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a newsletter for the STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA HWY

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“Meet ‘n Greet” event for SR112 Community

Welcome to the first edition of “The Milepost ... a newsletter for the Strait of Juan de Fuca Highway”. It is being introduced at the “Meet ‘n Greet” event for the SR112 Community in Sekiu. The idea for the newsletter came from Corridor Action Team (CAT) meetings during discussions on how to communicate within the SR112 community. We welcome your comments and ideas for information for future publications.

Topics for future editions (at least quarterly) of the newsletter might be ...

On the Strait and Narrow ... WSDOT roadwork updates

Fishing News ... derbies, seasons, etc.

Whale Watch, Flock Talk ... and other watchable wildlife ... migrations, sightings, etc.

What's Blooming ... plants, flowers and spectacular sights

Happenings ... events and news from the SR112 community

Welcome to the Highway ... new businesses along SR112

Special Places ... a trail, view, getaway, etc.

CAT paws ... meetings, events, process, etc.

News Flash !!!! Work to begin <u>September 7th</u> on Jim Creek Culvert project.

Introduction of citizens participating in the Corridor Action Team ...

Bonnie and Don Shields, Elwha Dam RV Park

Jim McLeod, Salt Creek Market

Alex Stevens, Joyce Café

Margaret Owens, Whiskey Creek artist

Joe Murray, Merrill and Ring Pysht Tree Farm (CAT Chairman)

Herb and Sande Balch, Herb's Motel in Sekiu (Byway Leader and Grant Coordinator)

Bill Drath, Hoko State Park

Greig Arnold, Makah Nation Transportation

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July 2004 Vol. 2

Summer Newsletter for SR112 Community

Summer 2004 edition of "The Milepost ... a newsletter for the Strait of Juan de Fuca Highway". The idea for the newsletter came from Corridor Action Team (CAT) meetings during discussions on how to communicate within the SR112 community. We welcome your comments and ideas for information for future publications.

On the Strait and Narrow ...

The WSDOT project to replace the Jim Creek Culvert will close SR112 at milepost 32 beginning September 7th for approximately three to five weeks. Maps and information will be distributed to neighboring communities to assist travelers in reaching their destinations along the byway with the least frustration. Further east, the Hood Canal Bridge project is underway. For current updates on that project go to www.hoodcanalbridge.com which will take you to the WSDOT project web site. For weather or road conditions on state highways go to www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic. For questions or comments on WSDOT projects, contact Lloyd Brown, Communications Manager, at 360.357.2789 or at his office email: brownl@wsdot.wa.gov.

Happenings ...

Fishing is definitely happening ... Areas 4, 5 and 6 are all open for chinook and coho salmon. Anglers aplenty are traveling the roads with boats and RV's. Courtesy and attentiveness are required always, but especially this time of year.

Clallam Bay-Sekiu Fun Days July 9-11th

Joyce Daze August 7th

Makah Days in Neah Bay August 27-29th

Sekiu Salmon Derby "No Fin, You Win" September 18

Whale Tales and Flock Talk ...

It's that time of year for "How To Be A Bird 101" ... baby swallows are in the nest and noisily busy with the feeding ritual ... young eagles are learning to fly and hunt ... baby king fishers are learning to dive. July is also the month when the annual sea otter census count takes place on the Washington coastline ... including many miles along the scenic byway.

What's In Bloom? ...

Have you noticed the roadside is ablaze with fireweed and foxglove? And wild blackberries are just in time to start those pies for Joyce Daze.

Welcome to the Highway ...

New in Joyce since February is **Family Hair Care**, owned by Sandra Mangino at 928-2400. As the name implies, full service hair care for the entire family is available as well as pedicures. The shop is open Wednesdays 10-4 and Thursdays through Saturday 10-5. Sandra will also work Sunday by appointment only. Family Hair Care is nestled in between the Joyce Laundromat and Joyce Variety (now Joyce Books and Tapes) and near the Joyce General Store.

The Sugar Shack in Joyce traveled the byway and ended up in Clallam Bay with a new name, **Strait Shots**. The espresso/latte stand located at the east end of town is owned by Scott and Nellie Baysinger. Opening date is July 8th at 5:30 a.m ... Good Morning! Strait Shots will have the usual eye-opening drinks as well as muffins, snacks, and fruit juices. The Baysinger brothers, Scott and Jeff, are also building self-storage units and a fenced area for boat storage on the same property.

And watch the marine mural come to life on the outside wall of the **Clallam Bay Grocery** ... more on that later ...

Special Places ...

Visit the **Pysht Tree Farm** for a walking tour providing a glimpse of the elements that make a managed forest work (stop at their office as you enter) or the **Joyce Depot Museum** collection of memorabilia and news clippings of the pioneer and logging history of the area or the **Salt Creek County Park** tide pools and **Fort Hayden** gun emplacements for enjoyable learning experiences. These are great places to take your summer guests to visit, too.

CAT paws ... upcoming for the Corridor Action Team ...

