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Program News

Join Family Tree Classes to Discover Your Family Ancestry

The Heritage Program is providing free family tree classes on Mondays starting at 4 PM in classroom 4 at the new Community.

If you are attending for the first time, please obtain your family tree from the Enrollment Department so we have a place to start. It's easiest to enter the building from the south entrance. Hope to see everyone there.

Any question please contact Elaine McCloud, Heritage Coordinator, 360-709-1748 or email Emccloud@chehalistribe.org.

Vosper Homes Available for Purchase by Tribal Members

The Chehalis Tribal Housing Authority 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.

Attention Artists: Coastal Salish Art Needed for Head Start Sweatshirts

The Chehalis Tribal Head Start Graduation Committee is looking for a traditional Coastal Salish style drawing to be used as a design on sweatshirts to be awarded to the class of 2010 graduates.

If you are interested in participating, please submit your drawing by Friday, May 14 to Heather Galloway at the Head Start. A winner will then be chosen and announced by the Graduation Committee.

We look forward to seeing our tribe's creativity!

College Fair at Great Wolf Lodge

Tuesday, May 25, 1-6 PM

All welcome! Juniors should definitely attend. Bring your parents and friends to visit with representatives from colleges and universities, trade and technical schools.

200 high school students w/ASB cards and completed surveys will receive a Great Wolf Lodge day pass

- All Chehalis tribal members who have completed a higher education degree or trade through the higher education department are encouraged to attend.
- All Chehalis tribal members, community members and employees come and help us show our youth how successful our community has been. If you have completed a higher education degree and/or trade, please submit a copy of your degree, photo of yourself and small quote of your success by May 15.

Any questions, please contact Racheal Mendez at 360-709-1698 or email Rmendez@chehalistribe.org

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♦ "People of the Sands" ♦



Chehalis youth group spread the message at dinner

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Chehalis Tribal Members Become Blessed With New Home Ownership



On March 31, home owners received the keys to their new home from Viginia 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 Pitzenberger, Virginia Canales, Shayden Baker, and Connie Baker.

By Fred Shortman, Editor

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 sub division. 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 houses 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 homes 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

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

By Jeff Warnke, Director of Government Public Relations

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 their 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 since 1998, but were all made part of the reservation at once. Some of the parcels include the electronic casino sign near I-5, the bed and breakfast property on Anderson Road, several abandoned railroad parcels along the Chehalis River and the Great Wolf Lodge property. The addition of the properties brings the total size of the reservation to 4,438.36 acres.

There are several reasons why this move was an important step for the tribe. Each of the properties that were formerly off reservation was in some way under the jurisdiction of a local county, some being in Thurston and some in Grays Harbor County. 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.

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A Dozen Truckloads of Trash Gone, Thanks to Volunteers

By Fred Shortman, Editor

It was a cool and breezy Wednesday morning for the Chehalis Tribe's Spring Clean Up Day. There were 40 people who came to the Tribal Center participating in cleaning up the reservation, including tribal members and employees, Boys & Girls Club volunteers, Lucky Eagle Casino staff, and United Way of Lewis County staff and volunteers.

Elaine McCloud set the tone for the day, blessing this event, thanking and praying for the people and Mother Earth. Joyce Thomas did a great job organizing work crews and dispersing them to various areas of the reservation. Everyone grabbed work gloves and garbage bags, intent on picking up trash along Howanut, Niederman, Anderson, Secena and Moon Roads and the surrounding areas of the fish pit and ball fields.

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. Groundskeepers were drove around in their truck to pick up the garbage bags and haul them to our tribal dumpsters. They estimated they hauled 12 truckloads of garbage. The Lucky Eagle Casino and the Youth Center truck also provided much

needed assistance in hauling the trash. With this many volunteers helping, it made short work of the areas 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

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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.

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Youth Speak Up at Underage Drinking Prevention Dinner



The “Soaring Above the Influence” youth group skit demonstrated the dangers of underage drinking. It was their interpretation of a drinking party and how silly people act when they are drinking alcohol. Pictured (L-R) are Britney Maass, Kelsie Klatush, Kelsey Bray, Roberta Youckton, Chayse Youckton-Bonifer, and Lorrie Bonifer.

By Fred Shortman, Editor

On March 24, Sixty-seven tribal and community members showed up to listen to the keynote speakers for a prevention event geared towards Kick Butt’s Day- educating towards tobacco prevention, and a meeting addressing underage drinking.

