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Program News

Program Will Help You Get Your GED

How about taking a step in the right direction? You can now get that extra help you need in GED studies. GED Program Liaison Jolene Christensen is located in the Resource Center at the Chehalis Reservation. The program is set up to help individuals get their GEDs. This program will give you the confidence and skills needed to pass the GED tests.

GED certificates can open doors that have been closed to you in the past. Most jobs request that you have this certificate or have graduated high school. With your GED certificate, colleges will accept you into classes and you will be eligible for many programs, that don't accept people who do not have a qualified educational background.

Classes are available Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 am-3 pm. Take the time out today to give Jolene Christensen a call at 360-709-1735.

Get Financial Help Between Jobs or During College

The General Assistance Program is not a Welfare Program. It is a secondary program to help individuals with their basic financial needs between jobs, or when they are enrolled as full-time students in college. Clients are required to submit a denial letter from any other sources, such as TANF (welfare) or unemployment before being eligible for General Assistance.

Clients are required to actively seek employment. All job searches are required to have current phone numbers, and authorized signatures for our office to complete verification. The job search form is our tool to verify that our clients are honestly seeking employment.

The General Assistance Program will start taking applications starting Monday, September 24. Office hours are Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Contact George Youckton, General Assistance Case Worker, at 360-273-5911 ext.1572 to schedule an appointment.

Longhouse Re-Opening

Since February 28, 2009, the Longhouse at The Evergreen State College has been closed for renovation and expansion. On October 17, the Longhouse will have a "Grand Re-Opening." The event will begin at 1 PM with an opening ceremony. An Open House will follow including food, beverages, and several performances. At press time, Twana Seoin, The Alaska Kuteeyaa Dancers, Rona Yellow Robe Flutist/Vocalist confirmed.

Please join us for a wonderful re-entry to our home at The Evergreen State College. If you need more information, please call Bobbie Bush at 360-867-5344.

New Community Center

Open House and Blessing

Wednesday, September 30

at 5 pm

Everyone is invited!

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Youth Make a Difference in Second Kick-Butt Day

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Turning an 18-Foot Log Into a Canoe is Labor of Love and Respect for Youth and Adults



Master Carver Dave Wilson (in jeans jacket) supervises the unloading of the cedar log in front of the wood shop. Community and tribal members came to witness the momentous event. The cedar log will be carved into an 18-foot shovel-nose canoe and will take 1,000 hours to complete.

By Dan Penn, Language Coordinator

Hoyt everyone! As some of you may have noticed, there is now a carport built over a log in front of the wood shop/ cigarette stamping building. This log will be carved into a dugout shovel-nose canoe. This project is made possible by the Administration for Native American's Language grant and tribal members like you. The grant has funded the language program for the last two years.

In addition to language, students have also been learning to carve on smaller projects: miniature canoes, paddles, rattles, etc. All of these smaller projects were in preparation for the final project of carving a shovel-nose canoe. This project has been great for the development of the language program, and for generating interest in carving.

There were 15 community members who witnessed the cedar log arrival on August 24. It was complicated to find a good log, but we finally found it. Mr. Wilson said, "The cedar log came to us after a long time and many miles of searching and prayer. A gentleman came to my shop, and asked if I needed or knew of anyone who needed any cedar logs. I said yes, with overwhelming excitement. The log was located just a mile down the road in the Nisqually valley. I hired John Cook to haul the log to it's current location. Now the real work begins -- to shape it into the canoe."

Everyone is invited to check it out, and bring good wishes to the log. A visit will update you on the progress as the carving class continues to work toward its goal of

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Programs Combine for a Back-to-School Information Extravaganza

By Fred Shortman, Editor

The TELO Program combined with the Youth Center, and the Culture and Heritage Program to kick off their back- to-school event. Each program had different things to offer including funding to assist with school needs. The day was meant to be an informational and fun day.

The Party Outfitters Company provided water slides and other things making it fun for the kids as they braved the heat and the bees. This time of year the yellow jackets become aggressive. Despite the bees, the kids smiled and screams of joy filled the air, as they enjoyed spending the day keeping cool playing on the water slides, and doing other fun games. Elder Marie Bird was seen enjoying an exciting ride down the Niagara Water Slide.

