

THE QUACKER

WHAT'S QUACKIN'?



Mount Saint Helens, Post Eruption.

Quarantine Activities

KYLIE JOHNSON

The stay at home order from the governor is probably leaving a lot of people bored and not knowing what to do. Eventually they would find something to keep them busy but that thing would not last them a long time so they would have to find another thing to keep them busy. I assume that people have done so many new activities while staying at home and I know that I have tried doing some new things also. At the beginning of the stay at home order I did a lot of homework and baking to keep me busy. I baked so many pans of brownies and I remember doing the majority of the first packet in a week. When it finally started to get nice outside, I would go down to our creek and help my family with yard work and we would spend time together having a barbecue, or swimming in the pool. When it was raining, we would all stay inside and sometimes we would watch a movie together, I helped my little brother with his homework, we cleaned our house, and I did homework from the second packet. Things have gotten boring for me a lot of the time, but I have kept myself busy and I have had fun doing the few things that I can do.



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Mount Saint Helens Eruption on May 18, 1980.

Saint Helens Celebrates

ACCOUNT

KARLIE SMITH

On May 18, 1980, an event so huge took place that it forever engrained itself in the history books. The eruption of Mount St. Helens. Shannon Smith was just one of many people who actually got to witness the eruption while it happened. She was eight years old living in Onalaska, Washington. While eating breakfast in her kitchen table where she had a great view of the mountain, tons of ash started pouring out of the volcano, and at that moment it was finally time for the big event to take place. "I had been collecting articles from the Centralia Daily Chronicle anticipating the eruption," says Shannon. eruption, when so much destruction happened, but so much regrowth has taken place since.

Like many others, she had been awaiting the arrival of the explosion, and when it happened, Shannon was scared, surprised, and in awe. After the eruption, there was so much ash on the ground, Shannon wasn't even allowed to go outside to play, and she knew of other places where people had to wear masks to protect them from all the ash in the air. Shannon still goes to the mountain today to hike, pick berries, and do many other activities. "I am still in awe over the destruction caused, and at the same time amazed at home things have come back over time." May 18th is now a famous day that will always be remembered as the day of the eruption, when so much destruction happened, but so much regrowth has taken place since.

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Mount Saint Helens

40 years

KENNEDY LAKE

On March 18, 1980 Mount Saint Helens erupted. A day that would never be forgotten in history. The amount of damage done to its surroundings. Not only the environment but to the people. Many people stuck at home for weeks, and even had to be flown out of their home. Jolene Williamson was one of these people. Here is some of her story.

Did you think the eruption was going to be so disastrous?

In short answer: No. There were many small earthquakes leading up to the eruption, but not anything that startling. However, on May 18 we were told to evacuate because there were poisonous gases coming down the Toutle River. We evacuated with our neighbors and watched as our homes were filled with mud and debris. My friends and I were terrified.

Were you able to go anywhere?

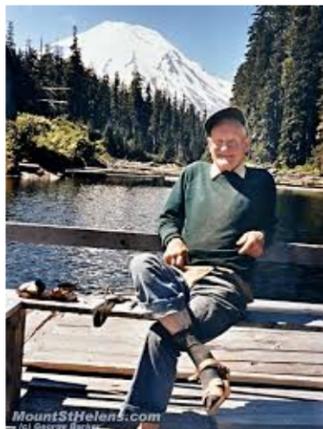
At the time, we were unable to go anywhere. The eruption had shut off our connection to the main road. We also had no power, phones, or water. This lasted until they put in a temporary road around the river. We had donations from the food bank which had to be transported by helicopter to us. My parents could not work and there was no school.

How did the ash impact you?

We received ash masks but rarely wore them as most of the ash was east of the mountain. A week after the eruption is when we got some ash and had to wear our masks often. During the summer the ash seemed to be very bad. When we went for drives it was very difficult to see. The ash also made it hard to breathe at times, other than that I did not have any other big health problems.

If you could summarize the months after the mountain erupted, what would you say?

I saw the giant mudflows, heard the houses and debris crashing together, and heard the Tower Bridge collapse. This was all at the same time we were packing our pets, clothes, and camping items to camp on the hill. We could not cross the bridge which made us isolated for months. Also, we had to let our horses out of the barn to roam free in case our pasture flooded. It was a very scary time for a ten-year-old.



Harry Truman owned a lodge on Spirit Lake and is estimated to be 600 feet under the surface of the earth today.

