



the **BEATING HEART**

Sts' ailes Community Newsletter

• December 2022

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HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

**The Administration Building will
be closed for the holidays on
December 23rd and reopen on
January 3, 2023.**

**Please have a safe and joyous
Christmas!**



Thank you Denny & Al!

On behalf of Sts'ailes, we would like to acknowledge and send well wishes to Denny & Al Stobbart Stobbart for their years of dedication and hard work for Sts'ailes & Moytelewx.

Denny and Al managed and operated the Sasquatch Crossing Eco Lodge for 13 years and Denny worked 4.5 years at Lhawathet prior to that. A retirement celebration was held on October 28th where many people spoke highly of their work, told stories and shared some laughs. They have done an amazing job representing our community and sharing a piece of us with the world.

We raise our hands to you in honor and respect.



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education for all ages

STS'AILES

EDUCATION

DEPT. UPDATE

Winners of Celebrating Strength for November 2022

Kindergarten

Jayden - Helpfulness
Jordan - Determination

Grade 1

Maxine - Accountability
Andrew - Courtesy

Grade 2

Vienna - Perseverance
Callie - Caring

Grade 3

Roy - Confidence
Carey - Compassion
Ezra - Integrity

Grade 4

Jennifer - Good Attendance
Presley - Good Helper
Kiara - Effort

Grade 5

Aziah - Improvement
Darby - Responsibility

Grade 6

Kassia - Excellence (100% Spelling)
Dakota - Helpfulness

Grade 7

Addison - Kindness
Sonny - Helpfulness
Amelia - Helpfulness

Grade 8

Vivianna - Self-Discipline
Iceis - Perseverance

Grade 9

Trevor - Helpfulness

Grade 10

Madayjah - Improvement/Hard Work
Hades - Great Improvement

Grade 11 / 12

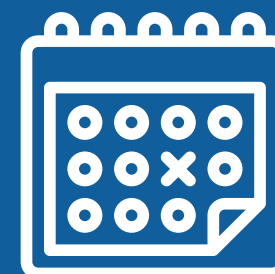
Dylon - Determination
Leland - Idealism

Lalem

Keatyn - Charismatic
Earl - Attendance & Improved Attitude

Box

Kieneshia - Academic Achievement
Andrew - Improved Attendance & Motivation



SAVE THE DATE

S.C.S. Christmas Concert
December 14 @ 1:00pm



Term 1 is complete and the following students are being recognized for academic excellence.

“B” Honours (73% or more in cores (English/Math/Social Studies/Science))

Aiyana LaRock	Chayton Point	Kassia Deiter
Amelia Zacher	Leah Stanley	Serena Wilson
Aquene Point	Daequan Urquhart	Kathleen Point

“A” Honours (86% or more in cores (English/Math/Social Studies/Science))

June Shepherd	Coleman Stanley	Colby Cave
Caydence Boyle	Lucas Santos	Megan Zacher-Hanson
Taylor Altenhein	Trevor Cave	Jordan Frank

Students with perfect attendance during Term 1.

Ledwinna Smith	* Aziah Chapman
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The Sts’ailes Education Department is preparing for the Christmas season:

- School hamper competition is up and running. The classrooms partake in a friendly competition to fill up Hampers and win pizza.
- Driver Training - 21 students have taken part in receiving their L and gaining valuable in car experience.
- Elders Christmas Cards/Gifts - the Grade 4 class will be attending the Elders Lunch and sharing some holiday spirit.
- Cafeteria Excitement - the kids decorated the cafeteria and had a nice treat of cocoa, and they will be treated to a Christmas Lunch on the last day before holidays.
- Self Defense Training - Dec 9
- The Christmas Concert is December 14 at 1 pm in the gym
- Parent Club - next one is Dec 14



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we are the land

WHAT’S HAPPENING WITH JUSTICE IN STS’AILES?



Oki Napi!

In my Blackfoot language this means, "From the Spirit of My Heart to the Spirit of Your Heart Friend", it is a meaningful way to greet another person.

Allow me to introduce myself, my given name at birth is Darla Rasmussen

(Blackkettel). I am Blackfoot and Cree from Siksika Nation, on my paternal side, Ronald Blackkette and Norwegian, Danish, Austrian and English on my maternal side, Dawn Rasmussen.