The TELO Program offered information for the Chehalis tribal community's K-12 parents and students. TELO helps students by providing staff and assisting in school academics. Staff is available for a homework club to help tutor students in school or out of school. There's one catch, though. Parents need to understand and sign a release of information for attendance and grades. This helps to keep track of attendance and grades in order to get the children the assistance they need. This allows students to be eligible for other exiting activities. The recognition dinner for honor roll students rewards them for a job well done in getting excellent passing grades.

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Annual Picnic Lauds Tribe's Employees

By Fred Shortman, Editor

On August 28 the Chehalis Tribe had our annual picnic for tribal employees at Columbus Park on Black Lake. What a nice day! It was overcast but very comfortable. It was a fun-filled family day as tribal employees and immediate family members enjoyed raffles, food, and games. Employees were given special recognition awards for their years of service and had a relaxing day celebrating each other in appreciation for all the great work we do.

Over in the sand pits there were employees trying their hand at horse shoes. Not worrying about winning, they laughed and enjoyed each other's company. It was nice to see people relaxing. You could see young and old alike playing on the swings and slides. Many went down to the swimming area, and enjoyed taking dips in Black Lake.

There weren't any Seadoo's this year, but most of the employees didn't even notice as they got down and dirty playing volleyball. You could hear the crowds that gathered around the volleyball courts being loud and rowdy, cheering each other on. Cheryle Starr arranged a new competition of 12 five-person teams. It was a win or go home bracket established to win the big prize. Each department was represented as

the competition was intense, setting the goal to win first place of \$500 or second place of \$250. The Department of Natural Resources won first place, barely pulling out a win over Chehalis Tribal Construction. Win or lose, everyone had relaxing day away from the office, had a lot of fun and ended the day on a positive note.

Chairman David Burnett said, "This is a

special recognition for all the employees." He's proud to issue gifts in appreciation for employee's hard work and their years of service. "It must be a good place to work, because we have so many dedicated and loyal employees." It seems the Chairman is on to something there – this is a great place to work! Thank you everyone for everything you do to make that true!



David Boyd, Housing Director and part of the Department of Natural Resources volleyball team, spikes the ball on helps his team win first place.

2 **Two Chehalis Youth Model Outfits for Wal-mart Back-to-School Fashion Show**



Maco Sligte, Chehalis youth (second from left), stands with Wal-mart employees who put on the Back-to-School Fashion Show.

By Lacey Ponis, Department Manager, Chehalis Wal-mart

The Wal-mart Back-to-School Fashion Show was inspired by Wal-mart District Manager Dawn W. Her idea was set in motion as she requested all of the stores in district 17, including the Chehalis Wal-mart, to put on a back- to-school fashion show. The kids were gathered from near and far to participate in this great event.

The kids who accepted our invitation to model for Wal-mart fashions were allowed to keep the outfits they selected, along with a \$15 gift card for other school supplies. This was music to their ears. All of the kids were excited to pick out an outfit that they could call their own. They were eager to go shopping and were seen smiling as they picked out their clothing to wear on the catwalk.

There were 11 children who were chosen to model their choice of clothing. The red carpet lay out between the men’s apparel and lady’s apparel area, and the children paraded as if they were up-and-coming models. What a great feeling to see -- parents smiling and camera bulbs flashing while watching their children demonstrate their new outfits.

It was a gratifying moment for all of the families involved. Maco Sligte and Kelsie Klatush were two lucky Chehalis youth who were selected to participate. But of course, there were butterflies in their stomachs as they anxiously awaited their turns. It was all worth it though, as they enjoyed each other’s company and made new friends in their very first fashion show. Special thanks go out to all the kids and their families for coming out and participating.



Kelsie Klatush models her school clothes at the Wal-mart Back-to-School Fashion Show.

