Attention Artists: Coastal staff at 360-273-7723.

The Chehalis Tribal Head Start Graduation will be accepting applications from Chehalis tribal members interested in purchasing a single family residence at the Vosper Subdivision. The CTHA has four, three-bedroom homes, approximately 1500 square feet, available. Applications will be accepted from April 28 to the close of business on May 11. If you are interested, stop by the Housing Office and pick up an application. Any questions contact the Housing Office staff at 360-273-7723.

On March 31, home owners received the keys to their new home from Virginia Canales, CTHA Tenant Services. Connie Baker was excited to move into her new home in the Vosper Division. Pictured (L-R) are Skylar Baker, Ryan Canales, Shayden Baker, and Connie Baker.

On March 22, over 50 tribal and community members attended the open house and ribbon cutting of the Chehalis Tribal Housing Authority at the Vosper Subdivision. After years of waiting, tribal members will live the American dream of owning their own homes. This process started in 1999. Now the vision of homes being finished and occupied is complete. The patience and diligence by everyone involved in the completion of this worthwhile project is finally a reality. Excited families moving into their new homes were given the keys the last week of March. Dan Gleason and Marie Bird led a heartfelt prayer, blessing the new houses for the new owners. Following the blessing and ribbon cutting ceremony, everyone was invited to tour a house at 11 Sickman Loop. This gathering blessed the houses as the community shared a meal and congratulated the new home owners families.

The words spoken by the Chairman precisely articulated the blessing of the houses. "Presently we are looking at these new houses," said Chairman Burnett. "When the new owners move in, they will become their houses to raise their families.

John Vosper, who sold the property to the tribe, was present to see the ceremony and said, "I've had a recurring dream about seeing homes on the back half of the reservation being finished and occupied is complete. The people and Mother Nature smiled down upon the volunteers by not giving them a hard time.

Many came prepared with warm clothing, expecting rain. Mother Nature smiled down upon the volunteers by not giving them a rain shower as they worked. Work crews were seen picking up trash that had been discarded by passing motorists. Groundkeepers were brought in around the house to pick up the garbage bags and haul them to tribal dumpsters. They estimated they hauled 12 truckloads of garbage.

On March 9 the Chehalis Reservation got a little bigger. With the stroke of a pen, it was done. The Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs signed the Reservation Proclamation and seven parcels of land totaling 213.73 acres became part of the Chehalis Reservation. Sounds like it should be quick and easy, but this move was only the third time that the Obama administration has signed off on a Reservation Proclamation since inauguration. "It is never easy to get the Federal Government to do its job," said Chairman Burnett. "But we have developed relationships with key people in the BIA that have helped us to succeed when other tribes struggle to accomplish this task.

The land parcels are not connected and were acquired by the tribe and taken into trust over the years from 1998, but were all made part of the reservation at once. Some of the parcels include the electronic sign at the Youth Center truck also provided much needed assistance in hauling the trash. With this many volunteers helping, it made short work of the area to be cleaned up. Raffle prizes and buffet tickets were distributed to the volunteers who worked that day. Everyone got something to eat, and got warmed up after the clean up was

A Dzeni Truckloads of Trash Gone, Thanks to Volunteers

Chehalis Tribal Members Become Blessed With New Home Ownership

With a Stroke of the Pen, the BIA Expands Chehalis Reservation

By Jeff Warnke, Director of Government Public Relations

Volunteers from the United Way of Lewis County, Boys & Girls Club of America and many employees from the Lucky Eagle and Chehalis Tribe gathered at the tribal center before heading out along designated areas during the 2010 Spring Clean Up. This will clear up those jurisdictional issues including policing, issuing land use and building permits, water quality, and fishery management. Several of the parcels along the Chehalis River are on the opposite bank creating a new southern border for the reservation.
Native American Electricians Training Available

Are you interested in starting a career as an Electrician? The Vocational Rehabilitation program will assist anyone who wishes to pursue this exciting opportunity to become an electrician.

The Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development and the United States Department of Labor, in partnership with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, is offering a seven week pre-apprenticeship training course in association with the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee in Bismarck, North Dakota. Upon successful completion of the training, students may be offered an apprenticeship position.

Application and Acceptance Process
Submit all application documents at the United Tribes Technical College. All applications will be reviewed for eligibility and applicants are further screened with a phone interview.

Final acceptance is determined upon receipt of the drug test results, the physical results, and a background check.

Upon notification of final acceptance into the program, applicant must be prepared to take the drug test, and a physical, and transportation to the location within three weeks of selection.

Pre-Apprenticeship Program Minimum Qualifications

All individuals selected in participation in the Pre-Apprenticeship Program must meet all of the following qualifications:

Minimum age requirement of 18 by February 1, 2010.