My traditional names are Qelqáz (Wild Rose) gifted to me from Elder Sara Sam from lower Stl’atl’imx and Red Elk Singing Woman, gifted to me in sacred pipe ceremony from Elder David Bain. I am a mother, community volunteer and entrepreneur of Sacred Spaces and Drum Keeper of Gathered Voices.

It has been a steady few months since I started in July, let me catch you up on what I have been doing!

July was busy month of introductions and getting to know staff and other Sts’ailes departments, truly feel blessed to be working for a nation that has so many resources for their community members!

August was filled with planning sessions for our Xwilexmet Department and our partnered 20th Anniversary for Kwikwexwelhp. I also got opportunity to join the Letsemot meetings and learn more about how Sts’ailes is working collaboratively with MCFD and how Justice can support the good work.

September was very Hectic! Sts’ailes co-hosted 20 years of celebration and partnership with Kwikwexwelhp Healing Village. Both days were truly heartfelt as the work was done in a good way to honor and acknowledge all the people who have been working so hard to enhance a quality of life for our Indigenous men who are incarcerated and reintegrating back into community.

Our Xwilexmet Department also had an office move from the Government Building to 5084 SACHEM Rd, this took much effort and lots of helping hands to be a success... we are still settling in.

In the midst of the move, myself and the Xwilexmet Director, Boyd Peter, attended the Indigenous Policing Conference in Ottawa. We learned of important initiatives and practices other Indigenous Policing Services are doing to assist independence of justice in the First Nation communities they are serving. We heard from many speakers like, Judges, lawyers, Corporals, and officers who shared their knowledge, practices and learned wisdom of working with Indigenous peoples across Canada. I learned there is much work we need to be doing to strengthen our relationship with the justice sector and Sts’ailes in going in the right direction with working towards full sovereignty.

We ended the month with educating and informing our senior students about Truth and Reconciliation. It was a great day in partnership with the Indigenous Policing Services (IPS) team for Sts’ailes, who joined me at the school to talk with students and share a Big Drum experience, hearts and minds were lifted on this day!

October Boyd and I were invited to attend the Corrections Services Canada (CSC) Managers training in Harrison. This was an honor, to share words and educate and inform CSC management about the history of the justice sector and its impacts on our Indigenous peoples and how the atrocities are deeply rooted to the

rising numbers of Indigenous incarceration rates. Our presence was greatly appreciated and spoken about even days after the training event.

Our justice department also gets monthly invites to attend the Welcoming Ceremony held at the Kwikwexwelhp Healing Village. This ceremony acknowledges individuals coming and going from the institution, including staff. Each individual is blanketed, and words are shared to encourage them on their journeys. After ceremony everyone shares a meal together, it's always a humble experience to witness peoples next steps and new beginnings.

November our Justice department, along side other Sts'ailes department staff, facilitated learning sessions for the CSC Cultural Sensitivity training. In total, 41 CSC staff attended the 2-day training sessions at the Longhouse. They were fed traditional meals, experienced the sacred "home" of the Sts'ailes people while they listened to teachings that spoke to the history of the land and how the Sts'ailes ancestors lived. They were witness to stories both personal and cultural, that talked about how Canadas history with Indigenous communities has impacted generations of families. As well as a tour of a historical site in Sts'ailes to better understand the way of life pre-contact and how contact devastated the community and how Sts'ailes is working diligently to keep the history of their people protected. It was a profound 2 days that will stay in the hearts and minds of the people for a long time.

The Justice department also hosted our first Restorative Justice Circle, in partnership with Agassiz RCMP and Snowoyelh. It was a great achievement and prevented having to proceed through the justice system. This was a big success for Sts'ailes, keeping your community safe and out of the justice system speaks volumes for future endeavors.

Overall, the transition into the justice work has been full of learning opportunities and making new connections with Sts'ailes Security, CSC, Probation, IPS/RCMP as well as learning about how I can better assist community members with justice issues that arise for them, like presentence reports, victim impact statements, meeting probation conditions etc. or issues that arise for the nation, like banishments or investigations.