Lorrie Bonifer shared a slide show presentation on the negative health effects 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 these addictions came from her heart as a mother and a person who deeply cares about 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 paper headstones she said, “It doesn’t matter about the names on these head stones. It was what the addiction cost the family members and loved ones when they died.” She pointed to a headstone and continued, “This one could have been a lawyer, doctor, a great leader or something else. You never will know what they could’ve been.”

Gail Hurst, Bruce Stinson, and Dean Johnny also shared how their programs work. Bruce Stinson gave examples of what happens when a youth gets caught drinking alcohol or using drugs, how the legal system works when dealing with this illegal activity.

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

Tribal member and Police Officer Arick Burnett conducted an “Impairment 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.
- Pat Odiorne 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. Thank you Soaring Eagles Kelsey Bray, Chayse Youckton-Bonifer, Kelsie Klatush, and Roberta Youckton.

Chayse Youckton-Bonifer sang his Prevention Song with the assistance of Savannah Bird. Heidi Gaiser 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.

Join These Exciting Prevention Activities

Soaring Eagles Above the Influence (SEATI) is the brand-new youth prevention team! We are looking for additional youth to participate in the program. We have activities throughout the year and also attend youth conferences across the state. We will be going to the Youth Spring Forum in May at the Great Wolf Lodge, as well as Standing Tall the following week at the Great Wolf Lodge. Both conferences are youth-oriented with hundreds of youth from across the state attending.

Check us out on MySpace and Facebook and become our fans for upcoming events and view photographs of what we do: www.myspace.com/chehalisprevention.

We can’t wait to see you at the upcoming events. More information will be posted on our MySpace and Facebook soon.

If you want to be a part of SEATI and attend these conferences, please contact

Lorrie Bonifer, 360-709-1717 or Lbonifer@chehalistribe.org ASAP. We can get you registered.

Youth Artists: Get Your Prevention Design on T-Shirts

The Prevention Department’s youth team, *Soaring Eagles Above the Influence*, is holding a contest for all youth artists. We will be making t-shirts that need a design. To enter the contest, simply draw or sketch up a design for the t-shirts and bring it into the Prevention Department in the Clinic. If you design it on the computer, email it to Lbonifer@chehalistribe.org.

The deadline is April 30. The best design will be chosen and posted on the Prevention Department’s MySpace and Facebook pages. The winning artist will be rewarded \$250. Contact Lorrie Bonifer for more information or to submit your designs.

Program Recognizes Youth Who Excel in Academics

Congratulations to all our youth striving to maintain their academics this quarter. The Education Program staff wish to recognize the following students who qualified for dinner and a movie incentive from the TELO program:

Skylar Bracero, Kayley Trott, Alyssa Charles, Lilly Rhodes, Heather Daniels, Deidra Hawkes, Jordan Merriman, Kaileen Bray, TJ Trott, Jordon Bird, Brittany Maass, Gary Ortivez, Geraldine Youckton, Dewey Gleason-Wheeler, and Kaleb Merriman.

High School Graduates:

Attention all Chehalis tribal and community members!

Graduation is approaching fast for seniors who are in the final stages of completing their high school education. The Chehalis Tribe celebrates our graduating seniors with a dinner and recognition ceremony.

If you are aware of any community or tribal member getting ready to graduate, please contact JJ, Tawni, Jason or Nathan at 360-709-1749 with all their information.

Fun Basketball Team Passes Serious Life Choice Message to Youth

By Fred Shortman, Editor

On Saturday, April 10, the Harlem Crowns played our Chehalis Stars in the gym at the Community Center. What a great family-fun event -- to watch a game of basketball. “We call it ‘Clownball.’ There’s something new every night,” said manager Herb Caife.

The players are masters of ad lib. They take advantage of every situation, pulling their shenanigans on the opposing players and the audience. This was very entertaining, and it had the audience in fits of laughter.

But the event wasn’t just about showing off the Harlem Crowns’ basketball skills. The true story was the players’ message about avoiding gangs, drugs and alcohol.

Each player talked about how they escaped the peer pressure of growing up in the inner city. Each player introduced themselves and where they grew up, and told the different things they had to deal with in their respective cities.

Many of the players grew up loving basketball and other sports, and participating in after school activities. Practicing and committing to getting good grades kept them too busy to get involved in bad influences that inner city life could bring.

Their main message was, “If you want to be good at anything, it’s necessary to put the time and effort in, and practice it to become great at it.”



