**Chehalis Tribal Days starts with honoring: People pay respects then play ball**

Cynthia Andy, Diana Pickernell, Heather Klaturs, and Melanie Hjelm tend grave sites at the Secena Cemetery.

**Ceremony Honors Salmon and provides a plentiful and safe harvest**

By Andy Olson, Fisheries Biologist

The tribe’s annual Salmon Ceremony was held on May 16, 2008. This ceremony was developed and started by Ross Davis and Dale Clark many moons ago. It celebrates and honors the salmon. It also allows us to harvest fish for each year’s ceremony.

There is more to the ceremony than just the feast. The ceremony serves as traditional to teach how to “Honor the Salmon.”

We had originally set the ceremony date for the May 9, but the weather and salmon didn’t cooperate. Spring conditions, the target of tributary and fishing pools, typically don’t move up for the Chehalis River until the water begins to drop and warm, signaling spring is here and summer is near. With the weather staying cooler and rainier this spring, the fish were slow to move so we had to move the ceremony back a week.

We finally had enough salmon by Thursday morning and all the last-minute preparations began. We’re happy if we forgot to get out more notice after having to postpone the ceremony. Just remember, if it doesn’t happen on the scheduled date, it will be set up for the following week. Please check in with us if it’s postponed.

The Lucky Eagle Casino donated all the paper products as well as some food, chairs and tables. The Fisherman’s Fund donated fish and other food.

Thanks out to those who helped prepare and cook the fish and fish heads (Ray Sezeń, Shawn Ortizée, Dennis Cayenne, John Shortman, Fred Shortman, Tim Busby, Cassia Witzcore, Robert Cayenne, and Guy Youckton). Maynard Starr caught and cooked eels (lamprey). Nancy Romero and her sister, Gloria, prepared the salads, fry bread, and desserts with help from their family and Georgette.

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fun-filled weekend.
Thirty teams showed up to “Play Ball!” Divisions included Men’s Hardball, Women’s Slow Pitch Softball and Coed Slow Pitch Softball. On the basketball court, there were games for the kids. Food and craft booths were available in and around the baseball fields.

The First Pitch, Lots of Memories
The sound of the first pitch, the announcers’ voices of Steve and Chaddy, the cheers of the crowd, the look of determination on the players, your own adrenaline rush…Chehalis Tribal Days had begun, and all was right with the world.

As Elders watched, memories were rekindled. Their eyes lit up as they remembered the old days, baseball and other competitions like the 100-yard dash, the color race, the fat man race, the baseball throw, the hoop games. “First we came for the food and the socializing,” said one. “Then we came to compete.”

Many Elders said they had been coming to the tournament for many years, since they were little children. One said, “I look forward to renewing old friendships, seeing my relatives from neighboring tribes, reliving the game through family members who are playing.”

Another said, “My earliest memory of Tribal Days was the food, then it was competing as I got older.” There were also the sweetest memories of playing with teammates and friends who had passed on. But seeing the children and grandchildren brought feelings of joy and pride.

Never Forget the Pride, the Fight to Win
Who couldn’t help but feel proud to watch the determined players, those in it to win for their team, their family, their tribe? All teams came to win the championship jackets, wanting the bragging rights for the rest of the year. That’s why they put on such a great show: an in-your-face demonstration of the fire burning inside them that drove them to push their bodies to their limits, to go for the goal. We could see it in their eyes. Win or lose, each player gave their best. It was a wild ride for the players and the spectators. We can hardly wait till next year.

And we will be back!

Volunteers Make Tournament a Success!
This tournament couldn’t have been possible without the hard work of many people. So here’s a special thanks and recognition to the rest of the volunteers. Tournament Directors, Jesse Goddard and Cheryl Starr; scorekeepers, umpires, announcers, and the groundskeepers.

Tony & Marla Medina did another awesome job with the children’s activities, and all the other activities throughout the baseball games adding to their Tribal Days memories.

Don Secena for prepared the fish for our annual fish plates that were available at the fish pit.

Cheryl Starr, Tournament Director
Carla Thomas & Norma Daniels
Scorekeepers
Andy Zesty & Tanya, Umpires

When the final game of the tournament ended, there were awards handed out in each division: 1st Place received championship jackets; 2nd Place received pulllover windbreakers; 3rd Place received sweatshirts, 4th Place received T-Shirts; All Stars received Best Bat; and MVP received Best Glove.