Must be a high school graduate, have a GED or a two year degree or higher.

Must provide transcripts of education and trainings and have good math skills.

Must agree to and sign an Individual Plan of Study.

Must have a current, valid driver’s license.

May have to relocate for placement to successfully complete an apprenticeship program.

Additional Minimum Qualifications

Be physically and mentally able to safely perform essential functions of the job, with or without reasonable accommodations.

Be able to get to and from work at job sites anywhere within the geographical area.

Be able and willing to attend all related classroom training as required.

Be able to climb and work from ladders, poles, towers and other structures.

Be able to work in confined spaces such as attics, manholes, crawlspaces.

Be able to read, hear and understand instructions and warnings.

If you are interested, please submit a completed application and fax it to: Barbara Schmitt or Aiden Boxer at 701-530-64907, or scan documents and e-mail to busmit@uttc.edu or aboxer@uttc.edu.

The deadline for applications is May 22, 2010. For more related information, go to the United Tribes Technical College website: www.uttc.edu.

Please contact Barb Churchill at 360-709-1633 for an application.

The Harlem Crowns are masters of ad lib, and put the audience on the spot. Community Center. What a great family-fun event -- to watch a game of basketball. “We call it ‘Clownball.’ There’s something new and different for people to visit and get information. People of the Sands” will be making t-shirts that need a design. If you are aware of any community or tribal events that have t-shirts and information for parents to talk to their youth about abstinence.

Pat Odiorne shared information on the Pat Ogiene Program. The program focuses on what happens when people use alcohol and drugs. Some of the photos shown by Odiorne included people and protecting our youth.

Elder Elaine McCloud’s presentation was a table full of paper headstones with names written on them. They were people in her life who had lost their lives due to drugs or alcohol. It was hard for her to discuss these personal issues, but her point was well taken. As she picked up one of the names, she said “It doesn’t matter about the cause of the death. It was what the addiction cost the family.”

Gail Hurst, Bruce Stimson, and Dean Johnny also shared how their programs work. Bruce Stimson gave a slide show presentation on the negative health affects of using alcohol and drugs. Some of the photos were pretty graphic and an eye opener for many of us. Her strong words and stance on using alcohol and drugs were pretty graphic and an eye opener for many of us. She pointed to a headstone and continued, “This one could have been you.”

Lorrie Bonifer gave examples of what Johnny also shared how their programs could’ve been used. She pointed to a headstone and continued, “This one could have been you.”

When he asked what the acceptable alcohol level for children was, the kids exclaimed, “Zero!”

A Tribal member and Police Officer Arik Butrum conducted an “Inquest Goggle” trial area for youth to understand the dangers of driving while intoxicated.

There were several other tables available for people to visit and get information.

Cindy Marchand from The Evergreen State College came out and had a table and spoke about her assistance to help anyone interested in going to college.

Christina Hicks had “Parent Speak Up” T-shirts and information for parents to talk to their youth about abstinence.

Put Oniome shared information on the dangers of energy drinks and sugar content in soda.

The Soaring Eagles Youth Group skit sent a message to our teenagers and parents on what happens when people use alcohol.

The talk began with a video of a music academy. Chayse Youckton-Bonifer, Kelse Kthitus, and Roberta Youckton sang their Prevention Song with the assistance of Savannah Bird. Heidi Gause also performed a prevention song she made at the Youth Music Academy. She thanked Gail Hurst for mentoring her in the fight against addiction.

The message given at this dinner was a strong one in the fight against addiction and how addiction negatively affects families.

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A long time ago, when I was a little boy, my father’s neighbors had to have a feast. And while they were in there having a feast, they were singing their medicine songs and pounding on the floor, and on the boards and ground, and pounding the rock. The rock is being used to pound the rock, and one man, he got up at that time and he said, “The world is turning, and turning, and its moving in some direction we don’t know. And down in the valley and all that big river, the sun goes around, and follows the sun wherever it’s going. And whenever the world turns, the picture is always a little bit turn, over, too, and start something new.” One of my friends was Elizabeth and she says, “What are we going to do with the old people? Are they going to starve?” And a young boy, he got up and says, “No we can’t let them starve. Let us give them the fat of the land, because they taught me.” The voice of the Clouds.

