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Program News

Monday Clinic Hours Change

The Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center (CTWC) will be operating on a later schedule on Mondays. Starting July 7, the clinic hours will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. We hope these hours will assist patients who have difficulty accessing CTWC services during the normal 8-4:30 hours.

Dental Appointment Guidelines

The Chehalis Tribal Dental Clinic staff is dedicated to your quality care and is pleased to reserve an appointment for all dental health consumers. In order to meet the scheduling needs of all of our patients, we have established guidelines regarding appointment scheduling. Many patients need our services and missed appointments affect everyone.

1. It is the patient's responsibility to keep scheduled appointments.

2. So that we may provide care to all of our patients, we request a minimum of four hours notice for cancellations. When a patient has not given the four-hour advanced notice or has failed to arrive within 15 minutes prior to their appointment time, this is called a "failed appointment."

3. If a patient has more than two failed appointments in a six-month time period, the patient will not be able to schedule a dental appointment for the next six months. A patient can call in the morning to see if an appointment is available on a day-to-day basis.

Help for Reservation Pets

Do you have a dog or cat that needs to be fixed? Did you know there are several organizations that will help pay the cost to have pets on the Chehalis Reservation spayed/neutered?

Rez Animal Resources & Education will pay for your pet to be spayed/neutered at either Scatter Creek Animal Clinic in Rochester or Fords Prairie Animal Clinic in Centralia. If you are interested please contact Amy Loudermilk in the Planning Department at the Chehalis Tribal Center or contact me (360) 858-1513 aloudermilk@chehalis-tribe.org.



CHEHALIS TRIBAL NEWSLETTER



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Honoring Elders: Evelyn Penn



■ Elder learns to weave baskets, 4



29 Head Start students graduated in April

■ Red and black caps were everywhere, and smiles were on every face at the ceremony held at the Lucky Eagle Casino, 4

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



Foreground (L-R): Cynthia Andy, Diana Pickernell, Heather Klatush, and Melanie Hjelm tend grave sites at the Secena Cemetery.

■ The Chehalis Tribal Days start with honoring the Ancestors and ends with the Memorial Day Baseball Championships.

The Tribal Days Memorial Day Baseball Tournament is a Chehalis Tribal tradition, one that always starts with honoring those who have passed away in service to our country. On Thursday, May 22, about twenty Chehalis Tribal Members and others visited the cemetery to pay their respects, mow grass, clean the headstones, and place flowers. Marie Bird gave the blessing. The tribe provided lunch for the volunteers.

During lunch, some of the Elders talked about the old days. "Men would go clean the cemetery while the women cooked and prepared the food," recalled Janice.

"After the work was finished, they would play baseball and other games.

Also, the men would bring their tools and equipment and prepare the baseball field during the week. This is what honoring Memorial Day weekend is all about," added Dolly.

As people worked together, and read the headstones, fond memories of people who had passed away emerged. Some memories were recent and brought forth tears. Other memories linked people to their family trees. After the all-day clean-up, everyone left reminded of our ancestors and the importance of taking care of the cemeteries.

Little Miss Tribal Days and Excitement!

The Elders voted for four categories: Little Miss Head Start Kayley Trott; Li'l Miss Pai-nui Carter; Junior Miss Malena Canales, and Li'l Miss Tribal Days Madison Carter. The Youth Center provided dinner.

By Friday, anticipation of baseball games was in the air. All the work was finished by the grounds keepers who had the fields and reservation prepared for a

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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, 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 uses oral tradition 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 Chinook, the target of tribal nets and fishing poles, typically don't move far up 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 appear, 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 sorry 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 go out to those who helped prepare and cook the fish and fish heads (Ray Secena, Shawn Ortivez, Dennis Cayenne, John Shortman, Fred Shortman, Barnaby Canales, Wakisa Wittwer, 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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Great Wolf soft opening: Kids love it (so do parents)!

Howlin' fun for everyone
By Cecilia Kayano

Chehalis Elders and families walked through the massive doors of the Great Wolf Lodge, many seeing it for the first time. It was the lodge's soft opening, held

on March 13. Eyes were wide, taking it all in. "Mom, are we going to live here now?" asked one youngster. Everyone was feeling right at home.

