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# Program News

## Accounting Office Hours Change for Better Customer Service

The Accounting Office has extended its hours. Now open through lunch, staff will be available from 8:00 am-4:30 pm Monday through Friday. This will make it convenient for PUD customers to pay their bills.

## Fireworks Application Are Now Available

With the Fireworks season coming up. Any tribal members planning to have a fireworks stand, applications and fireworks ordinance will be available at the Accounting Office. This will include the information on permit costs.

## Activities Help Smokers Quit

*By Lorrie Bonnifer, Family Services  
Prevention Specialist*

Are you serious about quitting smoking? Please see Dr. Stuber, Dr. Solis, and Donna if you need a jump start to quit smoking.

We are also starting a quit smoking group that will be meeting at the Resource Room every Wednesday 12–1:00 pm, starting June 10. Bring your own lunch.

June 17 we are having a “Kick Butts Day” and picking up all of the cigarette butts around the Tribal Center, Head Start, and Youth Center, from 10:00 am till noon. Yummy smoothies will be provided in the morning, and a great, nutritious lunch will be provided at noon. Everyone is encouraged to come and help clean up and be a part of our Kick Butts Day!

And, don’t forget the youth prevention group meetings, Thursdays, May 7 and 28, 4–5:00 pm at the Resource Center.

■ Language Class - Wednesdays at 5:30-6:30 PM

■ Carving Class - Every Wednesdays- Starts at 6:30 pm and Fridays, Starts at 3:30 pm

■ Thursday-Cultural Class Starts at 4-7:0 pm

## Moved Recently? Let Us Know, and Get Your Mail

*By Fred Shortman, Editor*

If you have recently moved, or are planning to move, make sure you contact me, the Newsletter Editor, with your new mailing address. Many important tribal documents, including this newsletter, will not be forwarded. They are mailed back to me or other tribal departments.

If you have not been receiving this newsletter, or other important tribal information including per capita, please contact me as soon as possible. I will forward your new address to appropriate departments. Presently, there are 20 tribal members with unknown addresses. Call me at 360-709-1726 and leave your name and new address or email me at fshortman@chehalistribe.org. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

# CHEHALIS TRIBAL NEWSLETTER



♦ “People of the Sands” ♦



## Youths Books Selected to be Placed in Rochester Primary Library

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**The Great Wolf Lodge Green Seal Team L-R: Brandon Gibeaut, Brent Turner, Sean Lynch, Rebecca Crane, Brian Ballie, Karina Addari, James Anderson, Shawn Miller, Jamal Ahangarzadeh, Maggie Moore, Derrek Kinzel, Nick Cooper, Carrie Markle and John Poole**

## Great Wolf Resorts Lead the Way for Hotels to Go Green

**MADISON, Wisconsin (April 16, 2009)** Great Wolf Resorts, Inc.®, North America’s largest family of indoor water park resorts, today announced all its U.S. properties have achieved Green Seal™ certification for the lodging portion of its operations, making Great Wolf Lodge® brand resorts the first and only national hotel chain to earn that distinction. Green Seal is a 20-year-old, independent, non-profit organization dedicated to creating a more sustainable world. Green Seal created a rigorous, science-based environmental standard for the industry, which includes nearly three dozen environmentally responsible criteria for lodging properties.

Along with the Green Seal announcement, Great Wolf Lodge executives took the occasion to unveil the company’s own, even more sweeping, environmental program called “Project Green Wolf.”

During the month of April, General Manager Derrek Kinzel, and his team of managers welcomed a small crowd of visitors to showcase some of the materials

and methods they’ve adopted since opening in 2008. Both the hotel and water park portions of the business are part of Project Green Wolf, and the program also includes an inventive educational program for the resorts’ youngest guests created in partnership with National Geographic Kids™.

“We believe green tourism is the most important travel trend of our lifetime, and we wanted to do the right thing by taking a leadership position on this,” said Kim Schaefer, chief executive officer of Great Wolf Resorts. “It’s nice to be recognized as the first national hotel chain to achieve Green Seal certification, yet more importantly, it’s gratifying to know we’re doing our part to create a sustainable tourism product for lots of families and generations to come.”

The company spent the last year making the necessary changes to meet the Green Seal requirements. As part of the certification process, each resort underwent an extensive operations audit covering nearly every aspect of its lodging business.