Source: [Pinterest.com](#)



Trees were thrown down to the ground from strong winds. Source: [History.com](#)

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Mount Saint Helens Interview

JOHN NICHOLSON

Gill Vaughn was a helicopter pilot in the search for survivors at the time of the eruption. He was later a sheriff for the Castle Rock police force. He served in the Military and was also a paramedic. During the eruption, he was in Longview Washington.

Q: After the eruption, how thick was the ash on the ground?

A: Well, since I was in Longview Washington during the eruption, I got barely any ash on the ground.

Q: What was the eruption like?

A: That morning I opened my curtains at the same time the mountain erupted, and it really was just amazing.

Q: Was this predicted?

A: Well people like N.B. Gardner predicted it was going to happen, but no one really believed him.

Q: Could you hear the mountain erupting?

A: No, not at all.

Q: In the helicopter, did you pick up any survivors?

A: I actually picked up Dave Crockett.

Q: After the eruption, what did the landscape look like?

A: Barren and Steamy.

Q: How old were you in 1980?

A: In 1980 I was 34 years old.

Q: If you find a survivor how did you pick him/her up?

A: If we found someone, we would just find a flat area to land and wait for all the ash to settle.

Q: Did you pick up bodies along the way?

A: Not any at all.

Q: Any memories?

A: Well, I was flying Dave Crockett to St. Johns and we saw that there was a crash on I-5. I didn't have my car at the hospital, so I had to call a deputy to bring me home. Because of the closure on I-5 we had to drive back Westside Highway. At the fairgrounds, I had to walk across the bridge. Right in the middle people started screaming run!!!! I looked up to see a barn floating down the river towards the bridge. By the time I was all the way off the barn hit the bridge and split in half.

From this interview I learned that amazing things could happen at any time. I also learned that nature rebuilds itself sometimes without any help from humans. Even though I live close to Mount Saint Helens I learned many things that I never knew in my whole entire life!

MOUNT SAINT HELENS

LIFE IN QUARANTINE

Best Ways to Communicate in Quarantine

KARLIE SMITH

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, a quarantine has been ordered for several weeks, or possibly even months. This makes it hard for many people to keep in touch with family and friends, but thanks to today's technology, there are communication methods that can help people with this problem. First of all, a telephone call or text message is a great way to catch up with someone when you are simply looking to keep in touch. Another great way is through facetime.

There are many different apps that can allow you to talk to someone "face to face" including Zoom, Skype, and House Party. For students, an important person to communicate with right now is teachers. The best way to do this is through emails, which the teachers are always checking. A fun way of communication with friends or family may also be through writing letters. Writing a letter not only allows you to talk with people, but it also serves as a good activity of entertainment during quarantine.

Today, social media is another big way to keep in touch with others. Although sometimes social media is considered negative, it is a great way to communicate with people in times like this. Although we are not allowed to see each other in person often because of the virus, today's technology allows us to keep in touch and communicate with people we are looking to keep in touch with.

Things That Have Been Keeping Me Busy in Quarantine!

KAILEE C.

Quarantine for me has been pretty exciting. We're doing a lot of home remodeling, we got chicks and baby ducks. We are building them a chicken coop. I've been keeping in touch with my family through the phone. I've been keeping distance from my friends. I miss school and hanging out with my friends. I've been learning how to cook by the help of my mom, and I've been keeping busy by doing chores and my homework. I have a lot of siblings, so I'm never bored. I always have them to hang out with. We play a lot of games like tag, hide n seek, board games etc. I try to keep in touch with my grandparents to see how they're doing. We don't go outside much unless we're getting groceries. We disinfect a lot to kill all the germs.

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Activities that are fun to do while in Quarantine!

KAILEE C.

Being stuck inside all day can get very boring if you don't have anything to do. These are just a few things that have kept me busy and from going insane! Cleaning, decluttering and organizing can be very stress relieving after looking at the masterpiece you have created. It's soothing to know that you cleaned up and got rid of the unwanted items in your house or room, etc. Another fun skill to learn is cooking and baking! If you aren't fully comfortable with your skills in the kitchen, quarantine is a great time to work on it. Learning to speak another language using apps that you can download on your phone is a really fun thing to do. Working on eating habits and working out is a great way to stay fit during this pandemic.