The Harlem Crowns are masters of ad lib, and put the audience on the spot by bringing them out on the basketball court. Herb Caife, Manager of the Harlem Crowns, instructs and teases Jaiden Smith as he shoots a free throw.

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 Department of Labor in partnership with United Tribes Technical College, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the National Electrical Contractors Association, 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 application with all supporting documents to United Tribes Technical College.

- Applications are accepted and screened 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 travel to training location within three weeks of selection.

Pre-Apprenticeship Program Minimum Qualifications

All individuals selected for participation in the Pre-Apprenticeship Training 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* for success.
 - 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, either 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 and towers of various heights.
 - Be able to crawl and work in confined spaces such as attics, manholes and 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 Arden Boxer at 701-530-0607, or scan documents and e-mail to bschmitt@uttc.edu or aboxer@uttc.edu.

The application deadline 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.

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The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation...
“People of the Sands”

A long time ago, when I was a little boy, my father called his neighbors 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 the boards on the ground, and pounding the roof.

That's the way they called the Spirits, and one man, he got up at that time and he said, "The world is twirling, and turning, and its moving in some direction we don't know. And the earth and all that belongs to the sun goes around, and follows the sun wherever it's going. And whenever the world turns over, peoples should turn over, too, and start something new."

One of the chiefs, he got up and says, "What are we going to do with the old people? Are they going to starve?" And a young chief, 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.



SILAS HECK
CHEHALIS TRIBAL ELDER
1874 - 1967

Silas Heck was an elder who contributed a great deal of information on the culture and language of the Chehalis Indians to various non-Indians who were studying the heritage. Much of the language information came from data by Professor Kincade collected from Silas Heck and Lillian Young, which he combined with all available data collected in the past by other individuals. Silas had the foresight to have information recorded for future generations.

The voice of the Moon.
The voice of the Trees.

They taught me everything .
The voice of the Endurance.

The voice to read what the Trees say.

And what the Grass says.

And what the Animals say when they make a noise.

When I see the trees... when the cone is ready to drop, then I know the elk is at its prime. I go out and kill the elk, and I have the best meat that a person could eat.

That is the reason I said, "Let us give the old people the fat of the land."

And so, whenever a hunter comes in with a deer, they cut a piece off that meat, the very best part, and send a boy to take it to some old person that couldn't hunt any more, and give it to them. When they received that gift they would say, "My grandson, I am going to give you my life when I die."

That's the subject of the story that I told in Indian.

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 Hattie Hayden Pikutark. I have spent a great deal of time and money preserving them. I organized them to a certain degree and matched up any negatives I found to the picture. Then I went to Camera Exchange and made copies of the negatives. Surprisingly many of them produced very sharp and clear pictures. I think they were shot from a 120 mm camera. I have the older pictures coded. If there is a red dot in the photo album it means I don't have the negative. The original picture and the negatives are kept separately

The earliest family picture I have is of Grandma Bessie, Uncle Walter Walker and Aunt Susie as children. I have pictures of Grandpa John Hayden's mother, Lucy Bill and three of her grandsons. If you sent my mother a graduation picture, the chances are good that I still have it. She did tell me that she had "lent" out a 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 Grandpa Abe Parsons; Aunt Annie Simmons; Uncle Walt Walker; Aunt Susie (Walker) Reichart; Grandpa John Hayden; Grandma Bessie (Walker) Hayden and nine of their children (Jessie, Wallace, Lillian, my mom, Elmer, Johnny, Mabel, Clifford (Buddie) and Dorothy. I have pictures of most of the generation of cousins that I belong to. If you stayed with us at one time or another like at Portland or Lizzie Johnson's house, I might have a picture or two with you in it.

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

I have a small group of Chehalis tribal pictures like Pioneer Days (1932/1933), 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 Mess Hall.

I have pictures of the next generation of cousins especially those we used to baby sit or who used to come over and visit, 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 NNABA and they haven't been put back. Very few of the color pictures 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 disks or make copies.

Some of you may have received an email with a picture attachment every now and then. If you have an email address, I try to email a picture or two while I am scanning. This has been a task I have been working on for many years and will continue working on. My email address is Emeccloud@chehalistribe.org. If you would like me to email you a picture that I might think you would enjoy, please let me know. Otherwise if you need a picture for a certain event (memorial, birthday, family reunion, etc.) and 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.



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 everyone in the picture.

Photo donated by Elder Bettie Fulton

Correction from March 2010 *Chehalis Tribal Newsletter*:
The new ball fields 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

The Culture, Heritage and Language Programs are in the process of starting to document all cemeteries and we are asking for your help. Please watch for fliers that will be going out to the community.