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## Tribal Members Care for the Environment

*By Glenn Connelly, Environmental  
Program Specialist*

Earth Day was April 22, and you probably noticed a work crew in pick-up trucks, cleaning up around the reservation. That was your Spring Clean-Up Crew for 2009. The Business Committee, Natural Resources Department, and Maintenance Department worked together to organize Spring Clean-Up 2009 for the tribal community.

The tribe provided extra dumpsters and a recycling area at the old Hamilton Farm. We hired a crew to help tribal Elders clean up their yards, help people unload their trash into the dumpsters at the farm, clean up around the tribal center, and tribally-owned properties. They hauled garbage, mowed lawns and helped make the Chehalis Reservation look its best. We’d like to thank Maynard Starr, Jerry Youckton, Derek Youckton, Tina Damis, Brian Benda, Casey Pickernell, Walter Lewis, Mel Youckton, Dylan Hjelm, and Kly Meas for all their hard work. We cleaned up over 20 tons of



**Two tribal members, Tina Damis and Brian Benda, disassemble broken playground equipment in the park on Tahown Drive.**

trash, plus we recycled over 100 tires, about 20 old appliances, and some old paint and chemicals.

The work crew may be gone, but you can still do your spring cleaning anytime you want. The tribe keeps two dumpsters at the Hamilton Farm for any tribal member to use, for FREE! Washers, dryers, and other metal items can be dropped for FREE at the small scrap yard in Rochester. Refrigerators and freezers need to go to the Lewis County Transfer Station in Chehalis, or the Thurston County Transfer Station at Hawks Prairie and will cost \$10 or \$20 to recycle.

Old chemicals, oil-based paints, and

## Honoring Fred Elders: Sanchez, Sr.



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## Hotel’s New Slot Gaming Room Offers More Fun, More Jobs

*By Fred Shortman, Editor*

The Eagles Landing Hotel opened a new tribal gaming site on April 20. The slot room has 23 Class II rocket games and a POS station. The room was converted from an infrequently used conference room just off the hotel lobby.

Hours before the opening, the slot room employees, hotel managers, video cashiers, and security guards were introduced to the fundamentals of gaming. Guest speakers helped orient the new employees to gaming. Attending were representatives from Tribal Gaming, tribal police, Lucky Eagle Casino security, cage and surveillance staff, and rocket gaming staff. The new security guards had already attended a two-day training, which included first-aid, provided by the casino Security Department.

Expectations were high as everyone focused on learning their new roles. Hotel Manager Glen Brydges said, “The slot room opens a new avenue of excitement for our hotel guests.” The slot machines were moved from the Lucky Eagle Casino to the hotel and will be open 24 hours. For the first time in southwest Washington, slot machine gaming is being offered to adults 18 years and older. This is permissible because alcohol is not served in the hotel.

Additional security guards have been hired on the premises, and surveillance cameras have been installed to protect and monitor the safety of patrons, employees, and tribal assets. With cigarette smoking allowed, the HVAC system was upgraded to properly maintain the environment.

Chehalis Tribal Enterprises (CTE) worked closely with hotel and casino management as well as the Tribal Gaming Agency (TGA) in preparation for the slot room. CTE Financial Manager Chris Richardson said, “The Chehalis Tribe has

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## 2 First Graders Write and Publish Their Own Books



First graders Kirsten Secena and Walker Mattson display their books “Things That Go” that were selected to be placed in the Rochester Primary School Library. First grade teacher Ms. Belmont says, “This inspires students to organize, read, and write.”

By Fred Shortman, Editor

Mrs. Belmont’s first grade class received a grant from the TwinStar Credit Union to publish books written by students. Mrs. Belmont has been doing this for the last three years. She says it inspires students to organize, read, and write. It also teaches them the hard work it takes to publish a book.

This year was the first time students made their own books. In past years, they produced one classroom book that was placed in the library. The students wrote about the topic “Things That Go.” Each student wrote his/her own 15-page book on boats, planes, trains, skateboards, and cars.

The students started by drafting a plan, writing a rough draft of the book, making corrections, and then producing the final book. Smiles of success were on the faces of all the children as they showed their work to the Rochester Assembly on March 17. It was a proud moment for the parents seeing their children’s books in print.