ENTERTAINMENT

WORD SEARCH

"QUARANTINE" Kylie Johnson

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- HOMESCHOOL
- WASH YOUR HANDS
- HAND SANITIZER
- PANDEMIC
- GLOVES
- NURSES
- COVID
- ZOOM
- VIRUS
- HEALTHY
- DOCTORS
- CLEANING
- FEVER
- MASK

PERSONAL ACCOUNT

Graduation News

JOHN NICHOLSON

The year of 2020 has not favored well for the world, but especially the class of 2020. Plenty of classic high school opportunities were missed this year for them. But graduation will not be one of them. The Toutle Lake High School administration has put together a graduation plan for the 41 outgoing seniors. On Saturday June 13th 10-11, graduates will be participating in a drive thru, where there will be the diplomas and a to-go breakfast for each senior. Community members are looking at lining up along Spirit Lake Highway off the school district property to congratulate the graduates. At 4 in the afternoon, a virtual graduation link will go live on the Toutle Lake High School website. You can reach this at www.toutlesd.org. To all the graduating seniors, we tip our hats to you and congratulate you.

Recreational Activities During COVID-19

John Nicholson

The Wuhan Coronavirus, or COVID-19, has brought havoc down on our economy, and our daily life. Governments have shut down recreation, the ability to work, to go out and eat. The Toutle Valley is affected by the actions taken by our Governor. Toutle is a tourist's dream due to the fact that it is basically the last spot on Spirit Lake Memorial Highway to stop before heading up to Mount Saint Helens. Here is a guide for legally recreating under the stay at home orders.

Hiking

Hiking is available at Seaquest State Park, Harry Gardner Park, and the State Lands surrounding Mount Saint Helens. There is a Discovery pass required to hike on State Lands. Federal Lands such as the Mount Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument are unfortunately not open at this time.

Biking

An individual can bike all the way along Spirit Lake Memorial Highway to Coldwater and back due to it being public roadway. All of the side roads can also be biked on as well.

Water

For anyone wanting to take to the water, there is a State boat launch off Kerr Road before Silver Lake. Only a Discover Pass is Required. Harry Gardner Park is also open to recreators looking to spend a day at the river. One more option is the Weyerhaeuser Public Access off South Toutle Road. You can take a stop anywhere on this Public Access and enjoy a nice day on the South Fork of the Toutle River. Remember, when recreating maintain 6 feet of social distancing. Stay safe, stay well.

Guide to Staying Fit

KENNEDY LAKE

With Covid-19 making an appearance in our world we need to make sure we are staying healthy. Not only physically but mentally. During these hard times, we need to obey the social distancing to flatten the curve. But where does that leave us to socialize? One thing we could do is find a pen pal. It can be a close friend or even someone you have never met before. This is a fun and proactive way to practice social distancing and socializing! Another idea is to just give an old friend a call, take this time to reconnect with people. Don't always let this time be negative. For physical health, there are also many ways to help this. Take a walk or run outside, get some fresh air. If that is not an option for you, there are other alternatives. For instance, there are many fun free workout videos online. Just remember, to stay safe and save others.

Pandemic Review

ASHLEY BROOKS

This pandemic issue has really no effect on me, but it does for my family. They really do not like staying in the house. My mother still works but my stepdad was sent home because of this COVID-19 problem. Whenever my mom and I go out for groceries, we have to wear masks. I personally do not like it, but it does help. I really have not learned anything new over this break and I have not started a new hobby, but I have been doing all of my homework and I am cooking and baking a lot more than I did before this pandemic stay at home issue. Since I am not sick, I am allowed but barely allowed to go see my friend, but I do have to stay there for a week, so it is easier. Other than that, I do like to call some of my other friends. This break has been really boring though, everyone I have talked to, has hated it.



Mount Saint Helens is a hikers' paradise. People from all around the world come to recreate in this area. Source: Gear Junkie

Support Local Businesses in this time of need!

HOT TOPICS

Other Important News

Agriculture, Mystery, Food, and More!

College in the Classroom

Kylie Johnson

There are many great opportunities that schools allow students to participate in. Students have the opportunity to take a college class and earn credits while at the same time still staying in their high school classroom. This is a great thing for students who can't always go back and forth from their hometown to the college that they are going to. The teacher who is teaching the class takes care of all of the business with the college you are getting the credits for. The credits are transferred to the college. This opportunity allows students to get a head start to college by earning some of the credits that they can earn. From experience, the college English class that I took really helped me become a better writer and it also helped me understand how a class in college could potentially work. I think it is important for a student who is wanting to go to college in the future to get a feeling of what it is like to be in a college class.