The team is currently working on organizational structure ... membership/board, bylaws, legal status ... in order to form a non-profit organization to work with the community in promoting, preserving and sharing the heritage and recreational opportunities along the Strait of Juan de Fuca Highway, SR 112, a National Scenic Byway.

CAT Meeting ... Monday, July 26th at 5:00 p.m. at the Joyce Café

CAT Meeting ... Monday, August 23rd at 5:00 p.m. at the Pysht Tree Farm Lodge

CAT Meeting ... Monday, September 27th at 5:00 p.m. at the Joyce Café

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October 2004 Vol. 3

Fall Newsletter for SR112 Community

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On the Strait and Narrow ...

According to Jim Skinner, Project Inspector, the WSDOT project to replace the Jim Creek Culvert, which has closed SR112 at milepost 32 since September 7th, is on schedule. The culvert pieces have been set, backfilling done with paving, striping, guardrails yet to complete. The road should be open for at least one lane traffic by October 11th. The detour has been a nice excuse to drive around Lake Crescent for a few weeks. Thank you to those who have supported the local businesses during the road closure. Slide damage to the roadway near SR112 milepost 0 is undergoing repairs. Work began September 27th and is anticipated to last about 23 work days. The road will not be closed, but flaggers will be present. Further east, the Hood Canal Bridge project is underway. For current updates on that project go to www.hoodcanalbridge.com which will take you to the WSDOT project web site. Check www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic for weather or road conditions on state highways. For questions or comments on WSDOT projects, contact Lloyd Brown, Communications Manager, at 360.357.2789 or at his office email: brownl@wsdot.wa.gov.

Happenings ...

It's fall and back to school time ... new schedules for families, buses, kids in the cross walks. Be careful and watchful as you drive through the school zones ... obey the speed limits! Fall also means new things to learn in the classroom, music and art programs, school sports and fund raisers. Volunteer to help at school, support the activities, show you care. The kids will notice and appreciate the attention.

Whale Tales and Flock Talk ...

Between one and three gray whales have spent the summer in Crescent Bay. They will be there still -- feeding calmly while Victoria whale watch boats have ferried their customers across the Straits to watch. Kayakers, surfers, and campers have also watched in awe. AND watch the skies and rocky areas for brown pelicans on the coast.

What's In Bloom? ...

The hills are turning to gold ... and other colors. Big leaf maples are gold and vine maples are crimson in color. The bright colors set against the evergreens of the Northwest are a spectacular sight. The river valleys ... Elwha, Lyre, Pysht ... put on the best shows.

Welcome to the Highway ...

Two new businesses have opened in the Clallam Bay-Seki area ... **Back Door Creations, Espresso and Gifts** opened August 24th in the west end of the Spring Tavern. Owner Dorie Kelly (Pat Cook's daughter) will have espresso, baked items, ice cream, balloons, gifts, candy, and cards available. Hours are Sunday -Thursday 5:30am/6:00pm, Friday 5:30am/4:00pm and closed on Saturdays ... **Robyn's Nest** opened September 14th in the former Bay Beauty location (and same phone number 963.3199). Owner/operator is Robyn Willis, daughter-in-law of Don and Judy Fishel. The shop will offer hair care, tanning, facial waxing, and a product line. The shop will be open Tuesday-Thursday and Saturday 9:00am/4:00pm and Fridays from noon to 7 p.m. Robyn, and husband Ralph, bring five children with them to the community. **Amanda Nicholas** has completed the marine mural on the outside wall (northwest end) of the **Clallam Bay Grocery** ... Slip Point, Vancouver Island, marine traffic and sea critters are all colorfully depicted.

Special Places ...

The **Depot Museum** in Joyce will be open Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the winter or by appointment for other visiting times. The **DNR Lyre River Campground** has undergone a facelift ... check it out. Contact **Merrill and Ring** for hunting access permits and info.

Share Your Byway Story ... "Any Port in a Storm" ☺

When coming back from PA, the road had washed out in a couple of places and there were trees across the road. The highway behind was also impassable so we were trapped in between for about four hours. The motor home then became a potty place and coffee bar. We met most of the folks waiting for the road to clear. Rocky Hinkle

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CAT Meeting ... Monday, October 25th at 5:00 p.m. at the Pysht Tree Farm Lodge

CAT Meeting ... Monday, November 22nd at 5:00 p.m. at the Joyce Café

CAT Meeting ... NO MEETING IN DECEMBER 2004

Introduction of citizens participating in the Corridor Action Team ...

Kristi Agren, Clallam Co. Marketing (North Olympic Peninsula Visitor/Covention Bureau), Jim McLeod (Salt Creek Market), Alex Stevens (Joyce Café), Margaret Owens (Whiskey Creek artist), Loren Kreutner (Joyce resident), Joe Murray, CAT Chairman (Merrill and Ring Pysht Tree Farm), Sande Balch, Byway Leader and Grant Coordinator (Seki resident), Bill Drath (Hoko State Park), and Greig Arnold (Makah Nation Transportation)

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