The first grade teachers selected two books to be placed in the library. The books were written by Kirsten Secena and Walker

Mattson, both age 7. What an honor to be selected to have their books available for everyone to read in the Rochester Primary Schools Library. It’s easy to imagine how these two children’s hearts raced with pride, seeing books that they had written, now sitting on shelves for present and future students to read.

When asked to whom they dedicated their books, Kirsten said, “I dedicated mine to my greatgrandfather. He’s my Grandpa Bill’s dad.” (For those who don’t know him, that’s Raymond Secena, Sr.) Walker said, “I dedicated mine to my cousins in Texas; Mackenzy, Riley, Delaney, and Jeffrey.” Then, they both agreed, “It was a lot of work.”

Congratulations to Kirsten Secena and Walker Mattson for having their books placed in the library. Thank you to Mrs. Belmont for giving the students this incredible opportunity. Congratulations to all the students who worked hard, finished their books, and took them home to enjoy for years.

## Ten Chehalis Youth go to Spokane Conference and Make Tribe Proud

By Marla Medina and Teresa Pannkuk, Youth Center Staff

In April, tribal youth and Tony Medina, Marla Medina, Theresa Pannkuk, and two chaperones, Art Medina and Ray Banuelos, traveled to Spokane to attend the 34<sup>th</sup> Northwest Indian Youth Conference sponsored by the Coeur D’Alene Tribal Youth Council. There were many other tribal youth from many different tribes.

Getting there was an adventure with snow-covered passes. The group decided to go through The Dalles to avoid some of the snow hazards. This extended the trip after they encountered heavy snow. But, with Tony’s excellent driving skills they successfully arrived.

The first day at the opening ceremonies was an eventful one. Pearl Yellowman and Chance Rush were two opening guest speakers. Chance honored Tony Medina by recognizing him for all of his efforts in working with youth and how active he is in their lives. Wherever there is an activity going on involving youth, you will find Tony there with a group of kids. Marla said, “It was nice for us to be hundreds of miles away, and Tony was recognized by a popular Native speaker.”

After the opening ceremonies, the conference held a drug-and-alcohol-free hip-hop dance for the youth at the Knitting Factory. The youth really enjoyed this activity. Watching the little kids get up on stage dancing was quite inspiring. How our youth represented the tribe and interacted positively with all the other tribal youth was also inspiring.

During the morning general session of the second day, youth from different tribes were invited on stage to tell where they were from and the number of youth in their group. Marcus Youckton was selected by our tribal youth. He boldly went up on stage performed his presentation. There were about 7-20 different tribes that attended this conference.

On the third day of the conference, about 10 people shared their stories about attending college and pursuing professional careers. After lunch, they had an Ultimate Warrior Challenge, where there were different physical challenges for the kids to participate in. These were recorded to see who could get the best time.

At the pow wow there were many different styles of dancing. Theresa Pannkuk said, “This was my favorite and most memorable part, as I watched three Elder women perform a dance. It wasn’t the style, it was their movement of the dance, their beadwork, regalia, how they performed, and their pride of being who they are that really touched me. I’ve never seen anything like that.”

Once again, getting home was a challenge, having to wait on the road for the avalanche control. But it was well worth it! Youth Center staff is very proud of how the youth presented themselves. Everyone had a good time too! Great job!



During a morning exercise, Marcus Youckton stood onstage alongside with youth from other tribes. With pride he introduce himself, the Chehalis Tribal Youth Program, and how many youth came to conference with him.  
Photo Submitted by Marla Medina

## Head Staff and Parents Earn Impressive Review

By Lloyd Commander, Head Start Director

During the week of April 20th, the Federal Review team evaluated the Chehalis Tribal Head Start and Early Head Start programs. The team reviewed all of the disabilities files without errors. Every child enrolled in the Head Start/ Early Head Start program was screened. Any children with a potential delay were evaluated, and after receiving parental consent, the child could get the required services. The Federal Review team was impressed with our Child Find program that collaborates with the Oakville School District and the Lewis County Special Services Co-op.

The Federal Review Team also evaluated 20 of the health files and didn’t have any concerns. They stated that the files were “perfect and model files.” They were very impressed with the ongoing collaboration with the Chehalis Wellness Clinic. For having every enrolled child receive a dental screening, exceeding the performance standards. They were also very surprised and impressed on our having lead and iron screenings, and how parents were supported in getting the recommended follow-up treatment for their children.