Clinic Aspires to be a “Medical Home,” Linking You to “Medical Friends” Great Tips on How to Get the Most Out of Your Relationships With Your Health Care Providers

By Donna Elam, PAC for the Wellness Center

Places of medicine often feel foreign and intimidating. They are places for illness and decline. A “medical home” is just the opposite of this. A “medical home” is where information and inspiration, prevention and healing, are found. Most importantly, a medical home is where “a medical friend” is found. This is a primary care provider who is eager to understand you as a whole person. Being a medical friend means both supporting people through tough times and witnessing their successes. A favorite author, Sherwin Nuland, a doctor who writes about life and the impact of medical problems, wrote, “What an honor it is to be a medical friend.” It is our honor to be that medical friend, and to help build and maintain a medical home with our patients.

The idea of a medical home came from knowing how important it is to monitor how children grow. This idea started in 1967 with goals to provide care that is, “...accessible, continuous, comprehensive, family-centered, coordinated, compassionate, and culturally effective.” This concept has become a central part of our theme for the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center.

We are trained as generalists, with prevention as the base of our education. Often prevention is thought of as well child exams, immunizations, or pregnancy and female health. But now we want to offer this to all age groups and both genders!

Prevention promotes long-term quality of life. Everyone needs a plan for prevention. This plan is something that you make with your provider and update regularly. This plan changes and grows as you change and grow. Your provider, your medical friend, will be there to support you through this. To get the most out of your relationship with your medical provider, consider the following tips:

- Choose your primary care provider. This will be a medical friend who comes to know your medical issues in detail. This is someone you feel you can relate to. After you choose a primary care provider, get to know them and their availability. Of course, you can see other providers in the clinic for urgent needs, or when your primary is not available. Developing a strong, lifelong relationship with your medical provider is the first step in living as healthily as possible.
- Try to know as much about your own history and your family history. Have some background ready and write down your questions about your conditions. When you call in to make an appointment, be sure to tell the scheduler the reason for your visit, in order to determine how

- long the appointment should take. This is because different kinds of appointments are given different amounts of time: A follow-up appointment on a familiar problem might be given ten minutes, while a full physical, or a complicated problem, may take up to an hour.
- Try to see your primary care provider first. A primary care provider who knows your medical issues will be able to determine what kind of specialty care you might need, and just what that specialist’s office needs to do for you. This primary care provider is responsible for providing for all of your health care needs, keeping accurate records and taking responsibility for arranging care with other qualified professionals. This includes care for all stages of life; acute; chronic; preventive services; and end of life care.
 - Be involved in your care. When you create a treatment plan with your provider, be realistic about what you can and will do. Participate in the creation of your treatment plan. Do your part by following through on the treatment plan, and if you can’t, let us know. If one plan is not working, another plan needs to be made! If you are on several medicines, have a complicated medical condition, or are taking herbs, inform your provider. Be clear about risk factors. Bring your medications and any health information with you. Above all, be involved in your own health care.
 - Keep in touch! After you see a specialist or another provider, remember to report back to your primary care provider to keep them updated. Be sure to ask questions and get written instructions for complicated plans. Remember, your primary care provider is keeping a detailed record of what goes on with you. These records are private and they are yours to refer back to. They should be an accurate record of your medical needs and expectations. If you move or change primary care providers, you can take your records with you, in order to give your next provider a complete medical picture. Remember, your medical provider is a medical friend whom you will find at your medical home. These are people you can go to with ANY question in life and not just illness. This is true for those of any age, in any situation. It will take trust and open communication. It means that “going to the doctor” is getting and finding answers, making and tending to a list of health care needs that extended beyond sickness and troubles, and seeking to improve the quality of life for you and your family.

Youth Clean up 13 Gallons of Cigarette Butts and Pledge to Not Smoke, or Chew

By Lorrie Bonifer, Prevention Specialist

On August 19 the Prevention Program held their second Kick Butts Day, and boy, did our youth kick butts! Several youth showed up with intense eagerness to clean around the Tribal Center and Resource Center. Our youth picked up enough cigarette butts to fill a 13-gallon trash can.