We will be having four dinners. Each dinner will be for all families of a specific cemetery. These dinners will be to discuss each cemetery and cover different issues such as:

- Unknown/unmarked graves
- Show documented grave sites
- Record families at each cemetery

- Find out where you and your family wish to be buried
- Assign or reserve areas or plots at each cemetery
- Select cemetery name sign styles
- Discuss other issues that need to be covered

Watch for flyers! Contacts for this project are Joyleen McCrory, 360-709-1573, Dianne Devlin, 360-709-1621, Elaine McCloud 360-709-1748, or Dan Penn, 360-709-1747.

Probation Services Available at Public Safety Building

Hi, my name is James Cayenne II. I'm the new Chehalis Tribal Probation Officer. I want to get the word out that if you are on probation you need to come in and check in with me if you have not done so already. Or if you know someone who is on probation, let them know they need to check in, so I can get those individuals back on track.

If you have matters dealing with probation, report directly to me. All calls are confidential. Feel free to contact me. My office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday thru Friday. I'm located in Bruce Stinson's old 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 Wellness Center. I am from Raft River, in between Queets and Lake Quinault. I have been in this community since 1974. I have two wonderful boys. One is Michael Anthony Hicks, whom my brother Richard I. Hicks and Mary Jane Shale adopted and raised. His father is William P. Heck. 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 five beautiful grandchildren.

In 1974 I worked as a Teacher's Aide for Head Start with Helen Nolson, and Roberta Secena. Rosetta Klatush was the cook. In 1975 the Chehalis Tribe started an Indian Action Team with carpentry training and a secretary class. Many of us young women took the secretary 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 secretary 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



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Medical
Receptionist

loose to apply for real jobs.

I applied for the new Medical Receptionist position and became the first Medical Receptionist for the new clinic. Ken Dyball was our first Physician Assistant. The clinic was dedicated to Ms. Lorraine Goldman 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 Dental Programs. Ted Kramers, a Family Counselor from Taholah Indian Health Clinic, came to our clinic to provide counseling for clients once or twice a week.

In 1982 I transferred to Taholah Indian Health Clinic for about seven years and completed my circle and returned 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 worked with plenty of nice people and have seen many of 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 soaps.

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The old southern boarder was the river, which moves over time and creates a bit of uncertainty as to where the actual boundary is: Is it the current location of the river or where the river was in 1864? The new boundary is now the land on the other side, thus eliminating the question. Additionally, it negates the state’s claim that the reservation ended in the middle of the river instead of the opposite bank. Above all, this fully restores land to

the tribe that was taken some 150 years ago. With land having reservation status, the tribe is better positioned to protect cultural and environmental resources. “Our land has fish, wildlife and other foods and materials that we utilize for subsistence and ceremonial purposes,” said Chairman Burnett. “As a sovereign nation we have sole jurisdiction over our own resources to protect and enhance them as we have done for centuries.”

Great Wolf Lodge Slides Into the World Record Book During 24-Hour Waterslide-athon Event

■ **Event Raises More than \$125,000 for Big Brothers, Big Sisters**

MADISON, Wis. (April 8, 2010) – After 45,148 participants slid a total of 3,593 miles, Great Wolf Resorts, Inc.® (NASDAQ: 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 sliding in 24 hours in multiple venues.”

On March 26-27, all Great Wolf Lodge locations participated in the 24-hour event to celebrate the opening of new waterslide attractions at three of its locations – Kansas City, Kansas, Kings Island in Mason, OH, and Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania. The Great Wolf Lodge “World’s Largest Waterslide-athon” took place over 24 consecutive hours with one designated slide per resort. Every slider who descended the designated slide counted toward breaking the record for longest distance traveled on waterslides over a 24-hour period.

“We’re thrilled to hold the Guinness World Record for the longest distance watersliding in 24 hours. It was a true team effort at all of our properties,” said Kim Schaefer, CEO of Great Wolf Resorts. “We had so much fun setting this world record, but what makes this a truly special event is the generosity of our guests and the general public who donated during the waterslide-athon to our charity of choice, Big Brothers Big Sisters.”

In addition to celebrating the new attractions, the event raised money for local Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies. Participants were asked to make a donation

to the organization before descending the waterslide. The resorts collected more than \$75,800 during the event, and a \$50,000 contribution to the national agency from the Great Wolf Resorts corporate office makes the total donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters more than \$125,800. Additionally, many properties opened their doors to local Bigs and Littles to participate in the event.