The team reviewed 30 family services files. The reviewers said the these files were in order, and they wished they could use them as model files to show other head start programs. They were very

impressed with all of the community resources, and how we are working well with the families.

The Waddler Room was given kudos by the team for excellent individualization and lesson planning.

The team remarked on the toddler room teachers’ teamwork effort in establishing an environment that the children enjoyed. They thanked us for sharing our classroom and siad they enjoyed performing the interview.

There were other great comments, but there are areas our program needs improvement. We need an education manager for both programs overseeing the curriculum design and management. We also need training for the infant teachers and the new expectant mothers coordinator. They also commented that the infant room was too small.

For program design and management, we need to have daily, weekly, and monthly reporting system to the Business Committee. The maintenance programs fixed the outside playground stairs. They saw us as a two-year program because our consistent staff created a new sense of purpose and teamwork.

We expect an official report in 30 to 60 days. The staff are presently correcting small issues, and will finish in 90 days. Thanks to the policy council, and parents for giving great interviews.



Federal Review Team L-R: James Badger, Judy Towry, Diane Kendall, Martha Manning, Alice Conkle, Dori Kanesta-Crouch performed the 2009 Review for the Chehalis Tribal Early Childhood Development and Head Start Program.

## Program Offers Services to Protect Victims of Domestic Violence

By Jenee Penn, Domestic Violence Advocate

Domestic violence is any act or behavior with the purpose to gain power or control over a partner. Physical abuse is not the only form of domestic violence. Anyone can become a victim of domestic violence. It is an issue that affects people regardless of age, gender, or sexual preference.

**Signs of abusive behavior**

Any physical force that produces pain, entrapment, fear and dominance is domestic violence:

- Constant phone calls to “check up”
- Has to know who you are with, where you are going, when you will be back, etc.
- Makes verbal threats, put downs, and/or name calling
- Controls the finances
- Slaps, kicks, bites, etc.
- Keeps you from friends and/or family
- Forces you to have sex
- Accuses you of flirting or lying
- Constantly jealous
- Criticizes and humiliates you in front of others

**What to do for a friend, for yourself**

The Chehalis Tribe’s Domestic Violence Program is here to provide you with

resources. Staff is available to listen and support you. If someone you know is being abused, here is what you can do to help:

- Listen
- Believe
- Encourage
- Contact a domestic violence program

If you are being abused, you may feel confused and afraid. It is normal to feel this way. You may also feel like the abuse is your fault, but you are not to blame. You are never responsible for someone else’s abusive actions. Violence is not caused by anger, drugs, alcohol, or stress. Nothing you do makes your partner hurt you.

Help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The office number for the Chehalis Tribe’s Domestic Violence Program is (360) 709-1874. After hours, call the hotline at (360) 508-6879.

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# Honoring our Elders:

## Fred Sanchez, Sr., 1946-2009

“...Enjoyed his trips to the Mariners games and Hawaii with the Elders .”

Fred James Sanchez, Sr., was born April 25, 1946 to Agatha Monahan and Levi Sanchez, Sr. His grandparents were Mabel Monahan and “Wing.” Fred passed away on March 10, 2009. He was married to Priscilla Jones for 40 years. The couple had nine children; Ann, Elly, Tony, Trisha, Freddie, Jr., Luwanna, Anson, Janet, and Robert. There are 21 grandchildren and five greatgrandchildren.

By Priscilla Jones and Fred Shortman, Editor

### Fred James Sanchez, Sr. 1946-2009

Fred was a caring and loving family man, and placed his family first. He shared and taught his family the values that were taught to him by his parents. He encouraged all of his family to value education by achieving good grades and staying in school. .

Fred enjoyed doing things with his grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. He loved spending holidays with them, going Easter egg hunting and trick-or-treating on Halloween. He would always check all the children’s candy to make sure it was safe for them to eat.

When his children and grandchildren wanted to buy something, they would ask him to save their money for them. He would put their allowance money in his wallet until they reached the amount they needed for their purchase. Then he would say, “You have saved enough for what you wanted. Here you go.” He was so, so special to his wife and kids and grandchildren.