Heritage Coordinator Values Old Photos, and Offers Copies of Family Photos to Tribal Members

By Elaine McCloud, Heritage Coordinator

I have a large picture collection I inherited from my mother Hayden Piesak, I think the negatives are kept separately money preserving them. I organized them into a certain degree and matched up any negatives I found to the picture. Then I went to Camera Exchange and made copies of these and the rest of all that big collection produced very sharp and clear pictures. I think they were shot from a 120 mm camera. I have pictures of the people, many of them, that I photographed in the 1950s. If there is a red dot in the photo album it means I don’t have the negative, so I might have a picture and the negatives are kept separately

The earliest family picture I have is of Grandma Elma Johnson’s house, I might have a picture or pictures of most of the generation of cousins Clifford (Buddie) and Dorothy. I have pictures of Grandpa Abe Parsons; I have pictures of Grandpa John Hayden’s mother, Lucy Bill and Bill. If you sent my mother a graduation picture, the chances are good that I still have it. She told me that she had “lost” one picture or two so people could make copies and they never came back. So she told me that after that her policy was that she would make copies for people who wanted them.

I have pictures of Grandpas Abe Parsons; Auntie Annie Simmons; Uncle Walt Walker; Auntie Susie (Walker) Reisch; Grandpa John Hayden; Grandma Bevie (Walker) Hayden and nine of their children (Susie, Wallace, Lillim, my aunts, Elma, Florence, Mabel, Clifford (Buddie) and Dorothy). I have pictures of Grandma Elma Johnson’s house, I might have a picture or pictures of most of the generation of cousins that I belong to. If you stayed with us at one time or another like Portland or Lizzie Johnson have some pictures of my picture or two with you in it.

My mother went to Chemawa Indian Boarding School in Salem, Oregon. I have the yearbook from the year she graduated. A couple of her friends were Elizabeth Aiquette and Eliza Bobb. I have a small collection of pictures of her and her friends in school.

I have a small group of Chehalis tribal pictures in my collection. (Place in chart later) the Chehalis Sewing Club (1939), and Vacation Bible School (1959). I have a handful of community members in various pictures like picking huckleberries or having dinner at the Mason Hall.

I have pictures of the next generation of cousins especially those we used to baby sit or who used to come over to visit, and also the Thomas children. I also have some pictures of kids at the Little White Church.

There is still a lot of work that I have to do as far as organizing. I have pulled pictures from their books for various events like NNAHB and they haven’t been reorganized. Very few of the color photographs have been organized like the older black and white ones. Life just seems to keep getting in my way.

I am in the process of trying to organize this huge collection and eventually have them scanned into the computer and available for people to download onto their computers or make copies.

Some have received an email with a picture attachment every once and when. Then if you have an email address, I try to email a picture or two while I am scannning. This has been a task I have been working on for many years and will continue working on. My email address is Emccloud@chehalistribe.org. If you would like to email me a picture that you might think you would enjoy, please let me know. Otherwise if you need a picture for a certain event like NNABA and they haven’t been reorganized. If I have such a picture, I will do my best to get it to you.

I can be contacted at my Heritage Coordinator work number, 360-709-1748, or my home number, 360-273-0378. Please be patient with me as this is a very time consuming task, but I do want you to know that I am willing to share my wealth of pictures with people who will use them for their own personal use. I hope they won’t end up sold to some anthropologist who is writing a story on the ways of the Indians from a long time ago.

Correction from March 2010 Chehalis Tribal Newsletter.

The new hall facility at the Community Center will consist of two softball fields and one little league field.

Community Input Needed to Document and Record Reservation Cemetery Information and Upgrade Signs

Do you know any of the women in this photo or where the photo was taken? If so, contact Elaine McCloud at 360-709-1748 to help her identify

Photo donated by Elder Bettie Fulton

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If you have matters dealing with probate, report directly to me. All calls are confidential. Feel free to contact me. My office hours are 8:00 to 4:30 pm, Monday thru Friday. I’m located in Brooke Stimson’s office at the Public Safety Building. You can contact me at 360-709-1606.

Staff Profile: CTWC Medical Receptionist

Greetings, I am Mary Secena, the Medical Receptionist for the Chehalis Tribal Health Clinic. I am from Belfair, River, in between Quets and Lake Quinual, I have been in this community since 1974. I have two wonderful boys. One is Michael Anthony Hicks, whom my brother Richard J. Hicks and Mary Jane Shale adopted and raised. Other is William P. Heick. My other son is Calvin Page Cayenne through my first marriage with Frank Cayenne, Jr. I am now married for 11 years to a wonderful man, Don Secena, and we have a wonderful grandson.

I have worked as a Teacher’s Aid for Head Start with Helen Nolson, and Roberta Secena. Rosetta Klutital was the head. In 1978 I became the Medical Secretary for an Indian Action Team with carpentry training and a secretarial class. Many of us young women took the secretaries class.

The men in the carpentry training built the clinic. We women learned everything from sewing, accounting, typing, shorthand, speed writing, medical terminology, how to answer the phone, and secretarial skills. In the sewing class we sewed aprons and shift dresses that we modeled for our new clinic that was opened in 1977. After two years of experience under our belts, we were let loose to apply for real jobs. I applied for the new Medical Receptionist position at our tribal medical clinic for the new clinic. Ken Dyball was our first Physician Assistant. The clinic was dedicated to Mr. Loren James, for the hard work she did to get funds for the clinic. She was the Secretary for the tribe back then.