The purpose of kick butts day is to educate our youth so they never start smoking or chewing. Many prizes were won which included two bicycles, an I-pod, water balloons, and squirt guns. This came in handy since it was over 90 degrees. Our youth signed sticker pledges on our “No Stank You” banner to never smoke or chew. A big thank you to Jesse Youckton for joining us! He works with the

Together Program in Olympia. When it came time to thank the youth, I looked into their smiling faces dripping with sweat from the hard work and heat. It was so overwhelming seeing how hard they worked on such a hot day. We are so blessed with such great kids. I was so proud of them. When it came time to hand out the awards, I became too choked up to speak. I handed it over to Jesse Youckton. He thanked and recognized each and every youth for their help. He let them know how important this day was, what an outstanding job they did, and how proud we were of them. GREAT JOB EVERYONE! Thank You for your time and commitment.



Youth signed pledges and placed them on the “No Stank You” banner, promising never to smoke or chew on Kick Butt II Day. Pictured L-R: Chayse Youckton, Lorrie Bonnifer, Jordan Bird, Violet Starr, Kirsten Secena, Geraldine Youckton, Tiana Ramirez, Anthony Rimerez, and Jessie Youckton.

Burn Smart and Keep Our Air Cleaner

By Glen Connelly, Environmental Program Specialist

Now that the nights have turned chilly and fall is almost here, many folks will start to use their fireplaces and wood stoves more often. Please remember that wood smoke is one of the most common sources of air pollution in our community. Young children, elders and anyone with respiratory issues can have problems breathing when the air is filled with smoke.

I know everyone has been building fires since they were little kids at a campfire, but here are a few reminders so that you don’t smoke out your neighborhood:

- **Use dry wood: It burns hotter and cleaner.** Wet wood smokes a lot and does not burn hot, so cover your wood piles now and keep them dry through the wet winter months.

- **Build small, hot fires that get plenty of air.** Big, smoldering fires don’t produce much heat and they make too much smoke. Use only enough paper to get the fire going, and never burn trash.
- **Never burn wood that has been painted, stained, or pressure treated.** They release toxic chemicals that get spread around your neighborhood. Please think about your community while you are staying warm this year and keep the air as clean as you can. Thanks. Any questions contact Glen Connelly, Environmental Program Specialist, at 306-907-1554.

Youth Pull Their Hearts Out at Race With Cowlitz



The Chehalis and Cowlitz Canoe Families compete against each other in a 1-mile canoe race held on September 12. The youth pulled hard and won the race. It was an awesome weekend and they made us proud. It was an outstanding effort by all the pullers!

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Honoring our Elders: Curtis Levi DuPuis, Sr.

"..loves to visit with his children and his grandchildren..."

My name is Curtis Levi DuPuis. I was born in 1944. Except for ten years when I was in the Army and going to college, I have been a life-time resident of the Chehalis Reservation.

My parents are Hazel Pete and Joe DuPuis (a Prairie Band Potawatomie Indian from Kansas) and my grandparents are Harriet and Frank Pete. My wife (married June 24, 1973) is Judy (Wilson) of Aberdeen and we are now in our 37th year of marriage. Our children are twins, Mary and Marla, who each work at SPIPA, and Nesh-kie who works at the Lucky Eagle Casino.

My surviving sisters are Janet Camp from Enid Oklahoma, Yvonne Peterson, Trudy Marcelley, Henrietta Boyd and Donna Choke. My brothers are Pete Richardson, Mo DuPuis and David DuPuis. Several brothers and sisters have passed away.

Gardens, Livestock and Fish

Some of my earliest memories are from the early 1950s. The roads were not paved and there was no electricity. I remember there was a blue van that delivered bread twice a week, and an ice truck that delivered blocks of ice two or three times a week in the summer for the ice refrigerators that every house had.

Back then, everyone had a garden, orchard and livestock like beef and milk cows, pigs, chickens, turkeys and horses. Every lady was a cook and canner. Nancy Secena baked bread and pies weekly. Mena Klatush and Elsie Simmons were always canning fruits and vegetables. Will Sanders, Johnny Benn, and Irene Thompson raised and raced horses.