Fred was born in Seattle, Washington, where he lived before moving to Alderton Valley. He attended school, but didn’t graduate and said that because of a lack of a formal

education, he always felt like a second-rate citizen. In his early years of school, he was always made to sit in the back of the class. This was frustrating. Fred only completed sixth grade.

He did odd jobs while growing up, from mowing lawns and whatever he could do to have extra change in his pocket. He was a special man who would do anything in his power to help people. He enjoyed spending time with his brothers and sisters. As he grew older, he was always traveling and fixing cars with his brother, Victor, and Levi, Jr. There were tough times, but they made the best of it.

In his younger years, he worked different jobs in agriculture in the Puyallup Valley. He also worked at the Simpson Timber Company as a logger. He made sure that his family had food on the table and a roof over their heads.

His passion was Native American carving. He learned how to carve from his uncle, Bob James. He knew his art and was very creative carving totems, masks, cradles, tables, clocks, and plaques. He was a natural salesman, selling his carvings at local smoke shops, events in Seattle and Puyallup, and to people who would pre-order. His carvings were sold around the world.

Fred liked fishing with Jack Moses on the Puyallup River. Fred learned how

to hang nets, mend, and work the gear.

Fred is missed by many. His at-ease attitude enabled him to talk and laugh with everyone. He was proud to be a member of the Chehalis Tribe. Even though he lived in Sumner, Washington, he traveled to attend many tribal meetings and Elders events. Since he wasn’t raised on the reservation, he wanted to learn everything he could about his tribe, and the things being done to improve the tribe. He encouraged other family members to get involved in tribal affairs, expressing to his family the importance of taking on an active role within the tribe.

Fred especially loved participating in the Elders events and spending time with friends and family. He enjoyed hearing the stories that his cousins told as they shared meals, and cheering and rooting at the Mariners home games. His brother Levi remembers, “Fred told the doctors that he was going to the Mariners first home game. Even though he wasn’t able to go, there was a special chair saved for him. It was an awesome game and the Mariners won!”

Fred loved traveling with tribal members on vacations to Hawaii. Together they enjoyed the culture and shared those special moments with his brother Levi, wife Priscilla, granddaughter Elizabeth, and Elders who traveled there. He greatly



Fred Sanchez carved this plaque in the late 1990s. It was gifted to Janice Latch.



Fred and his wife, Priscilla, take time to pose for picture. It made the trip extra special to share their moments in Hawaii with their family.

appreciated the fact that Nancy, Elders Coordinator, took the time to transport Fred and Steve Medina to dialysis. Those trips meant so much to him and his family.

Fred had high blood pressure which in turn eventually led to kidney failure. He went to dialysis three times a week, four hours a day for 1½ years. On January 26, 2009 he received a call in the middle of the night and was given a kidney transplant at Mason General Hospital. He was happy to be given this second chance at life.

Sadly, after receiving his new kidney, his health deteriorated. He was of a handful of people who had issues with the medicine. He had a heart attack on March 10. Efforts made to revive him failed, and he passed away.

Fred loved life, and if Fred were here, he would tell his children to live their lives to the fullest and go on raising their children as he had taught them.

Steve Medina says, “Fred was a quiet man, yet you could tell he was all about respect: Gave it, showed it, and lived it. I had special

moments with him, sharing with each other that we weren’t going to stop enjoying life. We’ll fight to the end. Understanding, to never being too proud and humbling ourselves and asking for help. Fred was an honorable man. He’ll be greatly missed.”

“Fred was a quiet man, yet you could tell he was all about respect: Gave it, showed it, and lived it.”



Thank you so very much to the tribe and the Elders for the financial and emotional support that the family received. It is honor to know that there are such special and loving people in the world.

Priscilla Jones and his family



Art Medina, Fred Sanchez, Sr., His wife Priscilla, His sister Bert & her husband AB Combs, Nancy Romero, and Beatrice Christensen enjoy each others company as they toured Hawaii together.

## Tribal Staff Profiles: Domestic Violence Advocate and Groundskeeper

My name is Jenée Penn. I am the Domestic Violence Advocate. As the Domestic Violence Advocate, I provide victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault with resources and information.

I am the daughter of Steven Burnett and LeEllyn Steele and the granddaughter of Nadine and Jimmy Burnett. My greatgrandparents were Gladys Beckwith and Jack Brown. I have four brothers and two sisters.