During the opening ceremony, Great Wolf Manager, Derrek Kenzel, paid tribute to all the Chehalis tribal members who had supported and worked towards building the lodge. "This is not about just the Great Wolf. It's about all of Chehalis tribal members," said Derrek. Then the group on stage, including Chehalis Tribal

Chairman David Burnett, joined in an enthusiastic wolf howl.

Kids were fidgeting during the lodge tour. Everyone knew what they wanted to do: get soaking wet in the water park. Soon, that's what they were doing: hundreds of children, moms, dads and grandparents, climbing stairs, sliding, screaming, dodging spouts of water and jumping into waves. It was a great break from the freezing cold spring.



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Tribal Days

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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 Chubby, the cheers of the crowd, the looks 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 dry canoe races, the fat man races, the baseball throw, the bone games. "First we came for the food and the socializing," said one Elder. "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 bittersweet 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's.

And we will be back!

"We're here for one reason: good, old-fashioned Indian baseball!"
- Ken Stevens



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

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, Jessie Goddard and Cheryl Starr; scorekeepers, umpires, announcers, and the grounds keepers.
- 🕒 Tony & Marla Medina did another awesome job with the children's activities through-out 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.

🕒 Shawn Ortivez & Robert Cayenne prepared the clams & oysters.

The salmon, clams, and oyster plates sell out quickly, so next year, remember to check in at the fish pit to see when they'll be done. Other volunteers at the fish pit were: Guy Youckton, Roberta Youckton, Leslie Boyd, Pai-nui Carter, Norma Daniels, Mary Secena.

Chehalis Canoe Club

Tribal Journey 2008-Paddle to QUW'UTSUN (Cowichan Bay, BC)

- July 14.....Squaxin Island Hosting
- July 15.....Arrive at Nisqually
- July 16.....Arrive at Puyallup
- July 17.....Arrive at Muckleshoot – 2 days
- July 19.....Arrive in Suquamish
- July 20.....Arrive in Port Gamble S'Klallam
- July 21.....Arrive in Port Townsend
- July 22.....Arrive in Jamestown
- July 23.....Arrive in Elwah – 2 days
- July 25.....Arrive in Songuees
- July 26.....Arrive in Tsaout (E Saanich)
- July 27.....Arrive in Tsartlip (W Saanich)
- July 28.....Arrive in Cowichan
- August 1.....Final Day of Potlatch protocol
- August 2.....Rehearsal day for Indigenous games
- August 3.....Opening Ceremonies and Cowichan will do their protocol and giveaway

You'll need the following to enter and exit B.C.: drivers license, original birth certificate, Proof of Residence, or tribal ID. Questions, contact Sylvia Cayenne at 360.273.5911 or sylvia@chehalisreservation.org.



Tournament Summary

When the final game of the tournament ended, there were awards handed out to each division: 1st Place received championship jackets; 2nd Place received pullover 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 1
- 2nd Place – Little Boston Pistols
- 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 Trott, 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 Zaidy & Terry, 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 Zaidy & Terry, Umpires

- 1st Place – All Nations
- 2nd Place – Lower Elwha
- 3rd Place – Taholah Stars
- 4th Place – Muckleshoot



All Nations from the Chehalis Tribe, Muckleshoot, _____, and _____ won the co-ed's slow pitch softball championship.

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The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation...

"People of the sands"

Salmon

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Wells. We would like to thank them for their food contribution. The Youth Council was critical in the setup of the food and cleanup. Thank you to Marie Bird and Bones who performed the opening prayers blessing the event.

This year we rented and put up an awning for the Elders, and it worked well

to shade them from the hot sun as it was a beautiful sunny day. We are hoping that next year's run of Spring Chinook will be stronger and will allow a commercial and subsistence fishing season.

If you wish to learn about the ceremony, come join us. This is our culture. Let's continue it. Don't forget this ceremony is for the salmon -- it is key to a plentiful and safe harvest. Thanks for attending and see you next year.



Along with honoring the salmon, we honor the Elders by inviting them to be first in line. The smell of salmon cooked over an open fire filled the air.