It seemed like we fished for salmon from Labor Day until the end of February or March. We did not have quotas or fishing time like we have now. But this was before Judge Boldt, and we never caught that many fish, either.

There were three ways to sell your fish: Take them up to Garrard Creek to a fish buyer named Blacky, who, by the way, had the first television, so everyone could visit and watch TV; put your fish in a fish box in your driveway for the fish buyer, who would weigh them and leave money in a coffee can or quart jar, or; pedal the fish to anyone. Everyone canned or smoked salmon to save for the winter months.

Good Friends

The reservation kids who I knew and played with were Sidney, Gary, Eileen, and Art Smith, who lived with their grandmother, Edith Heck; Janice (Beckwith) Latch, Lorraine (Klatush) Goldman; Elmer and Ruby James, whose father is Frances (Frenchy) James; Dennis (Denny) Thomas; Lee and Amil Starr (their parents are Ben and Violet Starr, and they first lived on Moon Road across from the Stanley Johnson house); and my cousins Raymond, Annie

(Granny Annie), Jimmy and Maynard Jones (their mother is Katherine (Jones) Barr and their father is Jim Jones).

The older reservation kids who I spent time with at school and community events were Lorilee, Edna, Clara and Marvin (Mutt) Youckton; Raymond and Roy Secena; Gunny Pickernell, Lawrence (Fat Man) Hall, Dolly, Joan and Dan Gleason. George (Chops) and Mel Youckton were in the Navy. Martin Revay was in the Army, and Dan Gleason was in the Air Force.

Ray Secena was my best friend and he was very patient teaching me to play baseball and basketball, and hunt deer, ducks, and pheasants. We'd also go fishing for trout and salmon at the nearby rivers and creeks, camping overnight for several days. Ray was a very special friend.

Strikeout With a Reason

In my early days with the Tomahawks baseball team, Dale and Jimmy Klatush, Robert Beckwith, Danny Newton and Percy Youckton were just ending their baseball playing years. The baseball players my age were Mo DuPuis, Elmer James, Ellery Choke, David Pickernell, David Youckton, Mike Simmons, Larry Sasticum, Jack Young, Pete Richardson, Ray Secena, Mutt Youckton, Gary Neely (white kid who lived with Ray Secena) and many others. Lyle Secena was my first baseball coach to be succeeded by Gordy Klatush.

We played against teams like Bucoda, Oakville town team, and the Grays Harbor Pavers, a semi-pro team from Aberdeen. They had the future New York Yankees pitcher Mel Stottlemeyer on their team. When we played against the Pavers, Mel Stottlemeyer was pitching and I was the first batter: The first pitch looked like it was going to hit me in the ribs, so I jumped back. (It was a curve ball and a strike). The second pitch was a fast ball. As I started my swing, the catcher had already caught the ball. I don't remember the third pitch, but I struck out.

We played all the reservation teams. We once traveled to Lapwai, Idaho, and it took all day to get there. Every summer we travelled to Warm Springs, Yakima, and Umatilla, and it was so hot, we could barely play the games.

Serving in Vietnam

I attended and graduated from Rochester public schools in 1962. I continued my education and went to college: first at Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma from, 1962 to 1964. Then I went to Los Angeles City College in Hollywood, California.

I was in the Army from June 1964 to May 1967 serving in the Fifth Special Forces (Green Berets) in Vietnam. I was offered a Second Lieutenant battlefield commission, but I declined, stating Vietnam was a risky place: You could get killed over there. Plus, I could see we would be in Vietnam for two or three more years. In a military sense, I speak, read and write Vietnamese better than I speak, read, and write the Chehalis Language!

After the army, I attended and graduated from Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia in 1970 with a Business Administration (BA) degree. It was tough working full-time and attending school full-time, and getting only four hours a night sleep for 30 months. But it was worth it to receive my college degree.