I am married to Dan Penn, the language guy. Dan and I were set up on a sort of blind date by Mary DuPuis. We have been inseparable since the day we met. Dan proposed to me after we dated for about



Jenée Penn, Domestic Violence Advocate

three weeks. We were married by Marie Bird at the employee Christmas party in 2008. I didn’t go to the Christmas Party intending to get married—I just asked Marie if she could marry us sometime. She said, “Sure, let me go get my book out of the car.”

Before I knew it, Dan and I were about to get married on his 15-minute break from dealing cards. Though we wanted a quiet ceremony in the back of the Bingo Hall,

everyone cheered and encouraged us to do it up on stage. I was incredibly embarrassed because I do not like being in front of large groups, but Dan loved the spotlight.

I have two wonderful kids, Maddex (age 2) and Amara (will turn 1 in May). My favorite thing to do is spend time with my

children. I love the outdoors, especially camping and swimming. A few of my hobbies are reading, knitting, quilting and just recently weaving.

As I was growing up, I wanted to follow in my dad’s footsteps and work in construction. After graduating from Aberdeen High School, I completed cosmetology school. I worked for a couple years as a cosmetologist before I decided to pursue a career in the field of social work. I attended the University of Washington for three years. I finished my Bachelor’s of Arts degree at The Evergreen State College.

It has always been my goal to work for my tribe and to serve the people of this community. It has been a great opportunity to be hired to pursue my career decision as the tribe’s Domestic Violence Advocate. The domestic violence crisis line is (360) 508-6879 and help is available 24 hours a day.

Hi, my name is Correna Young. I have had the pleasure of working for the Chehalis Tribe as your groundskeeper for the last five years, maintaining the tribal grounds. The grounds include: the gas stations, tribal and Elders centers, Head Start building, police station, and the medical center. I wouldn’t be able to do this without my great crew, John Bird and Josh Terry, and super bosses, Ray Secena and Dan Gleason. The Lucky Eagle Casino has added another worker to help out and he’s a tribal member. Welcome Jeremy Fanning to our work crew.



Correna Young, Groundskeeper

I was born in Shelton to Ervin LaPlante and Sharon Shriner. I had the opportunity to travel around the state while I was young, until my family decided that Kettle Falls was the ideal spot to live. I graduated from Kettle Falls High School in 1991. I moved to Chehalis in 1993 and worked at Reliable Enterprises as their greenhouse manager. While working there, I became a Master Gardener and created contracts for landscaping.

I married my wonderful husband, Jeff Young, in September 1994. I have

two wonderful children, Bobby (15) and Nicole (9). We live in Tenino, where I enjoy spending time working on my own landscaping. In my spare time, you can find me getting ready for a race. I have participated in eight runs over the last two years. We also like to spend time camping, quading, and working on hot rods.

I enjoy volunteering for the United Way, Big Brother and Sisters, and Earth Day clean-up for the Tribe.

If see you me out working on the grounds, stop and say “hi!”

## Youth Selected for Ambassador Program

By Loyala Davis, Tribal Youth

Hi, my name is Loyala Jean Kathleen Davis, I am 16 years old.

I am a junior at Oakville High school, and am an enrolled Chehalis Tribal member. Both my parents are also enrolled Chehalis tribal members. My mother is Karen S. Klatush, and my father is the late Ross A. Davis.

I’ve been invited to participate in the People to People Student Ambassador program. This program provides students with international educational opportunities. This year they will be going to Sydney, Australia, providing students with hands-on cultural experiences; behind the scenes access to fascinating people and places; and amazing outdoor adventures to create life changing experiences.

Overall this trip is going to cost me \$7,000 dollars. I have earned \$2,500 dollars with the help of my mother, brother, uncles, and community members. Now, I am asking for your help! Any donation will get me one step closer to a one in a lifetime experience. Your support is Greatly Appreciated... Thank you and wish me luck!



Tribal Youth, Loyala Davis is an Oakville Cheerleader and Student



# 4 Final Stage of Six-Year Water Supply Project Nearly Finished



Tribal members worked on the water line on Howanut Road. Dustin Klatush operates the CTC Bobcat while Robert Teague insures the water line stays undamaged.

