



artwork by Margaret Owens

## The days are getting longer...

Spring is right around the corner and that means more folks will be traveling, touring, and getting out along the byway. Soon you will notice buds on trees, kayaks on roof racks, and campers and fishing boats heading west. Two new websites have emerged this winter



and both will help to enhance the local and visitor experiences along the byway...

Check out the new Olympic Discovery Trail website: [www.olympicdiscoverytrail.com](http://www.olympicdiscoverytrail.com).

The new site has amazing maps, photos and videos of sections of the trail including the Adventure Route accessed from MP 59 (SR112).

## bał'ułšič Welcome!

The Neah Bay Chamber of Commerce unveiled its beautiful new site late last fall. Go to [www.neahbaywa.com](http://www.neahbaywa.com). The new site will no doubt help with the goals of the Chamber: to promote and encourage self-sufficiency through economic development and tourism for the Makah Indian Reservation and surrounding greater Neah Bay area, and to support cultural, educational, and charitable events.

And speaking of websites, the new Strait of Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway website is in the works! This new site will provide a member database as well as an entire menu of things for visitors and locals to explore. The website will be another huge incentive for your business to be a member of the Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association. Members will be highlighted throughout the website.

## On the Strait and Narrow...

Check [www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic) for the latest road work and conditions. Special thanks to road crews who cleared the massive mudslide at MP 1 last month. Crews moved nearly 4000 cubic yards of debris.

### Spring cleaning...

Reminder to tie down your spring cleaning loads as you head to the land fill or as you pack the back of your truck with fishing and camping gear.

And watch for litter pick up crews! Volunteers will be picking up garbage along the highway during the last week in April. These volunteers commit to collecting trash along our scenic byway three times a year. If you would like to be part of a highway litter crew contact your community grange or local school.

### Trail tales...

Olympic Discovery Trail (ODT) progress continues. Another exciting link in the ODT is now complete - the critical bridge crossing over Dry Creek, on the western outskirts of PA, has been installed. All sections of the Adventure Route are open at this time - challenge yourself to explore all 25 miles this spring.

## What's Happening...

### March 28

JFSBA Meeting, Joyce Family Kitchen 5pm - 7pm

### April 1-2

Joyce Flea Market

### April 25

JFSBA Meeting, Pysht 5pm - 7pm

### May 22

Great Olympic Peninsula Duck Derby, Nippon Canal, Port Angeles "buy a duck, win a truck."

Watch for byway members selling ducks in your community. A portion of the duck sales come back to the association to help with byway projects.

### May 23

JFSBA Meeting, Neah Bay Marina 5pm - 7pm

### May 28

Fly In at Sekiu Airport, [www.sekiu.com](http://www.sekiu.com)

### May/June

Eagle Fest, Neah Bay - check for details: [www.neahbaywa.com](http://www.neahbaywa.com)

Seki Halibut Derby - watch for updates: [www.sekiu.com](http://www.sekiu.com)

### Museum Hours

Joyce Depot Museum: Saturdays 10AM - 4PM, summer hours begin Memorial Day weekend

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### Visitor Center Hours

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### Welcome to the highway...

Pizza and espresso - check out the new eatery in downtown Sekiu.

Electronic reader board - A dream has been realized in Clallam Bay and a new reader board has been installed on the school campus on the east side of town. The reader board has an instant following - students are proud of the new board and the community is excited to have an "instant" method for posting announcements. Donations are still being accepted to help pay for the final installation costs. Please contact the Cape Flattery School District or Clallam Bay-Seki Chamber of Commerce if you are able to donate.

### Celebrations...

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Joyce General Store - the longest continuously operating general store in the country!

Merrill and Ring Tree Farm is getting ready to celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Located on the Pysht River, Merrill and Ring is the oldest working tree farm in the state. Douglas fir, western red cedar, alder and Sitka spruce are some of the species you will find in this working forest.

### Whale tails and flock watch...

Report from Orca Network, February 2, 2011:

"I did not have a good view of the **orcas** that swam from Tongue Point west across **Crescent Bay, west of Port Angeles**. I saw two blowing at the same time, but there could have been more. The dorsal fins in the blows looked very tall even at the distance I was viewing them." -Mary, Port Angeles To subscribe to Orca Network or to report a sighting go to [www.orcanetwork.org](http://www.orcanetwork.org).

### The Association...

Welcome to our new Board Members voted in at the Annual meeting in January: Carolyn Flint, Michelle Little and Bob Pensworth. Re-elected to the board were Alex Stevens and Margaret Owens. A special thanks to Bobbi Fuller who recently resigned from the Board. Bobbi owns and operates the Elwha Dam RV Park located at the eastern gateway to the byway. We are appreciative of the time that Bobbi has been able to give to the byway.