Opinion: Teen Jobs

Kylie Johnson

There are two sides to the question, should a student get a job at 16? The first side is yes, they should, and the second side is no they should not. Some people believe that it is important for a student to learn discipline and for them to work for what they get. Others believe that they should just focus on their academics or sports or any other extracurricular activity they are a part of. I think that a teenager should get the knowledge of what it is like to have an actual job, they are not just going to have everything handed to them. It is important that they work for what they get so that when they are older, they know how to make a living. Having to do schoolwork, plus sports and work on top of that can sometimes be challenging for a student. Some might say that it is a distraction for them and that it will only hurt them, but I believe that if a student can learn to maintain all of those things then that means they have a strong character and a lot of potential for the future.

Nicholson House Food Review

John Nicholson

Late into the evening on a Monday in May, I had the pleasure of sitting down for a meal with the Nicholson family. For dinner this evening, chef Josh Nicholson cooked the meal tonight. He decided to go with a fresh beef hamburger patty, this is put into a slider French bread bun. To finish this amazing meal all off, he added fresh vegetables as a side. The French dip came with a liquid sauce called au jus. As this was cooking, I could smell the wonderful aroma, and I was almost certain that this was going to be a great meal. I started off by leaving my burger in the au jus and then eating my vegetables. My first bite was an assortment of the vegetables on the plate. This assortment did not disappoint. The juices burst in my mouth, there was a taste of both butter and well-cooked vegetables. I quickly finished those up in a heartbeat. After that came the burger. By the time I was done with the vegetables, my burger had been soaking in the sauce for quite some time. My first bite of the burger was way better than the vegetables. My mouth was so flavorful and amazing. A variety of different textures rushed through my mouth in a wave of flavor. This was by far one of the best meals I have had in this Nicholson house (yes, I do eat out here quite a bit). In conclusion, I give this meal a 11/10 on the John's Food Corner Food Scale. This meal was full of flavor and cooked to perfection.

Future Farmers of America Plant Sale

John Nicholson

At Toutle Lake High School out of Toutle Washington, the first week of May is considered a tradition to many of the community members. This is the time for the Toutle Lake Future Farmers of America to show their yearly hard work in their annual Plant Sale. This year of course, was a little different. As Governor Jay Inslee announced the end of in school learning for the rest of the year the FFA Chapter knew that their yearly tradition might not end up happening. According to many prominent community members, the greenhouse this year, was unlike ever before. Lester Fickett, Cal Buker, and Donna DeNoble took up the greenhouse position this year, and the greenhouse was full of elegant color, and variety. The FFA chapter decided to take up an online sale instead of the regular, in person traditional sale. A catalog and link were posted on the community page, Toutle Town. Everything was ready to go. On May 1st, an order form went live, and as suspected orders came flying in. Customers came and picked up their orders, with the help of volunteers in the following few days. In the end, the sale produced more than \$9,000, blowing the previous record of around \$6,500 out of the water. The Toutle Lake Future Farmers of America would like to thank the Toutle community for its generous support of our annual fundraiser, and the members of our chapter. This sale was truly, unlike any before.

HOT TOPICS

Mystery Story

KATE FOSTER

I thought today was going to be another simple day, but I was wrong. Today I finally solved the spray-painting case. Early this morning, another car was spray painted. I was excited. This meant the criminal was active, and this would increase my chances of finding the culprit. I continued on with my day keeping my eyes and ears wide open, searching for any clues. From morning to noon, the day was quiet. Though there was gossip of the spray-painting crime, there was not much talk of who it was. I found this to be quite interesting.

I sat back down at my desk and reviewed all of my notes and security footage just in case I missed anything. I did. I reviewed some footage from a few days ago and found a clue. James Waldo, my first suspect, was walking past the school with a large bag on his back. Inside the bag was a red can- a paint can. I knew it! This kid has been playing me the whole time. Immediately I ran to his class to interrogate him.

In his classroom he was sitting quietly and jumped when I yelled, "James Waldo, come with me".

I took him to his locker and demanded that he open it. Inside was the large bag of spray cans, some used and some brand new. I almost laughed my head off when I saw his face in shock. Knowing he had been caught he began to confess to his crimes. Through his own art he earned himself two weeks' worth of detention, and I earned myself a raise. Yes, today was a good day.

MYSTERY STORY

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Stay Safe,
Stay Healthy