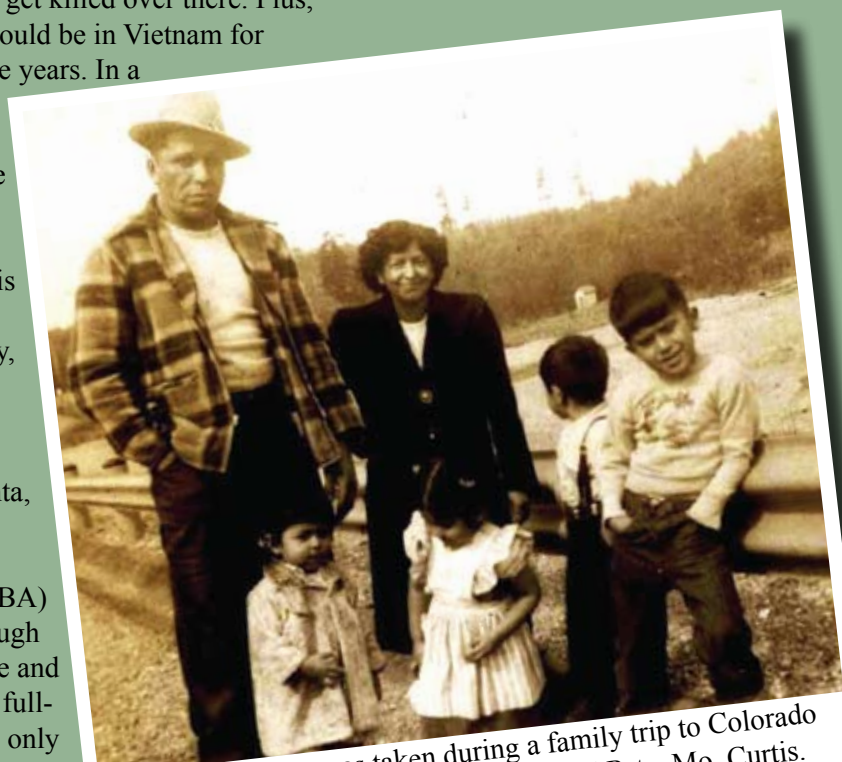
Curtis enjoys visiting with his grandson, Remy Garrety, at the Senior Birthday Dinner at the Lucky Eagle Casino Steak House.

Canning Food, Smoking Fish

Judy and I enjoy keeping busy, raising a garden and livestock and preparing for the winter months. We have flower, herb, and vegetable gardens, and an orchard with 20-some fruit trees. We are raising 17 turkeys and four pigs this year.

Also, I smoke salmon. When I pretend I am old, I smoke smelt, razor and steamer clams, sturgeon, fish heads, backbones, and oysters. In 1953 I learned how to filet fish from Harriet Pete. I remember being brought home from school, and taught how to filet. The adults were leaving and I was put in charge of filleting and smoking about 50 fish. I've been doing it ever since.

I have a lot more memories in my mind and maybe I will be invited to write again.



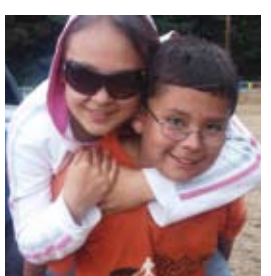
This 1940s photo was taken during a family trip to Colorado Springs. Top Row L-R: Joe Dupuis, Hazel Pete, Mo, Curtis. Bottom Row L-R: Henrietta and Yvonne.

Kendall Medina is 14. His parents are Theresa Youckton and Tony Medina. He worked in the clinic. He learned how to be quiet, answer phones, and pull charts.



Micheal Boyd is 15. His parents are Loi Sifinna and Tammy Boyd. He worked with ground maintenance, and learned how to assemble products.

Ann Marie Youckton is 17. Her parents are Jerry Youckton and Kim Brown-Starr. She worked with the TELO Program learning to tutor children.



Ricky Sutterliet is 17. His parents are Elaine McCloud and the late Bennie Sutterliet. He worked with the newsletter and learned interviewing and photography.