### Welcome New Members...

Individual Associate:  
George Eastman

Community Business:  
Ruth Hunt/Avon  
Crescent Community Advisory Council/Bill Ashley, Chairperson

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### Sightings...

#### Events and Activities:

[www.olympicpeninsula.org/events](http://www.olympicpeninsula.org/events)

#### Wild and wooly:

Roosevelt Elk herd off 112 in Clallam Bay - bringing in the New Year.



photo above by Randall Tomaras  
(JFSBA Photo library)

#### Eagles everywhere....

Do you have a special photo that you would like included in our library and possibly published in a future newsletter? Please contact Michelle for a copy of the photo submission guidelines.

#### In the media:

Seattle Times contributor Brian Cantwell had a lot to say about his recent stormwatching trip to Neah Bay. The Feb 16th article can be found online at [http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/outdoors/2014242199\\_nwwneahbay17.html](http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/outdoors/2014242199_nwwneahbay17.html)

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## Annual events and festival season...

The summer events and festival season gets started with the Annual **Sekiu Memorial Day Weekend Fly-In** and lunch. Meet at the Sekiu Airport for an affordable barbeque lunch, welcome pilots and their aircraft and support the local Red Cross Disaster Action Team.

Arlen Olson of Sekiu, recently retired overseer of the airport, was instrumental in getting the airport opened in the 1960's. Arlen was honored in April by the Port of Port Angeles Commissioners and Jeff Robb, Port of Port Angeles Executive Director thanked him for being a "tremendous advocate for the Sekiu airport" and for having "insight, wisdom and passion for the community." The Clallam County Fire District No. 5 will take over the operation and maintenance of the air strip.



An **Eagle Festival** celebration was held in Neah Bay on April 23rd. This now annual event included a traditional arts fair and demonstrations by local carvers, basket weavers and modern glass etching. A lecture and slide show about the life cycle of the bald eagle and its current populations was presented at the Makah Museum.

Clallam Bay - Sekiu will host **Fun Days** July 8 - 10. Activities include fireworks, food, a fun run, grand parade, live auction, car show, photography contest, and entertainment. Stop in at the Visitor Center in Clallam Bay to view the display of Fun Days buttons collected since 1981. Thank you Sande and Herb Balch for donating this display.

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### Clean beaches and roads...

Beaches along the Strait of Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway were cleaned up by volunteers from all over Clallam County on April 23rd. Thank you to everyone who picked up winter storm litter off our beaches.

Many folks put on their safety vests and took to the east end of the highway in April to walk miles picking up roadside trash. This is such an important job in our communities and the volunteers through the Crescent Grange, Crescent School and Dry Creek Grange are greatly appreciated. Thanks also goes to the drivers who slowed down, waved and a few who even stopped to help!

### Great Strait Sale...

Mark your calendars now for the 4th Annual Great Strait Sale. The entire 61 miles of SR 112 becomes one amazing yard sale. This event gets more popular every year and now is the time to start thinking about having a sale of your own or joining a community sale in Joyce, Clallam Bay or Neah Bay. Clean out your closets or make crafts or baked goods to sell. Complete details will be announced in the next newsletter or you can contact Sande Balch at [sandrabalch@olypen.com](mailto:sandrabalch@olypen.com).

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### June 5

Joyce Year End Party and Potluck 11am - 3pm  
contact Tammy Hartley at 928-9655

### June 10

Music... at The Three Sisters of Clallam -  
listen live to Larry King

### June 11

Sekiu Halibut Derby - watch for updates:  
[www.sekiu.com](http://www.sekiu.com)

### June 27

JFSBA Meeting, Sekiu 5pm - 7pm

### July 8 - 10

Clallam Bay Sekiu Fun Days  
<http://www.clallambaysekiufundays.com/>

### August 6

Joyce Daze Wild Blackberry Festival

### August 13

Whiskey Creek 50 - adventure trail run  
[www.whiskeycreek50.com](http://www.whiskeycreek50.com)

### August 26 - 28

Makah Days  
<http://www.makah.com/makahdays.html>

Stay tuned for these **September** events:

**The 4th Annual Great Strait Sale**  
**Elwha River Restoration Kick-off Celebration**

### Staying connected through the web...

High speed fixed wireless broadband was recently launched by CresComm Services in the Elwha Valley to accommodate the influx of tourists and construction workers for the Elwha River Dam Removal project.

Have you visited these pages on Facebook: Joyce Community Page, Neah Bay, Washington and Elwha River Restoration? Become a fan and get instant updates on everything happening in your community.

### and through the new Strait of Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway website...

We are getting closer to the unveiling of the byway website. The new website will showcase members along the byway and direct travelers to all of the events, festivals, recreation, culture, history, lodging, food, amenities and natural beauty along SR 112.