More gaming space, "open sky" ceiling, and three-story admin building at the Lucky Eagle Casino

To meet its growing customer needs, the Lucky Eagle Casino is adding 19,140 square feet to the existing casino's gaming floor. This will allow for an additional 134 new slot machines, bringing the total number of slot machines to 785. The expansion is designed to allow the casino to grow up to the present legal limit of 975 games.

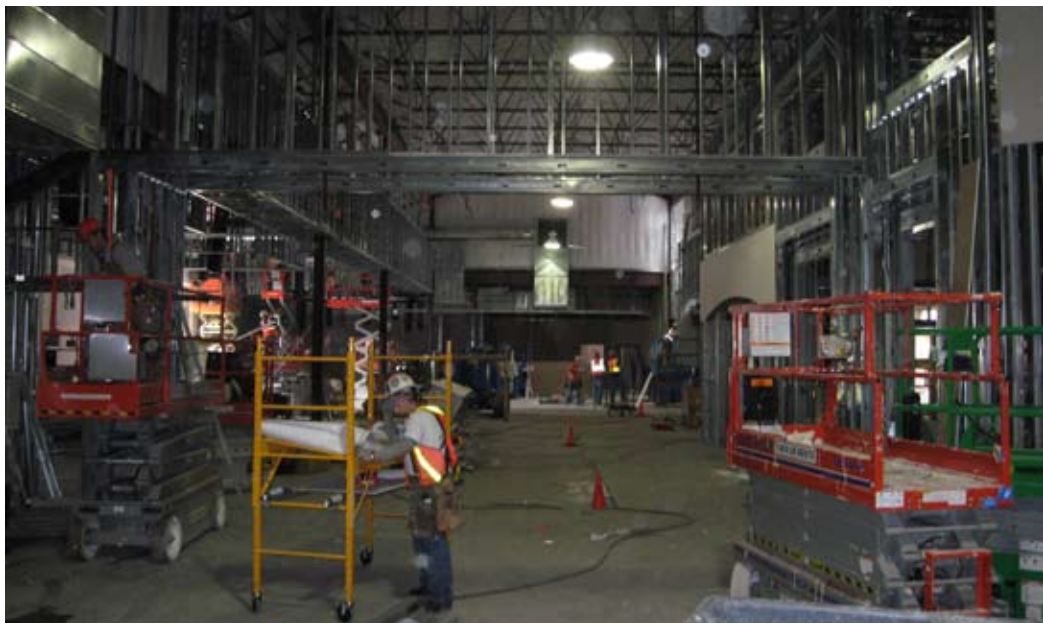
The new non-smoking gaming area will provide our guests direct access to a cashier cage and a non-smoking environment with a separate outside entrance.

The new area will feature a cityscape theme including higher ceilings with a 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.

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.

A three-story, 20,000 square foot administrative building will replace the long used "modular" offices. The new office building is located at the southeast end of the casino and will allow the many departments to work under one roof thus streamlining communication and coordination efforts.



The new casino addition will be open to the public in mid-to-late July 2008. Case and detail work will continue through September. The administrative building will be ready for occupancy in September.



The Tribe donated \$10,000 to the Ronald McDonald House on May 24, 2008. The Foot Patrol is seen in the background and Joyleen McCrory handing the check to Kaarin Stowell, Operations Manager with Ronald McDonald House.

Soft Opening

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It was a great opportunity to be healthy: to run, swim, jump (for hours), and to have some good, clean, fun, family time.

Here is what Tribal Members had to say:

Helen Sanders, Tribal Elder

"It's big and nice. I just live two miles down the road. You look at it from outside and it's huge, but from the inside, it's even more impressive. We seniors are excited about it."

Janice Latch, Tribal Elder

"Awesome! I feel so proud. I'm busting with pride. I think all of us are! This is ours!"

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."

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 so happy because it's something we created for kids."

Gerald Jake Jones (Port Gamble S'Klallam)

"It's really awesome. 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."

Liz Jones

"I work here and I love my job. The employees are fun. There's a lot of good energy. It's better than working at Disneyland. My 9-month-old son will come here. It will help him be even more active."

Rodney Youckton

"I think it's great for the tribe to expand, to create another enterprise and make different investments."

Natalie Pickernell, age 16

"My high school friends are envious!"

Enrique Lopez

"It gives our son Jordan a chance to be active in the winter. He gets a chance to run around and use his energy. Outside it's gloomy. But inside it's like summertime."