Since starting this position, I sit on the Community Consultative Group and attend meetings with a group of Sts'ailes Elders and members who help guide the

Justice work. I also sit on the Community Advisory Committee for Kwikwexwelhp and listen to the experiences of the men at the healing village and be informed of how the operations might be negatively or positively impacting the men who reside there. I also sit as a Board of Director for Prisoners Legal Services, and a member of the local Situation Table.

It's important to me to be well rounded in services and resources to be part of a healthy working relationship with our Enforcement officers and learn how to "Sts'ailesize:" these kinds of operations and implement Restorative Justice.

I hope this gave you an idea of what's happening with Justice in your community! Please stop by and visit me and share your ideas, thoughts, or concerns with me!

Darla Rasmussen

HERITAGE FACILITY TO PROTECT THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE AT MAIN BEACH

Sts'ailes commissioned a stylized plank house to be constructed at Main Beach to protect the remains of an ancient plank house inadvertently unearthed during the construction of the dock in 2020.

The design includes a large open floor and viewing deck looking over the heritage site that will enable people to see the archaeological remains. Most of the materials for the external components of the structure are now at Main Beach, and it will be constructed as soon as possible. Internal elements of the building will be constructed in stages as we apply for and receive additional funding.

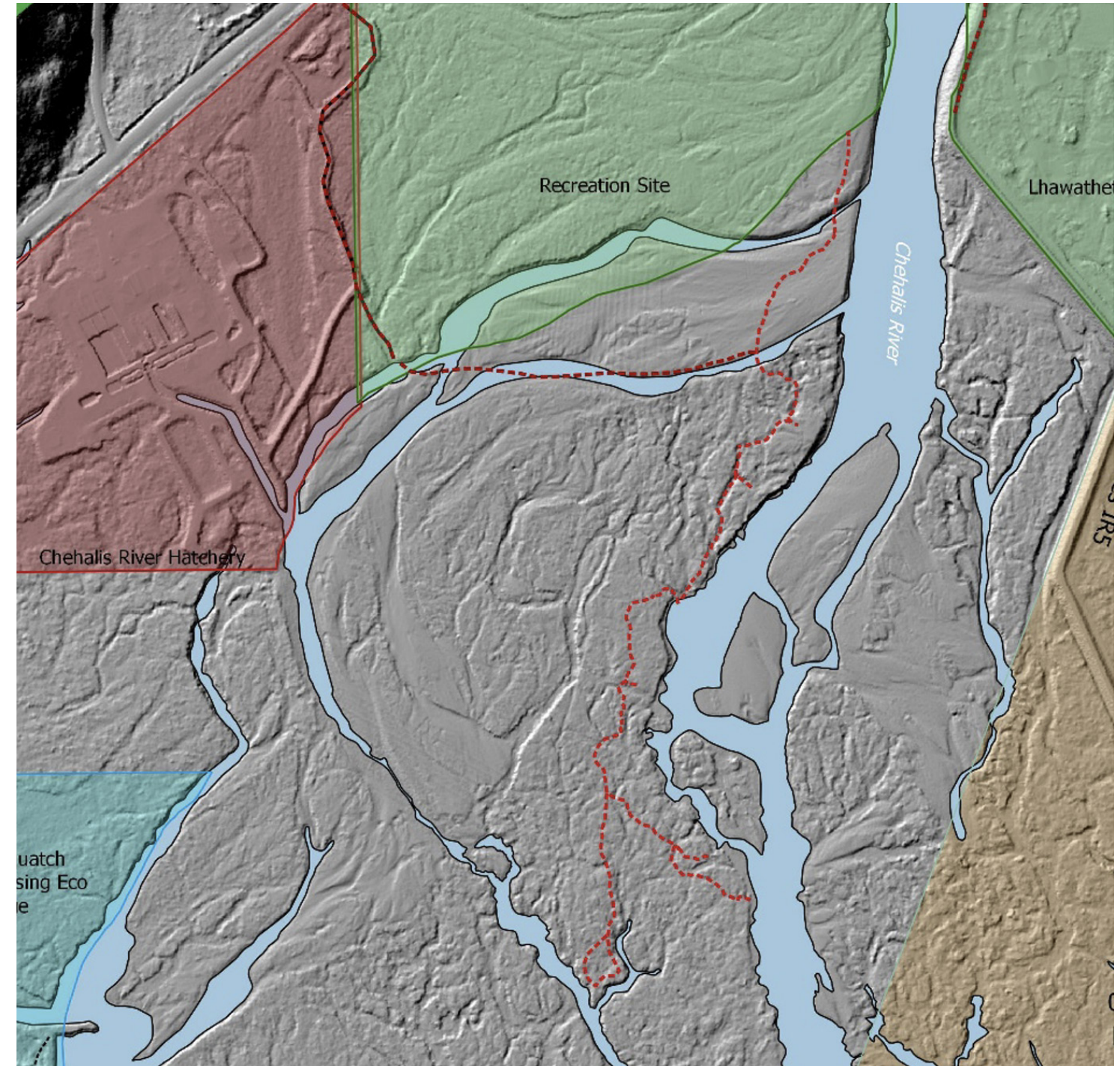


Architectural rendition of the Heritage Facility at Main Beach.

ECO-HERITAGE TRAIL UPDATE

Sts'ailes' eco-heritage trail is now under construction!

This trail is designed to provide better access to the Chehalis River lowlands to both the Sts'ailes and recreational users of the campground. This project is timely, as Sts'ailes takes ownership of the recreation site lands. It is also intended to help keep anglers off of Sts'ailes reserve lands. The trail will be located on the west side of the Chehalis River, as pictured below. It will also link up to the Morris Valley road, along the top of a formerly deactivated dyke between the recreational site and the Chehalis River Hatchery. We will be including signage promoting Sts'ailes along the length of the trail.



Eco-Heritage trail now under construction on the west side of the Chehalis River.

EVERYONE WELCOME
FREE ADMISSION
BUY + SELL LOCAL ART AND GIFTS
TURKEY DINNER \$ALE
PHOTO BOOTH \$5/PHOTO
PRIZE DRAWS

IT'S BACK!!!