### A Jaunt on the Route Less Traveled...

The Strait of Juan de Fuca Highway - Washington State Route 112 brochure and map re-design was recently completed. This new brochure has been very well received and more than 5,000 copies have already been distributed to Visitor Centers across the state. If you would like a supply or need additional copies, please contact Michelle Little at michelledlittle@gmail.com.

### The Association...

The 2011 Milepost Business Directory is now available with more member listings than ever before. Thank you to our 68 members...

**Platinum \$500:** Washburn's General Store, Makah Tribe and Makah Enterprises

**Sponsor \$100:** Bruce Skinner and Associates, Sande Balch, Olympic Peninsula Visitor Bureau, Clallam Bay-Seki Chamber of Commerce, Olson's Resort, Linda's Wood-fired Kitchen and Apocolypto Motel, Spring Tavern, Salt Creek RV & Golf, Family Kitchen, Angel Crest Gardens, Elwha Dam RV Park

**Associate \$25:** Merrill & Ring, Bill Drath, la place sur la Mer, Bay Motel, Patti's Property Mgmnt, Makah Cultural and Research Center, Raven's Corner, CresComm Services Inc., Mike Doherty, Chito Beach Resort, American Legion Riders Post 29, Joyce General Store, Sunsets West Cooperative, George Eastman, Straitside Resort, Carol Schultz Realtor and Notary, Bullman Beach Inn, Droogee's Drums and Makah Art, Straitview Self Storage, Ozett Associates LLC, Michelle Little, Robert and Charlene Engel, Neah Bay Chamber of Commerce

**Community (no fee):** Clallam County Parks/Fair/Facilities, Tidepool Tile, Joyce Fitness Center, Joyce Headquarters Salon and Barber, Joyce Trailer Court, Blackberry Café, Joyce Coin-Operated Laundry, E&J Dumptrucking, Joyce Depot Museum, C&S Pruning/Orchard Care/Custom Milling, Hwy 112 Cozy Overnight Cottage, The Dreamer's Woods LLC, Crescent Beach and RV Park, Alex Stevens, Loren Kreutner, Angler's Hideaway, Winter Summer Inn, Three Sisters of Clallam, Breakwater Restaurant, Van Ripper's Resort Inc., Curley's Resort and Dive Center, Jack Mackerel Seafood, Gary's Pay and Save, Brian Adler, The Lost Resort at Lake Ozette, Snow Creek Resort, Have Adze Will Travel, Cedar Shack Espresso, Considerations, Strait Shots Coffee Shop, Ruth Hunt/Avon rep, Crescent Community Advisory Council

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### Museum Hours

Joyce Depot Museum: 10AM - 4PM, M, TH, F and Sat from Memorial Day through Labor Day  
www.joycegeneral.com

Makah Museum: open 7 days a week year round,  
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### Sightings:

Clean beaches and road sides.

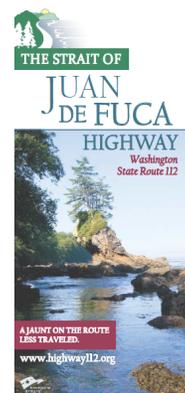
Patches of trillium on the ODT Adventure Route.

Joyce 100th Anniversary tshirts for sale at the store.

Skunk cabbage in Pysht.

Hummingbirds

The new brochure:



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## On the Strait and Narrow...

4th Annual Great Strait Sale, Saturday, Sept. 10th  
61-mile "Yard" Sale on Hwy 112

The Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association is sponsoring the fourth annual Great Strait Sale, a 61-mile yard sale on Highway 112, Saturday, September 10th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sande Balch, event chairman, encourages people to participate by having private or neighborhood yard sales or by bringing sales to the community sites at the Joyce Depot Museum parking lot, the Clallam Bay School bus barn, or the Village Market in Neah Bay. Balch says, "The third annual Great Strait Sale last year had a great group of sellers, a rush of buyers and beautiful weather. We hope to have more businesses participate with advertised sale specials and to have more community fund raisers for civic organizations, churches and schools in conjunction with the Great Strait Sale this year. In general, we want to invite all of our neighbors to this event for block-party fun while the sellers make a little money and the buyers find some treasures."

A flyer with map and sale ads will be published to guide buyers to the sales. The flyer will be distributed at community sale sites and local businesses a few days before the event. The cost of listing a sale or fundraiser in the flyer is \$10. The deadline to submit an ad for the flyer is August 19th.

To sign up for a Great Strait Sale listing in the flyer or for other questions, please contact Sande Balch at [sandrabalch@olympen.com](mailto:sandrabalch@olympen.com).