Deidra Hawkes is 14. Her parents are Diana Pickernell and Harold Hawkes. She worked in Head Start and at the youth center. She enjoyed working with the children in both programs. She learned that work can be fun.



Skylar Bracero is 16. Her parents are Gail Whiteeagle and the late Rene' Bracero. She worked in the I.T. Department, and with the Elders. Her favorite job was cooking for the Elders.

Monica Lopez is 17. Her parents are Charlotte Youckton-Lopez and Ray Lopez, Sr. She worked with the Events Coordinator helping to plan events.



Sarah Quilt is 15. Her parents are Sharon and Edmond Quilt. She worked with groundskeeping. She enjoyed keeping busy and learning landscaping and maintenance.



Whitney Lewis is 16. Her parents are Walter Lewis and Tracy Morrison. She was assigned to be the B.C.'s assistant. She enjoyed learning about the clerical duties of a secretary. Photo by Whitney Lewis.

Shelby McCrory is 17. Her mother is Joyce Thomas. She worked in accounting, learning the meaning of all the numbers.



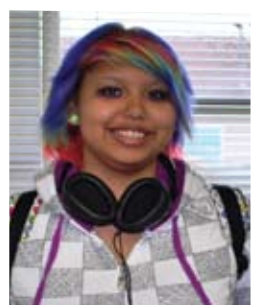
Jonathan "Junior" Jack, Jr., is 15. His parents are Carla Thomas and Jon Jack, Sr., He worked at EOT I and for the Headstart Program. He learned to stock shelves. His favorite job was working with the children.



Gabriel Higheagle is 16. His parents are Billy and Tony Higheagle. He worked with the newsletter and fisheries and learned about measurements, and the importance of

math to be a fisheries biologist. Photo by Whitney Lewis.

Jacinda Medina is 17. Her parents are Theresa Youckton and Steve Medina. She worked with the grounds maintenance crew and natural resources. This allowed her to work outdoors.



Alexa Strotter is 14. Her mother is Lindsey Fern. She was assigned to work at the Youth Center. No photo available.

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finishing the canoe.

Turning the 18-foot log into a dugout canoe, then launching the canoe on its maiden voyage on the river is exciting to think about. Other parts of the log will be used for masks and smaller give-away items. The plans for the future of the canoe aren't finalized, but we welcome any ideas or suggestions. Anyone interested in learning, helping, and accomplishing this task is invited to show up. Contact Dan Penn at 360-709-1747.

It has also been nice getting to know our carving teacher, Dave Wilson, Master Carver from Lummi. Dave is a warm and friendly teacher who is willing to share his 35+ years of carving experience with anyone willing to learn. His approach to carving is patience. Not only does he teach safety, but how to listen to, and respect, each other.

It'll take about 1,000 hours to complete this project, so anyone interested in learning to carve, learning the language, or just helping to accomplishing this task is invited to show up and have fun. Dave Wilson said, "I've been carving for 30 years. The energy the youth bring to the class is something you'd have to be there to see. It's great sharing my knowledge about carving with the Chehalis people."



Elaine McCloud, Heritage Coordinator, demonstrates a miniature shovel-nose canoe that the youth made in carving class. There's a lot of excitement in the air as youth and adults prepare to carve the full-size river canoe.

Carving classes are on Wednesdays, 6:00 to 9:00 pm, and Fridays, 3:30 to 6:00 pm. Language classes are held on Wednesdays, 5:00 to 6:00 pm in the Resource Center. ʔay sqatači (good day).

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The Youth Center assisted families by providing back packs and Wal-mart cards. With the economy and rising costs, this is an incredible help for families with school supplies and clothing.

Elaine McCloud, Heritage Coordinator, handed out information on what classes she will be offering. One class will provide information on how to fill out family trees. It is an important resource in documenting your family's lineage. This isn't just for families who showed up that day. It is available to anyone who is interested. Elaine

can be contacted at 360-709-1621.

Dianne Devlin, Culture Coordinator, was very active in gathering input on a cultural survey at the Back-to-School Extravaganza. It was a great opportunity to get community input on what types of cultural activities the program could offer. She also provided information on upcoming cultural classes offered every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Diane informed participants that there will be a monthly calendar outlining activities for the Language, Heritage and Culture Programs.



