Class-Act Baseball Fields, and Deluxe Pool Soon to be Open for Fun and Health

Chehalis Tribal Construction employees move top soil in preparation for the new baseball complex by the Community Center. Pictured (L-R) are Sam Aracena, dump truck driver, and Dustin Klatshus, excavator operator.

By Fred Shortman, Editor

When you turn to enter the new Chehalis Tribal Community Center, you can hear the sound of an excavator’s motor roaring as it loads soil into the dump trucks. Wow! It’s finally happening: Our Chehalis Tribal Construction Company has started the first phase of ground preparation for the new baseball complex. The plans show three new baseball fields at the Community Center. One will be two softball fields and one will be a little league field. An underground sprinkler system will maintain the grass. In this phase, there won’t be any outdoor lights for the night games, but the underground conduit will be in place so it can happen later. Another phase will be the addition of a soccer field on the east side of the Community Center. These fields will keep the tournaments more localized for the players and the vendors.

It will also help provide fields for the local youth baseball teams. With baseball fields in short supply in our area, this will assist local teams to find a place to practice. The fields will provide a better opportunity for more baseball tournaments to be held here on the Chehalis Reservation.

This work will continue for the next few months. The project is planned for completion in May. It will be exciting to see community members and guests participate in these new fields.

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2010 Oakville High School Basketball Teams

Oakville high school girls basketball team finished with a 18-5 Record.

Oakville High School girls team has improved faster than was originally projected with hard work and a commitment to learning the game. They finished the season with a 10-5 record. Pictured top row (L-R) are Sierrra Smalley, Jeannette Boyd, Jordan Merriman, Assistant Coach Casey Doyle, Coach Tracy Bray, Desha Hawkins, Kayley Trott. Middle row (L-R) are Skylar Bracero, Tammy Klatush, Heather Daniels, Hayloey Hutchings, Brya Hill. Front row (L-R) are Alyssa Charles

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The High School boys basketball team had a great season and qualified to go the State Tournament. Pictured top row (L-R) are Bobbie Jones, Rikki Sutterlict, Edwin Ryea, Tucker Reinitz, Coach Steve Reinitz, Coach Riippa, Bryan Witt, Koki Berentsen, Asa Hutchings, Rysie Pettit, Elwyn Johnson. Bottom row (L-R) are Richie Revay, Cody Brown, James Quilt, Ronnie Rosbaugh. Front row is Tucker Johnson.

Chehalis Tribal Newsletter encourages tribal members to submit letters, articles, photographs, and drawings to be considered for publication. These are subject to editing. Submission deadline: 6th of each month. Pencil: Each month.

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Chehalis Tribal Youth Speaks Up Against Alcohol and Drugs

By Karlea Youckton

Would You Say NO? When people hear the words Native American or Indian, the first thing that comes to mind is lazy, unsuccessful drunks. That is one of the biggest stereotypes that has been around for many years. In 1998, it was shown that approximately fifty percent of all American adolescents have used alcohol, compared to approximately eighty percent for American Indian or Alaskan Native youth. I don’t want to be one of those boys. I want to be known as one of the very few Native American youth to lead by example and take a stand to say, “No to drugs and alcohol!” Being a youth that has grown up on the reservation, I have been unfortunate enough to have witnessed many loved ones, young and old, that have fallen victim to alcoholism and drug abuse. Many have even lost their lives. I have had the first hand experience at my family being torn apart by this terrible disease called addiction. I refuse to cause any more heartache, and pain towards my family. This experience has really opened my eyes to the reality of how drugs and alcohol can really affect people and their life-long goals.

This disease is no laughing matter. It takes mothers and fathers away from their children, and children away from mothers and fathers. I have watched those who once had it all, go from having it all to absolutely nothing. This is exactly why I will be one of the very few to change the statistics and actually amount to something. If I can prevent just one more youth by my example to stay away from addiction, then that’s all the reason in the world that I need to say, “No to drugs and alcohol!”

2010 Oakville Middle School Basketball Teams

Oakville middle school girls basketball team went undefeated this 2010 season.

The middle school boys basketball team played well and had an outstanding undefeated season.

By Proud Oakville Parent

For the first time in at least four years, both the high school girls’ and boys’ basketball teams in Oakville end the year with winning seasons. Being a member of a team takes quite a commitment from our youth.

Academics come first, and each player must maintain passing grades throughout the season. In addition to their school work, players attend practices 4-5 days a week, and play in games the other two days. This commitment starts in November and goes through the end of February. Basketball is a team sport, and the players learn much more than how to win a game. They learn life lessons about how to work together, how to accept criticism, how to encourage each other, how to maintain control of emotions, and most importantly, how to respect themselves and others. Our players truly are role models on and off the court.

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Both of the Oakville coaches, Steve Reinitz and Tracy Bray, were named Coaches of the Year by the League. This award is usually reserved for the 1st place team in the league, but due to the excellent play by our kids, Oakville received this great honor!

