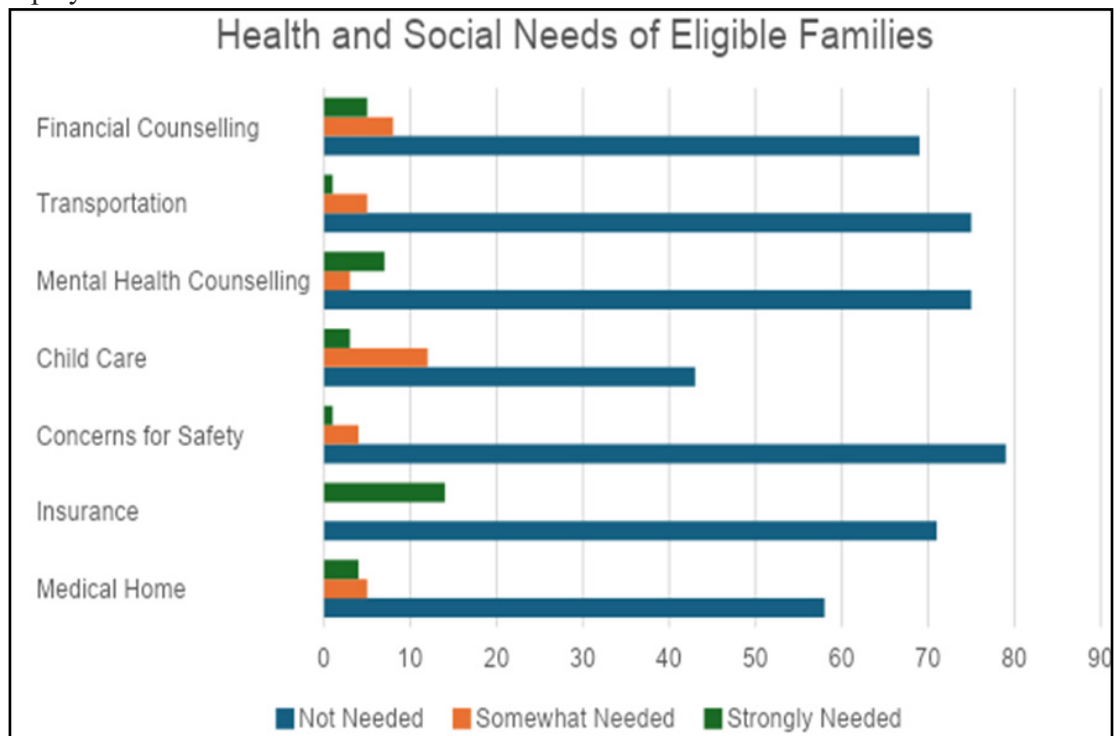
Salazar noted that, while her role in this task was smaller, she found

great difficulty in locating current data at the county level on a few serious matters. Particularly, she could not find information newer than 2017/18 on drug abuse and teen pregnancy, indicating the possibility of service gaps at the county level on those community issues. Data is a major driver for government programs, hence one reason the Office of Head Start requires this quintennial assessment. And while county statistical information is beyond the scope of Quileute Head Start, understanding where service gaps might exist can inform decision-making at the center level. One immediate result from this was working with Angela Cavill to expand infant and toddler mental health services (see p. 4 )

The following QR code is a link to the full assessment:



Graph below on health and social needs taken from assessment



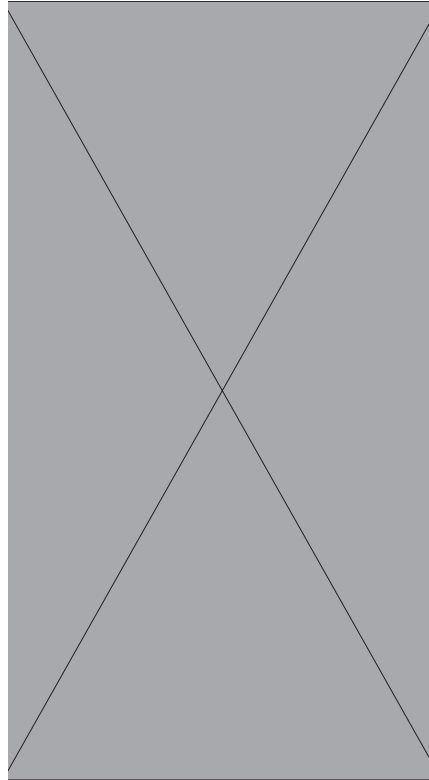
# February Birthdays

Edward Perry	Foster	1	Neva	California-Hobucket	18
Chasity Marie	Matson	1	James Rodney	Jaime	18
Makaeha J	King	1	Chaleigh Niccole	Beck	19
Maliah Rae	Huling	2	Shanna California	Brewer	19
Vicki Lynn	Munyon	2	Aniyah Helisiye Aliyah	Jackson	19
Balente Trino	Pubigee Jr.	2	Jerome De-Shawn	Henderson Jr.	19
Jordan Perry	Foster	2	Oaklee Lynn	Ross	20
James Rodney	Jackson Sr.	3	Katherine Edna Claire	Ward-Black	20
Carla Jean	Fernandez	4	Lisa Ann	Reid	21
Russell Lee William	Harrison	4	Donald Joe	Reid Jr.	23
Annalia Victoria	Estrada	5	Dason Rayne Shupiaton	Jackson	24
Duran Allen	Ward	5	Saddie Usastub	Cherry	25
Christina Grace	Williams	5	Arnold Wilson	Black Jr.	25
Rochelle Lynn	Warner	7	Harry Lewis	Jones	26
Ronald Scott	McNutt	7	Marley Ann	Zimmerman	26
Peyton Shiloh	Sablan	7	Soloman Lincoln	Jackson	26
Alicia Trina	Black	9	Ahia Meepahhonnga	Jackson	27
Michael Lee	Marshall	9	Elijah Frank	Jackson Jr.	27
Ronald Alan	Eastman	11	Mark Todd	Williams	27
Mario	Black-Perete Jr.	11	William Kenneth	Wilken Jr.	28
Steven James	Easter	11	Lacie Leann	Schmitt	28
Thomas Christian	Williams-Penn	12	Noah Grasen	Foster	28
Glenda Lee	Melton	12			
Amaya	Olsen	13			
Demetrio Angel	Gonzales	14			
Kenneth Isaiah Mathew	Bender	14			
Dominique Oliver	Sampson	14			
Candice Annette	Jackson	14			
David Elias	Pubigee	14			
Telena Brooke	Martinez	15			
Randy Orville	Jackson Jr.	15			
Priscilla Kay	Scarboroughh	15			
Johnathen David	Sparks	15			
Darryl Allen	Penn	15			
Steven Timothy	Ratliff	15			
Kaitlyn Taylor	Lorentzen	15			
Ashley Ardonia	Matson	15			
Andrea Jo	Matson	15			
Morningstar Aniya Rose	Jackson	15			
Larry Thomas	Jackson Sr.	16			
Charles Bradley	Woodruff	16			



# Driftwood Fire Burned for Hours

Second Beach, Olympic National Park, was the scene for an intentional driftwood fire set at some point late the night before it was discovered, in early December. John Cummins, Enforcement Ranger for Olympic National Park, responded to a call from Quileute Tribal School's Alice Ryan, who just happened to be walking on the beach when the smoldering logs were spotted. Ryan alerted authorities while using water bottles in an attempt to douse the hot spots. Ranger Cummins asks the public, when visiting these pristine, scenic areas that are also the home for Quileute people, to review and adhere to the rules for fires within national park land. These are posted prominently at trailheads and can be found online by following links to the Superintendent's Compendium at the Olympic National Park website.



Smoke and burning embers continue as drift wood smolders on Second Beach

perintendent's Compendium at the Olympic National Park website.

## Rules for fires on national park beaches are as follows:

1. On the ocean beaches, fires may not be kindled closer than 10 feet to the nearest beach logs or grass. Fires may not exceed 3 feet in diameter.
2. Where a designated "campfire site" is provided, no other fire is permitted within 1/4 mile

## Rules of fires on First Beach, in accordance with Quileute Tribal laws:

1. A fire permit is required for all beach fires. These permits can be obtained in the Resort Office.
2. Fires are permitted only on the beach; no fires are allowed on Resort property, even with a fire permit.

# QTS Students Dazzle as Chefs and Graphic Designers



Included menus are winning entries in the contest. Many ended in a tie, indicating a competitive field of entries.



Students from Quileute Tribal School's middle and upper grades participated in a menu and meal design contest during the last few weeks of 2024. They utilized skills that had been taught by upper school history teacher Cole Peregrine. Judging was completed anonymously by Quileute Tribal School staff across several categories, including; appetizer, main dessert, overall 3-course meal, and overall design of the menu. Each contestant was required to select menus based on a season of their choice using traditional, indigenous preparation styles of precontact foods (prior to European colonization). Winners received a \$25 gift card to Rivers Edge Restaurant.

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Rebus puzzles answers: 1) Space invaders 2) Trail mix; 3) Quicksand; 4) On second thought; 5) Fingers crossed; 6) Hand-in-hand

### Corrections:

While striving for an error free publication, mistakes may at times be made. If you spot an error please send an email ([talkingraven@quileutetribel.com](mailto:talkingraven@quileutetribel.com)) with specific information on what was missed and what corrections should be made. Corrections will be printed each issue on the back page.

Corrections for December 2024: On page 8 of the December issue, in a caption for Veteran's Day festivities, Leroy Black was mistakenly identified as Leroy Jackson. Names are important, apologies to Mr. Black.

There was a typo on page 1, second line, the word "bevy" should not have had an "r".

\*These errors were corrected for the online edition. They are only present in the print edition.

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### Editor's comments

From time to time I will need to make comments or address you directly, and that will be done in the "Editor's comments" section. Other sections of the newsletter will use objective voice for the purpose of maintaining journalistic integrity.