2022 STS'AILES Christmas BAZAAR

UPDATE

NEW DATE OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE LONGHOUSE SEASON

SUNDAY, DEC 18

STS'AILES SCHOOL GYM

11AM-4PM BAZAAR + PRIZE DRAWS
12PM TURKEY DINNER UNTIL FINISHED

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FB Event Page:	"Sts'ailes Christmas Bazaar 2022"

VENDORS NEEDED:
\$20/table plus an item to
go towards the prize draw

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The Sasq'ets Basket DAILY MENU

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY

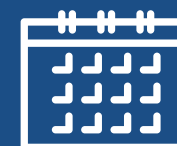
7:30a - 1:30p

7:30a - 9:30a **Continental Breakfast**

Boiled eggs, fruit platter, toast station, oatmeal, granola, yogurt, danish, croissants. *(subject to availability)*

11:30a - 1:30p **Lunch***

Find out what's for lunch by checking out our Moytelexw Facebook page, our website or give us a call and be added to our e-mailing list.



* A monthly calender is set with designated meals for lunch.



Dietary restrictions can be accommodated if contacted ahead of time.

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The Sasq'ets Basket DECEMBER MENU

27	28	29	30	1	2	3
				Store Products		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Store Products	Crispy Chicken Wrap w/ Fries & Gravey	Store Products	Closed for Elders Xmas Dinner	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Pesto Chicken Club w/ Onion Rings	Store Products	Hamburger Soup, Homemade Bread, Salad	Store Products	Closed for Private Event	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Roast Beef Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, mini slat	Store Products	Chef Salad & Garlic Bread	Store Products	Office Closure	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Office Closure	Office Closure	Office Closure	Office Closure	Office Closure	



Every **TUESDAY** and **THURSDAY** the Sasq'ets Basket stocks the Sts'ailes Store with fresh meals and snacks! They go fast, so be sure to buy yours while quantities last!

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The Sasq'ets Basket

Are you in need of a meeting space or need catering for a special event? Perhaps you left your lunch at home?

MEETING SPACE

We can accommodate group events and business retreats.

CAFETERIA

We offer dine-in and delivered catering and we are more than happy to accommodate your special dietary restrictions to suit your needs.

SPECIALTY ORDERS

Veggie Platter
Baked Goods Platter
Birthday Cakes
Fruit Platter
Charcuterie
Customized Orders Available
Pre-Ordering is required
Delivery available
(delivery charges apply)

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