Shayla Seymour

"I'm proud, but I've always been proud to be a Chehalis member."

Kamryn Coillard, age 6

"It's bigger and better than I thought. I want to come here once a week. It makes me feel happy."

Lisa Powell

"Seeing my grandkids so happy, it makes me happy!"

David Youckton

"It's made us a major player in southern Thurston County. With that comes responsibility. We are operating clean enterprises. We are providing jobs. I don't see this as the end. We can keep developing enterprises because of the tremendous growth potential in southern Thurston County."

Mel Youckton, Tribal Elder

"I remember when we had a hard time making payroll, when we had 15 employees and many budget restraints. I used to worry. Now, I don't worry. This is beyond outstanding! This makes our Chehalis people proud. But we still must be careful. We need to continue to remember our relatives, our heritage and where we came from."



Dan Gleason, Tribal Elder, said, "We didn't have anything like this when we were young. We didn't even have electricity! I remember doing the blessing at the ground breaking ceremony. It was hard to image. It was like having a good dream."

Explaining Great Wolf Lodge Passes and Discounts

NON-GUEST PASSES

Four times each year, every adult (21 and older) Tribal Member will be invited to purchase passes to the water park for a discounted fee, without having to be an overnight guest of the Great Wolf Lodge. Each time, the tribal member will be able to purchase up to six non-overnight-guest passes to enjoy the water park for one day.

The price for the non-guest passes will initially be \$10, and will be subject to future adjustments.

The Tribal Member may obtain a "coupon" from the Tribe, which will be issued in their name. Upon presenting the coupon at the Great Wolf Lodge, the Tribal Member will be required to show identification, and only the person who is named on the coupon will be eligible to purchase the non-guest passes.

The total number of non-guest passes sold on any given day is subject to control of the Great Wolf Lodge, and may vary daily, based upon the number of registered guests at the time. If the lodge is full on a date that is not blacked out, the Tribal Center will be notified.

DISCOUNT ROOM RATES

Tribal members will be entitled to purchase one guest room at a time at the same rate as the "Friends and Family" of the Great Wolf Lodge employees. Non-guest passes and guest room nights will be subject to certain "black-out" dates. A list of dates will be provided at the Tribal Center, or may be obtained from the Great Wolf Lodge.

Tribal Members may obtain a form from the Tribal Center, or one can be sent electronically via email. The completed form will be submitted to the Great Wolf Lodge contact identified on the form. The form must allow for at least two weeks notice to schedule the stay, and a confirmation number will be sent back to the requester. Loud parties or significant room damage suspends this privilege.

Contact Chris Ortivez, Enrollment Clerk, 360.273.5911 or cortivez@chehalis-tribe.org, or any of the members of the Business Committee for more information about non-guest passes and discount room rates.



Honoring Our Elders: Evelyn Penn How She Became a Basket Weaver

Evelyn Penn's grandma, Hariette Pete, who was married to Frank Pete, showed her 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 herself into her work," said Evelyn.

She first learned how to bead from her sister-in-law, Judy Penn, 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 2001, after her mom past 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 remember how to do the rest, and tried to rely on what I remembered while watching my grandma."

She was invited by Henrietta Boyd, who was the Elders Coordinator at the time, to attend basket weaving classes held at the Elders Center. 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. Their 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 contracted to teach classes at the time. Yvonne show us 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 to me. So, I continue to honor that tradition and pass it on to those who wish to listen. Sometimes as we grow up, things touch us and we become connected to them through our life. We may not understand them until we are able to hear what they are saying to us. My mom used to tell me what they meant, but I failed to receive the whole message. The message continued to try and reach out to me, but still I couldn't understand it. When I finished the first basket, I finally understood the message that was reaching

out to me -- become a basket weaver!"

"I do remember that day, when it came all together. Now, I dedicate myself to continue to learn and teach what was shared with me--understanding, as a basket weaver, that it's not until you hold the material in your hands, do you know what will become of it. 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 and hat weaver."