Men’s Hardball
Jesse Goddard, Tournament Director
Diana Pickernell, Scorekeeper
1st Place – Little Boston I
2nd Place – Little Boston Potlatch
3rd Place – Willies
4th Place – Nisqually

Little Boston from Port Gamble S’Klallam won the men’s hardball championship jackets. Little Miss Head Start, Kayley Trotz, and Jr. Miss, Madison Carter, kneel at the bottom right.

Women’s Slow Pitch Softball
Cheryl Starr, Tournament Director
Carla Thomas & Norma Daniels
Scorekeepers
Andy Zesty & Tanya, Umpires
1st Place – All Nations
2nd Place – Taholah Lady Stars
3rd Place – Skokomish
4th Place – Muckleshoot

All Nations from the Chehalis Tribe, Muckleshoot, and won the women’s slow pitch softball championship.

Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball
Cheryl Starr, Tournament Director
Carla Thomas & Norma Daniels
Scorekeepers
Andy Zesty & Tanya, Umpires
1st Place – All Nations
2nd Place – Lower Elwha
3rd Place – Taholah Stars
4th Place – Muckleshoot

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Chehalis Canoe Club
Tribal Journey 2008-Paddle to Q’WUTSUN (Cowichan Bay, BC)

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Tribal Vice Chairman, Don Secena, was one of the volunteers who helped cook at the Salmon Bake at the fish pit.

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The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation...“People of the sands”
2008. Case and detail work will continue through September. The new casino addition will be open to the public in mid-to-late July.

The Foot Patrol is seen in the background and Joyleen McCrory finish that will give our customers a sense of being under the open sky; interesting floor and wall treatments, and eye-catching signage throughout the gaming floor.

Robert Wertz

"This is a gift of prosperity from the Chehalis people to the community. It will create more jobs and help stabilize the local economy."

June Jones

"It's great, just like its name! I'm proud of my people who worked so hard to make it happen. I'm so glad it's for families. I'm very happy at the fact that it's something we created for kids."

Ida Roseander, Tribal Elder

"It's beautiful. It will provide jobs for a lot of people. I'm really happy about it. Ten years ago, I couldn't have imagined this. It would have been a dream that could not be done."

A new state-of-the-art air ventilation system is being installed to provide our customers and associates with a comfortable environment for work and fun.

Gerald Jake Jones (Port Gamble S'Klallam)

"It's a very generous. Every tribe should have one of these. I want Port Gamble to build one of these in the next few years, before I'm too old to swim!"

Kathy Pickernell

"It will give our youth something to do, to have good, family fun. I remember we used to go to the river and inner tube. These tubes reminded me of that."
**Honoring Our Elders: Evelyn Penn**

Evelyn Penn’s grandma, Hattiette Pete, who was married to Frank Pete, decided how to weave. She remembers watching her on the porch working her material. “I was amazed at how gentle and patient she was while making her baskets, how much she put into her own work,” said Evelyn.

She first learned how to bead from her sister-in-law, Judy Pete, who was married to Wesley Penn. They made different items to sell and give away as was needed for extra spending money.

Her interest in weaving started in 2019, the year her mom passed away. She started working with cattail and raffia, but was only able to start the bottom coil of a basket. Evelyn said, “I couldn’t understand how to do the rest, and tried to rely on what I remembered while watching my grandma.”

She was invited by Henritta Boyd, who was the Elders Coordinator at the time, to attend basket weaving classes called “Let’s Get Started!” The class was being sponsored by the Chehalis Tribal Heritage Committee. Evelyn was excited and signed up immediately. This class taught her how to work with cedar. Her first assignment was to make a little cedar basket. It was a four-hour class taught by Linda ______. Evelyn said proudly, “I was able to complete my first basket on the first day. After finishing, I wanted to start another basket. I was told by Linda that I had ‘The Gift of working with cedar.’”

There were about 15 people who participated in the class. “I felt really connected to working with cedar, because while working on my basket, I found myself being very focused on my work,” said Evelyn.

She later learned how to gather materials from Yvonne Peterson who was the Elders Coordinator. Evelyn shared with me—understanding, as a basket weaver, that it’s not until you hold the material in your hands, do you know what it is. That’s how I learned to not work the material while you are upset or angry and to take pride in your work. That’s how I became a basket weaver.”