## 87th Annual Makah Days Celebration!

Join the Makah People in Neah Bay August 26, 27, and 28th for traditional dancing and singing, canoe races and Slahal games. The event is free, but a \$10 recreation permit is required for hiking, camping, fishing or visiting Cape Flattery, Shi Shi and other trails and beaches. There are several locations in Neah Bay where you can purchase a permit. Enjoy the rich heritage and culture of the Makah People - People of the Cape (q<sup>w</sup>idičča?á tš).

## What's Happening...

### August 26 - 28

Makah Days: [www.makah.com](http://www.makah.com)

### September 10

Great Strait Sale - 4th annual

Don't miss out... it's time to secure your site or tell your friends to mark the date for a big shopping day! For more information, please email Sande Balch, [sandrabalch@olympen.com](mailto:sandrabalch@olympen.com). Also, see separate article in this newsletter.

100th Anniversary Celebration of Joyce General Store 1:30 p.m. (parking lot) - music, food, giveaways... come and share your memories.

### September 11

Motorcycle Poker Run

Registration 10am - Noon at the Family Kitchen where the route begins. Registration fee: \$20 for riders, \$10 for passengers - includes bbq and prizes. For more information call Mark (360) 808.0175 or Angie (360) 808.2300. All proceeds go to the Crescent School Scholarship Fund.

### September 14 - 18

Celebrate Elwha! The multi-day event begins with a ceremony marking the beginning of the largest dam removal in U S history and includes many science, art and educational activities. Check out the complete details at [www.celebrateelwha.com](http://www.celebrateelwha.com).

### September 26

JFSBA Meeting, location TBA

### October 24

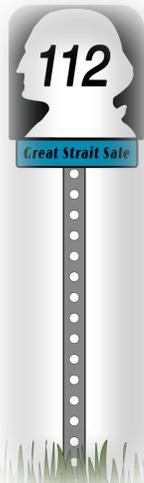
JFSBA Meeting, Joyce

All members are invited to attend. Contact Michelle Little for meeting time and directions [michelledlittle@gmail.com](mailto:michelledlittle@gmail.com).

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## Historical dates ...

### Pysht Tree Farm - 125th Birthday Celebration

The Merrill & Ring families established the company in 1886 with the purchase of the Pysht Tree Farm, which is now the oldest tree farm in Washington State still operated by its original owners. In honor of this great celebration, the following excerpt, written by tree farm manager Joe Murray, gives us a glimpse of how Pysht and eventually Highway 112 evolved since the Merrill and Ring families settled there.

*The Juan De Fuca highway was developed in the late 19th Century as a series of trails through the forest connecting logging and fishing communities. Economic transportation was accomplished by water and private timber company railroads. Travel along the dirt trails was primarily for community interaction such as baseball games, dancing, education, and missionary endeavors. Over time the trails evolved from a walking path into a road for wagons, automobiles, and school buses. With different segments having different names like the Clallam Road, the Pysht River Wagon Road, and the New Road (from Pysht to Deep Creek). The segments of roads and trails were consolidated in 1928 as Clallam county road 9A.*

*The logging camps in 1922 had baseball teams. Sunday games were played through the summer season. Travel along the Juan De Fuca route for the teams required various methods of transportation. A game between the Pysht Camp and the Twin Camp would have required one of the teams and fans to walk the nine miles of trail between the logging camps. A game in Sappho with the Pysht camp would have involved a trip in Merrill & Ring's twelve cylinder Packard, west up the Pysht River Road and south along the Clallam Road to Sappho. A game between the Hoko camp and the Pysht camp could likely involve a ride on a company owned railroad for at least part of the journey.*

*A journey along the Juan De Fuca highway provides a glimpse of the past as well as a vision of the future, as seen through the working forest.*

Currently, a book is in the works telling the story of the last 125 years on the tree farm. Watch for the book release and a celebration (September 28th) at the tree farm this fall.

### Joyce - 100th Anniversary Celebration...

Please help us celebrate a century of memories at the Joyce General Store, Saturday, September 10th at 1:30 p.m. at the Joyce General Store parking lot.

- Food, drawings and giveaways, and music will be provided.
- Fat Chance band will be playing beginning at 1:30 p.m.
- Guests are asked to bring printed stories and memories or copies of photos of the store (also community or railroad depot) to be included in a scrapbook to be on display at the Depot Museum after the celebration.



### Welcome New Member...

- *Take Home Fish Company*, Neah Bay (881 Woodland Ave., 360.645.2334). Stop by and see Kimm Brown for freshly smoked seasonal salmon. Sam Sifton, Culture Editor for the NY Times didn't miss stopping by Take Home Fish Co. during his 2005 culinary tour of the peninsula. In his article, Mr. Sifton said "it was really, by far, the best salmon of the trip."

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