Chehalis Tribal Member, Evelyn Penn, is 57 years old and comes from a family of nine. She has five brothers and three sisters. She is the oldest daughter of Ruth Pete and Morris 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 in Head Start and received her Teachers Certificate. She also received her BA in Native American Studies at the Evergreen State College. She has eight children, ages 16-37; six girls, two boys and nine grand-children with one more on the way. Her hobbies are weaving, beading and making regalia for her children. Evelyn is presently working on her first sweet grass and raffia hat.

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 wore red and black caps and gowns and proudly marched up the aisle and onto the stage to receive their diplomas.

Many hours of planning and fund raising efforts went into this year's event and it definitely paid off! A 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 receive from them every 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.



Chehalis Tribal Head Start ♦ 2008

Front: Zachary Woosley, Shayna Pickernell, James Jimenez, Samantha Mocer, Aaron Esquivel, Shelby Petty, Chyler Daniels, Jimena Gomez, Hunter Ortivez, Middle: Mira Rainbolt, Tres Meddaugh, Allie Fair, Mykale Atkins, Lizbeth Mendez, Jonathan Knittle, Emily Holmes-Pickernell, Zachary Sauer, Tanya Sanchez, Kalob Spann, Destiny Ziady, Top: Teacher Tracy, Andrea Greiner, Joshua Hubbard, Caelen Christensen, Johnny Secena, Owen Harner, Julian Garcia, Aaron Jones, Jacob Ristvet, Elizabeth Phelps, Teacher Marilynn

Talkin' Trash

By Glen Connelly



Free Trash Services

There are two ways to get rid of trash: 1) put your trash cans and recycling bins out on the curb and have them picked up by LeMay, and; 2) use the 40-yard Tribal dumpster located on the old Hamilton Farm on Howanut Road. Both options are free. Please do not burn garbage, furniture, construction debris or cardboard. (EPA restrictions do not allow this kind of burning.) And, please do not dump garbage alongside any road.

Here are some garbage disposal tips:
- Use your regular LeMay garbage pick-up service for everyday trash.
- Do not put hazardous chemicals (paint, batteries, motor oil) in your curbside bins, or in the dumpster (take

them to transfer stations in Lacey or Centralia).

- Use the dumpster for any extra trash, or large items like furniture or mattresses. Do not overfill the dumpster (LeMay will not remove it if the lid doesn't close).

Handling Fireworks and Cardboard

Fireworks season is already here! Please do not throw away unspent fireworks. Put spent tubes and other wrappers in plastic garbage bags, then throw away. We are working on a recycling plan for all those cardboard boxes that come from the fireworks.

When the cardboard recycling bins arrive, please remember:

- Flatten the cardboard boxes before putting in bins.
- Use bins for cardboard only.
- Only put flattened cardboard in bins (no paper, no spent fireworks tubes, no Styrofoam, no plastic strapping).

Any questions about solid waste can be directed to Glen Connelly, Environmental Program Specialist in the Department of Natural Resources at 858-1554 or gconnelly@chehalis.org.

Over 50 Join Cancer Walk

The Chehalis Tribe held its first annual Cancer Walk on May 25. All the proceeds went to cancer prevention. Fifty-two people walked 5K for this worthwhile cause. Great job everyone who walked, and yes, Lucille Back completed it too!

Thank you to those who donated family pictures for the memorial, the people who donated money or purchased T-shirts, and those who walked. A special thanks to Joyleen and Vernon McCrory who dedicated their time and effort in making this a successful memory. This was a touching and memorable experience.



The first annual Cancer Walk raised \$700 for cancer victims. A memorial was created of pictures of cancer survivors, as well as those who lost the fight.

Clinic Wins Best Parade Float Award

By Misty Hill

The 5th Annual Literacy Parade, sponsored by the 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 that fit the theme. There is always friendly competition among the departments to win best float. The best float winner receives the TELO traveling drum 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 departments and leaders 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 May.

The Accounting, Clinic, Head Start and Education Departments put great effort and creativity into each of their floats making the final decision for the best float difficult. Accounting employees dressed as professional athletes and comically poked fun at steroid use.

A tasty barbecue catered by *Two Old Crows and a Hen* restaurant was served afterward at the community center. K-12 Education would like to thank all of the departments and the Oakville School District for their participation in this event. We encourage more people 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. A boat covered with fishing gear carried education staff dresses as fishermen, hunters and loggers. It was a tough call, but the title for best float was awarded to the clinic.