By Lennea Magnus, Planning Director

The road work along 188<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW to the casino and hotel has been completed, and Chehalis Tribal Construction has started work on the Howanut Road section. The water, power, and cable project was started in the middle of 2002.

The six-year water project plan will upgrade the domestic water line, improving the tribal community water supply. The addition of fire hydrants will help with the annual flushing of the lines by our utility department, as well as provide ample water for our community fire protection. During summer months in past years, water pressure to homes on Tahown Drive and Lacamus Lane was very poor. This water line upgrade will greatly improve water supply during the most demanding months.

Additionally, the tribe is working with the PUD to move overhead power lines underground along this portion of the project.

The coordination between CTC, Grays Harbor Public Utility District (PUD), and Comcast to set the plan in action is greatly appreciated. Everyone can see the above-ground work, but it’s hard to see the real work that goes into planning and establishing underground construction. With the addition of the water line, we’ll actually have diagrams, just like the big cities, for repair and upgrades as the system ages.

The work of installing the 2,500 feet of water line has caused some inconvenience for those traveling on Howanut Road. It will all be worth it when it is completed. Chehalis Tribal Construction has been working diligently to get the Howanut installation completed by mid-May.

Remember to have patience and give the workers a break. This final phase will greatly enhance our community water system.

## What is Swine Flu? How Do We Protect Ourselves?

By Fred Shortman, Editor

H1N1 Influenza A virus (Swine Flu) is a serious disease, but with appropriate steps you can do your part to protect your family.

Swine Flu is a common respiratory ailment in pigs, but this strain appears to be a subtype never before seen in pigs or humans. Here are answers to questions you may have about swine flu.

- **What is swine flu?** It’s a common respiratory disease in pigs that doesn’t usually spread to people. When pigs catch this flu, many get quite sick, and 1% to 4% die, according to the World Health Organization. In the past, people have sometimes caught swine flu if they worked directly with pigs.
- **What are the symptoms?** The most common symptoms are fever, fatigue,

- lack of appetite, and coughing, although some people also develop a runny nose, sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea, according to the CDC.
- **How can people protect themselves?** Here are some helpful tips to reducing the risks of spreading your illness:
  - Wash your hands often with soap and hot water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners (like Purell®) are also effective.
  - Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
  - Stay home from work or school if you get sick.

# Eagles Landing

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developed an all-star team of gaming professionals in the casino and TGA who were instrumental in making this opening day possible. I wish you had enough space in this newsletter for me to thank them all.”

Around noon, the video gaming cashiers finished their opening preparations, and the slots were opened to the public. The first customer placed her money in a machine and began to play. The sound echoed through the small room as she laughed and enjoyed playing the machines.

CTE Director David Youckton said, “It will be interesting to see what this expansion will bring us economically. We were able to hire 12 more employees to staff it and the casino supported it. We’ll continue to search for new ways to continue to bring in consumers.”



Tribal member, Amanda Vernon smiles as she activates the Rocket Gaming machines at the Hotel.

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# Great Wolf

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All of the Great Wolf Resorts properties achieved Green Seal’s Silver Certification. Mark Petruzzi, vice president of certification for Green Seal, offered accolades to Great Wolf Resorts for setting a precedent for the hospitality industry. “Going green is not only achievable, as evidenced by Great Wolf Resorts, but it makes good business sense and can actually save lodging properties money while being more environmentally responsible,” he said.

In fact, Great Wolf Resorts has already realized cost savings from the changes made for certification. At Great Wolf Lodge in the Pocono Mountains, Pa., for example, the company saved nearly nine million gallons of water in one year by changing plumbing fixtures to low-flow units. This water, and resulting cost savings, represents only one property in the company’s portfolio of 12 resorts. Across the board, the company is also using less electricity and gas, which saves natural resources and reduces company expenses in these areas.

While undergoing the certification process, Great Wolf Resorts realized Green Seal certification only covered the lodging portion of its business. The company decided to further examine its properties, and set out to create accountability and guidelines for “greener” water parks and the rest of the resort amenities. Thus, Project Green Wolf was born.

Project Green Wolf included rewriting nearly every page of its operational procedures manuals (covering everything from the indoor and outdoor water parks to on-property restaurants) and essentially rethinking the way it has traditionally done business. While some specifics vary by property, key areas of the Project Green Wolf program include:

- **Management of Fresh Water Resources.** Water conservation programs include

guest linen recycling; laundry facilities that recycle most of the consumed water; low-flow showers, toilets, and faucets; and waterless urinals. Additionally, by using the latest in pool filtration technology, most of the water in the water parks can be recycled.