Chehalis Tribal Member, Evelyn Penn, is 57 years old and comes from a family of basket makers. She has five brothers and three sisters. She is the oldest daughter of Ruth Pete and Merritt Penn. She graduated from Olympia High School in 1970.

She volunteered at the Chehalis Tribal Head Start Program while her daughter was attending. She has worked different positions on Head Start and received her Teachers Certificate. She also received a Bachelor of Science from the Evergreen State College. She has eight children, ages 15-37, six girls, two boys and nineteen grandchildren with one on the way. Her hobbies are weaving, crafting and crocheting. Evelyn is presently working on her first sweet grass and raffia hat.

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**Kindergarten Here We Come!!**

By Tracy Mitchell

The Chehalis Tribal Head Start graduation took place on April 29, 2008 at the Lucky Eagle Casino. We had 29 students advancing to Kindergarten this year. The children were red and black gowns and proudly marched up the aisle and onto the stage to receive their diplomas.

Many hours of planning and fund raising went into this year’s event and it definitely paid off! Special thank you goes out to the parents and family members who donated their time and talent to ensure that the children’s Head Start graduation would be remembered for years to come. We would also like to thank all of the tribal employees and community members that supported the Head Start Program by buying raffle tickets and baked goods. The Lucky Eagle Casino graciously donated the use of the Bingo Hall and also provided dinner after the ceremony. The Head Start Program is very grateful for all of the support we received this year. They are a very important part of our program. Numerous businesses donated thousands of dollars of merchandise for our raffles. We are very appreciative of their generosity. Graduation is a very special part of the Head Start Experience and we couldn’t do it every year without all of the support from the community.

The 5th Annual Literacy Parade, sponsored by TELO Program, was held on May 3 for the Chehalis Tribal community. The theme picked for this year’s parade was “Careers.” Tribal programs were invited to submit floats but the pattern continued to be proudly displayed at their department until the following year. Elders voted to determine the winner. The K-12 Education Program strongly encourages the Chehalis Tribal leaders and departments of the Chehalis Tribal community to participate. The sole purpose of the parade is to promote the importance of education among our youth in a fun and entertaining manner.

Traditionally, the parade is followed by a flag football tournament in October. Due to an unfortunate death in the community, the parade was postponed until next year.

The Accounting, Clinic, Head Start and K-12 Education programs all put effort and creativity into each of their floats making the final decision for the most float difficult. Accounting employees dressed as professional athletes and comically poked fun at steroid use. A tasty barbecue catered by Two Old Crows restaurant was served afterward at the community center. K-12 Education would like to thank all of the department and District for their participation in this event. We encourage all of you to get involved next year. After all, it is for our youth.

The clinic featured children posing as doctors and nurses to represent the future of the medical field. Head Start wore chef outfits and decorated their float with balloons and food to exemplify culinary arts. The environmental program staff dressed as fishermen, hunters and loggers. It was a tough call, but the title for best float was awarded to the clinic.

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**Over 50 Join Cancer Walk**

By Misty Hill

Front: Zachary Woosley, Shayna Pickennell, Jimmee Jimenez, Samantha Moceri, Aaron Esquivel, Shelby Petty, Chyler Daniels, Jimena Gomez, Hector Ortizvex, Michelle Miranda, Travis Benning, Allee Fair, Mykale Atkinson, Jordan Voncile, Jordan Knitelle, Emily Hofstra

Middle: Mira Rainbolt, Tres Meddaugh, Allie Fair, Mykale Moceri, Aaron Esquivel, Shelby Petty, Chyler Daniels, Jimena Gomez, Linda ______. Evelyn said proudly, “I was able to complete my first basket on the first day. After finishing, I wanted to start another basket. I was told by Linda that I had ‘The Gift of working with cedar.’”

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She later learned how to gather materials from Yvonne Peterson who was contracted to teach classes at the time. “Yvonne showed me how to gather sweet grass, cattail, cedar bark, cedar and birch root.

Since the class, Evelyn has completed thirty-two cedar hats. She said, “In giving my first hat away, I’m following the tradition that my dad taught me. So, I continue to honor that tradition and pass on to those who wish to listen. Sometimes as we grow up, things touch us and we become teachers through our own life. We may not understand them until we are able to hear their voices. We are saying to you, please, I wish I could complete it too!”

Thank you to those who dedicated their family pictures for the cause. It’s touching to see how many people donated money or purchased tickets for the 5th Annual Parade Float Award.

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**Clinic Wins Best Parade Float Award**

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