Ken Dyball, Glenda Smith (nurse) and I were the only ones in the clinic for a long time. Eventually our staff started growing when we received more funds. The clinic added the CHR and Dennis Kipp, who came to us as a Family Counselor from Taholah Indian Health, and I don’t think either one of us have seen the clinic to provide counseling for clients once or twice a week.

In 1982 transferred to Taholah Indian Health, which was then the Medical Center for the Reservation. Eventually I completed my circle and retired and re-applied for my old job. I’ve been the Medical Receptionist for 31 years now all together. I love my job and the people here, and I’ve got to give the people a smile. I have seen many people and have seen them come and go.

I have lived over half of my life here in Oakville and can’t wait to retire and do all kinds of arts and crafts, sewing and relaxing over a cup of tea, enjoying all of our beautiful grandchildren, and catching up on my soap.
that the company’s 11 Great Wolf Lodge® indoor waterpark resorts, received official WOLF), North America’s largest family of owners and their families: Eli Snell, Melanie Congratulations to all the new home property. It’s an honor to have witnessed MADISON, Wis. (April 8, 2010) – In addition to celebrating the new Big Sisters.” In the vision, to see it come true for new home events. “Great Wolf Lodge has given its guests a plan and inventive way to support Big Brothers Big Sisters to participate in the event. “The company’s commitment brought an energy and excitement to these communities, which will enable it to positively impact even more children and their families.” For more information, go to www.greatwolf.com worldrecord. Our Grand Mount Great Wolf Lodge was one of 11 different Great Wolf Lodges venues that contributed to sliding into the Guinness World Records. The River Canyon water slide was used for this event which measures 498.5 feet. One pack member rode the slide 98 times without leaving the 24-hour period. They had 5,582 participants contributing to 30,800 miles to the record along with the 10 other lodges adding to the record breaking total of 3,393 miles. The old record of 2,189 miles only lasted 24 hours by the water slide. 7,500 more. An awesome job pack members, making it was a howling Great Wolf employees recorded each participant in the record- breaking 24-hour slide marathon, getting them into the Guinness Book of World Records. Spring Clean Up finished. It was good work by everyone involved. Joyce Thomas said, “You really don’t see how much trash there is when travelling in a car. But there was more than I expected. It’s a good feeling to help keep our reservation clean.” Many of the Tulalip members felt that this was good work. A little messy, but a job well done!” A special thanks goes out to Correen Young and United Way of Lewis County for providing many years of helping with our Spring Clean Up! The Tulalip Tribe of Lewis County has been involved with our Spring Clean-Up since 2007. Thank you to newcomers Boys & Girls Clubs of America and everyone else who came out to help!”

Guinness World Record Breaking 24 Hour Waterslide Event


Great Wolf Lodge Slides Into the World Record Book During Hour Waterslide-athon Event

More Youth Services at Chehalis Tribe Possible Thanks to Funding for Tribal Boys & Girls Clubs

Rob McKenna, Attorney General, announced a grant being made available to provide funding for tribal Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Pictured (L-R) are Attorney General Rob McKenna, Chehalis Tribal Chair EarlDISPLAY реклама для клиента

MADISON, Wis. (April 8, 2010) – After 45,148 participants slid a total of 3,593 miles, Great Wolf Resorts, Inc. (“NASCDAQ:WOLF”), North America’s largest family of indoor waterpark resorts, received official word today from Guinness World Records that the company’s 11 Great Wolf Lodge® locations set a new record for “longest distance water slide in 24 hours in multiple venues.”

“We’re thrilled to hold the Guinness World Record for the longest distance waterslide in 24 hours. It was a true team effort at all of our properties,” said Kim Schaefer, CEO of Great Wolf Resorts. “We’re excited to see this vision, to see it come true for new home owners.”

The tribe that was taken some 150 years ago. With land having reservation status, the tribe is better positioned to protect and enhance them as we have done for centuries.”

homes and families be blessed!” I asked Connie Barker how it feels to have your entire family’s trust. She responded, with a heartfelt, “Whoosh! I’m excited. This has been a dream of mine for awhile. owning a home on the reservation is finally a reality for me and my children.”

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Multi-Generational Gathering Room

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We will be honoring all women during National Women’s Health Awareness Month. Come and learn about a variety of health-related topics that are important to women’s health. Guest speakers will present. Mark your calendars and be prepared to get information that is vital to women’s health. Landis will provide cool gift bags to those who attend. Details will follow.

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Wednesday, May 19

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