If you see our players out in the community, congratulate them for a job well done—both on and off the court!
Elders Activities Make February a Month of Lasting Memories

Greetings from the Elders corner! February had some great activities. We have seen several Elders show up for the No Sew Blanket Class. Sue Sanders, Bea Stella, Gloria Jones, Jennifer Whitlinos, Art Medina, and Linda Daniels got to prepare, make and take home beautiful blankets! Cookie picked hers up and, after a few days, returned it to share it. There will be another blanket class soon.

The Valentine’s Day Dinner was a great way to celebrate this holiday together. The menu was prepared by Rayna Romero. She is the Temporary Cook for the Elders. This was her second day of cooking, and what a way to break it! She prepared BBQ ribs and chicken (with help from Ray ATV), baked potatoes, sautéed veggies, garlic bread and cake. There were over 36 Elders who attended the dinner. Every Elder took home candy and some took flowers. Thanks for coming and supporting your program.

A few attended the Charo concert. Their response was, “She was great! She entertained the audience plus played her guitar. Her comedy act had everyone laughing. Many

Elders gather in each other in the lobby of the Lucky Eagle Casino while waiting to make informed decisions and guide the tribe into the future.

Elders Care Packages are Like Gold to Our Soldiers in Iraq

By Nancy Romero, Elders Coordinator

I attended a rough junior high outside of San Jose, California, a school where the student girls at my ceramics table carved “Joe Elliot” into their forearm with wood screws to prove De Lappe allegiance. In eighth grade my friend started hanging out before bed with a poster with the stones, which was weird because she was the school’s star softball pitcher. She could swing her arm around so fast that I thought I might dislocate my arm by off of the billboard. She smoked pot before school every day. Before long she started missing practice, which didn’t matter once her grades failed and she couldn’t play softball. She had spent years perfecting that pitch.

I’ve attended four different high schools, but I saw her at the end of freshman year at the mall, about 20 pounds heavier, with great grey eyebrows. I asked her, “Who framed you?” I asked a guy from her school what had happened, and he just said, “Burn out.”

Greetings from the Elders corner! February was a great month for the Elders Care Packages that were sent to our soldier in Iraq. The idea is that there aren’t a lot of Native Americans and I had to do something. It also turned out that there weren’t a lot of Native Americans in the accounting field, and advocacy groups work tirelessly toward approval of dispensaries when medical marijuana is legal. Washington is State on the short list.

Making marijuana easier to obtain puts society at risk, especially when used under false pretenses of pain or illness. I learned this first hand in Colorado, living next door to a user who couldn’t even leave the workplace if older kids lay around stored-second hand, and had to find for themselves at meal times. Their grandmother fought for custody. Marijuana is even available in the stores.

The psychoactive component in cannabis, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) can affect the brain’s body movement coordination (cerebellum), learning and memory (hippocampus), higher cognitive functions (cerebral cortex), and other abilities with effects lasting one to three hours when inhaled. The effects of marijuana are felt long much longer.

Consider marijuana’s effects on workers who multitask, or who safeguard others. About how the staff of your child’s day care? Bus drivers? Construction workers?

No one wants their ER phlebotomist to smoke a joint right before he sticks a needle. The state of Washington State follows California’s lead in legalizing dispensaries, health care facilities and home care nurses who multitask, or who safeguard others. About how the staff of your child’s day care? Bus drivers? Construction workers?

For compelling information about marijuana’s effects, the National Institute on Drug Addiction’s Web site: www.nida.nih.gov/researchreports/marijuana/Marijuana3.html

Message from your Prevention Coordinator, Lorrie Bowler: I want to share this piece, because the author reports that she has questions or comments, call me at 360-709-1717.

Pictured (L-R) are Master Carver Dave Wilson instructing Elder Dan “Bones” Gleason how to use the adz, a hand tool used for carving the river canoe.

Carving classes are available at the wood shop: Wednesday, 3:30-5:30 PM. Friday, 3:30-5:30 PM. Saturday, 2:30-5:30 PM.

Staff Profile: CTE Accounting Clerk

By DeDe Devlin, Chehalis Tribal Elder

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- Informs tribal liaisons of governmental or other organizations.
- Provides current and future tribal leaders with the knowledge and skills needed to work within her group (platoon). Students have the opportunity to become leadership leaders, participate in the school's ranger program, drill team and many other extracurricular activities. The National Guard provides these opportunities to help students with self-esteem, building character and a sense of accomplishment. Students are rewarded for their achievements and disciplined when necessary. Ann Marie endured physical or college or be employed. The mentor longevity to create an effective and together how to create an effective and follow their advice. This is your co-pay. We evening ended with a dinner. All we evening ended with a dinner. All participants received a Pendleton note pad and超过$50 for clinic attendees. Include a meal per person and transportation. We evening ended with a dinner. All participants received a Pendleton note pad and超过$50 for clinic attendees. Include a meal per person and transportation. We evening ended with a dinner. All participants received a Pendleton note pad and超过$50 for clinic attendees. Include a meal per person and transportation. We evening ended with a dinner. All participants received a Pendleton note pad and超过$50 for clinic attendees. Include a meal per person and transportation.

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- Conducting activities including education activities to increase colorectal cancer screening rate.
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Free or low-cost counseling and diagnostic services for those 50 and older without insurance or assistance with co-pay will be offered.

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