It was a hot day for the Back-To-School Even. Children were seen playing on the slides and toys provided by Party Outfitters Company. LR- Matt Reynolds, Sanchez Boy, Deedee Adams, Gary Ortivez II, Devon Boyd, Jordan Bird.

Seminole Big Cypress Tribal Elders Stay at Hotel



Elders from the Big Cypress Reservation of the Seminole Tribe of Florida visit at the Eagles Landing Hotel before they travel to a pow-wow at Kalama. They enjoyed a tradition fish dinner and were visited by Chehalis Tribal Elders. They were also entertained by the Chehalis Canoe Family and listened to their Coastal Salish singing, drumming and dancing.

Lummi Youth Stop at Chehalis Tribe During Tour

Lummi Youth spent the summer visiting other tribes in Washington State. They visited the Great Wolf Lodge and had a great time. They are pictured here with our Chairman, David Burnett. They presented a photo and a sweat shirt to the tribe as a thank you.



Watershed's Bad Weed Almost Gone, Thanks to Tribe and County

By Andy Olson, Fisheries Biologist

■ The Chehalis Tribe's Brazilian Elodea Program has been at it again this year working from Borst Park in Centralia, and downstream. The work moved down to the reservation this year.

Maynard Starr and his company, Freshwater Nuisance Specialists, got the contract. They've been working for some time in the slough above the mouth of Independence Creek, and in the old riverbed pond behind the organic farms on Independence Road.



Derek Youckton works at a pond near Independence Road extracting fresh water weeds Elodea and Parrot Feather. The fight to eradicate the noxious weeds throughout the Chehalis Watershed is making progress in a combined effort of the Chehalis Tribe and Thurston County.

There is much less Elodea than in past years. This shows we have made a difference in the last few years with our efforts in eradicating this noxious weed.

The Chehalis Tribe has surveyed the river throughout the reservation and downstream to the mouth of the Satsop River. We found

little to no Elodea. What was found was pulled by a temporary crew made up of Derek Youckton and Shawn Goddard.

The work will continue until the end of September when the contract with the grant will end. Our department will reassess the need for more work next spring. As for

now, it seems like we have gained control of the Brazilian Elodea through the Chehalis Tribe's and Thurston County's efforts, and the powerful floods of the last few years. We don't have a total pounds pulled for the season yet, but it will be close to 10,000 pounds or more.

Diabetes Awareness Walk
Everyone is Invited!

Saturday, September 26
Sign up at 10 AM
Walk starts at 11 AM

Come join this 1st annual 5K Diabetes Awareness Walk. Starts at the Youth Center.

Lunch will be provided.
Barbara Mora will be the guest speaker.
Door prizes!

Any questions, please contact Lynn Hoheisel at 360-709-1744 or lhoheisel@chehalistribe.org

2009 NNABA Gathering

Hosted by the Chehalis Tribe
October 2-4, 2009
at the Great Wolf Lodge

Sign up and learn different styles and techniques and how to make baskets, hats and other projects!

For more information, contact Cheryle Starr, Chehalis Tribe, 360 273-5911 or cstarr@chehalistribe.org
www.nnaba.org for registration

Community Meeting

Wednesday, October 7 at 12 pm
At the Tribal Center

This meeting is to identify and prioritize future road construction projects. Please come give your opinions on improving the roads within the Chehalis Reservation, or stop by the Planning Department to fill out our survey. Everyone attending will be entered into a raffle drawing. Prizes include Shell and Starbucks gift cards.

Contact Planning Department at 360-273-5911

Hatchery Grand Opening Ceremony

Friday, October 9 at 12:30
At the New Fish Hatchery

Our Tribal Hatchery is in its final phases to start operation. This is an opportunity for tribal and community members to meet the AquaSierra Design Group and see the future plans for the Chehalis Fisheries.

Come check it out.
Lunch will be provided.
Contact Andy Olson, 306-709-1859 for more information.