- **Waste Minimization, Recycling, and Reuse.** Recycling bins are available in all public areas, guest rooms and employee areas. When possible, Great Wolf Lodge works with local waste specialists to compost food waste and donate unused food items to local charities.
  - **Energy Efficiency.** Throughout the resorts, Great Wolf Lodge uses energy-efficient bulbs, highly efficient heating and ventilation equipment, and Energy Star appliances.
  - **Environmentally and Socially Sensitive Purchasing.** Great Wolf Lodge’s purchasing partners are held accountable to ensure that every item ordered is environmentally sensitive. All paper products are post-consumer recycled, dish washing and laundry detergents are biodegradable, and paint is low VOC.
  - **Guest Education.** Great Wolf Lodge focuses on family, so it’s only natural Project Green Wolf would include children’s environmental learning programs, developed in partnership with National Geographic Kids. There are active learning areas, a Green Wolf TV in-room channel, and interactive Web content, all dedicated to teaching kids how to be kind to the environment.
- For more information about Project Green Wolf and Great Wolf Resorts’ other environmental initiatives, visit [www.projectgreenwolf.com](http://www.projectgreenwolf.com).



Hill and Sons Roofing Company seen working on the Fisheries Building. The exterior is almost complete. Aqua Sierra is presently working on the Hatchery.

## Breast Cancer Linked to Plastics in Water Bottles, Food Wraps, Containers

Cancer Update from Johns-Hopkins

On The Ellen Show, Sheryl Crow said plastic water bottles caused her breast cancer. It has been identified as the most common cause of high levels of dioxin in breast cancer tissue.

Sheryl Crow’s oncologist told her that women should not drink bottled water that has been left in a car. The heat reacts with the chemicals in the plastic of the bottle which releases dioxins into the water. Dioxin is a toxin increasingly found in breast cancer tissue.

So please, be careful and do not drink bottled water that has been left in a car. Use a stainless steel canteen or a glass bottle instead of plastic.

**Here’s some safety tips:**  
Don’t put water bottles in the freezer  
Don’t drink from water bottles left in car  
Don’t use plastic wrap or plastic containers in microwave

Plastic wraps, bottles, and containers contain dioxin chemicals which cause cancer, especially breast cancer. Dioxins are highly poisonous to the cells of our bodies. Freezing and heating plastic wraps, bottles, and containers releases dioxins from the

plastic.  
Recently, Edward Fujimoto, Wellness Program Manager at Castle Hospital, was on a TV program to explain this health hazard. He talked about dioxins and how bad they are for us. He said that we should not be heating our food in the microwave using plastic containers. This especially applies to foods that contain fat. He said that the combination of fat, high heat, and plastic releases dioxin into the food and ultimately into the cells of the body. Instead, he recommends using glass, such as Corning Ware, Pyrex or ceramic containers for heating food. TV dinners, instant ramen and soups, etc., should be removed from their containers and heated in something else. Paper isn’t bad, but you don’t know what is in the paper. It’s just safer to use tempered glass, Corning Ware, etc.  
Fujimoto pointed out that plastic wrap, such as Saran Wrap, is just as dangerous when placed over foods to be cooked in the microwave. As the food is nuked, the high heat causes poisonous toxins to melt out of the plastic wrap and drip into the food. Cover food with a paper towel instead.

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**Community Garden Meeting**  
**May 26 starts at 12 noon Lunch will be provided**  
  
There will be a discussion on what types of vegetables, tools, equipment needed, irrigation, Elders section, and more of the community garden.  
  
If you have any questions, concerns, or input about the project, please come the next meeting. Any questions contact Terry Youckton at 360-709-1899

**WIC Program Dates (Women, Infants and Children)**  
**Thursday, June 4, 2009 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Wellness Center**  
**In October the WIC Program will have New Food Choices. Check it out. All WIC Clients must be seen to receive summer months vouchers. Dental will be there to see you.**  
  
**Bring your child, medical coupons, or pay stub, and identification.**  
  
**Contact Deb Shortman at 306-709-1689 for more information.**