“Great Wolf Lodge has given its guests a fun and inventive way to support Big Brothers Big Sisters’ work in providing successful, long-term mentoring matches that help vulnerable kids beat the odds,” said Karen J. Mathis, President and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters. “The company’s commitment brought an energy and excitement to these communities, which will enable us to positively impact even more children and their families.” For more information, visit www.greatwolf.com/worldrecord.

Our Grand Mound 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 throughout the 24 hours period. They had 6,582 participates contributing to 620.80 miles to the record along with the 10 other lodges adding to the record breaking total of 3,593 miles. The old record of 843 miles was blown out of the water by 2,750 miles. What an awesome job pack members, making it was a howling success!



Great Wolf employees recorded each participant in the record-breaking 24- hour slide marathon, getting them into the Guinness Book of World Records.

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property. It’s an honor to have witnessed this vision, to see it come true for new home owners.”

Congratulations to all the new home owners and their families: Eli Snell, Melanie Hjelm, Shawn Ortvez, Connie Baker, Russ Baker, Diana Pickernell, Frances Pickernell, and Misty and Willie Secena. May your

homes and families be blessed!

I asked Connie Baker how it feels to own her own home? She responded with a wholehearted, “Whoo-hoo! 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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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 Club of America. Pictured (L-R) are Attorney General Rob McKenna, Chehalis Tribal Chairman David Burnett, and Boys & Girls Club Executive Officers Joe Ingoglia and Bill Tsoukalas.

By Fred Shortman, Editor

On March 22 a meeting was held in the gathering room of the Community Center announcing a grant available to tribes interested in opening Boys and Girls Clubs. The grant was made available from the State Attorney General Office. State Attorney General, Rob McKenna, was there to announce the grant, as well as Boys and Girls Club Chief Executive Officer Joe Ingoglia and Bill Tsoukalas.

The meeting discussed a \$101,000 grant that was made available for tribes interested in developing Boys and Girls Clubs on their reservations. The tribes’ Boys and Girls Clubs will be able to fund a coordinator position for two years. This position will be communicating and interacting with the Washington Association of Boys and Girls Clubs, assisting tribes in developing their local Boys and Girls Clubs, and enhancing current programs such as the Awana’s Program.

David Burnett said, “This has been a topic of interest for several years for our tribe. It should be a good fit and enhance present programs. This will add another resource to help our youth get the services they need, whether it is help with school work, offering of cultural activities, or providing a safe environment for youth to study, learn and have fun.”

This grant was made available from a settlement from pharmaceuticals drug makers Purdue and Merck (the makers of

pain killers Vioxx and OxiContin) in 2008. This settlement has also awarded funding to Indian Health Service to help provide additional services to combat the negative effects on communities due to prescription pill addiction.

There could be many variations to an agreement between a county Boys and Girls Club organization and our tribe, from financial agreements to the local staff hiring process, officials said. This position will need someone who is a positive role model for youth.

“The tribes are sovereign nations. They have their own approach, as they should, on how they pursue these kinds of opportunities,” Attorney General Rob McKenna said. “The process of deciding whether there should be a Boys and Girls Club should be done in a way that respects their sovereignty, is the tribe’s own deliberative process, and is culturally appropriate.”

The Tulalip Tribe has the first and only tribal Boys and Girls Club in the State of Washington. Several other tribes have expressed interest in opening Boys and Girls Clubs on their reservations, including Chehalis, Lummi, Yakima, and Quinault. This grant gives them the opportunity to pursue this, using the Tulalip Tribe’s Boys and Girls Club as a model showing how it can supplement current tribal youth programs.

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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 others agreed that this was good work. A little messy, but a job well done!

A special thanks goes out to Correna Young and United Way of Lewis County for their many years of helping with our Spring Clean Up! The United Way of Lewis County has been involved with our Spring Clean Up since 2007.

Thank you to newcomers Boys & Girls Club of America

and everyone else who came out to help! Everyone is invited back. Watch for flyers for next year’s Annual Spring Clean Up!



Volunteers Harry and Stephanie Pickernell pick up trash along Anderson Road during Spring Clean Up.

Dinner for Prevention of Prescription Drug Abuse

Wednesday, May 19
starts at 5:30 PM
At the Community Center

This gathering will be held to address prescription drug abuse. Guest speakers, door prizes, and raffle for a \$100.00 gas card.

Please contact Lorrie Bonifer at
360-709-1717 or
email Lbonifer@chehalis tribe.org

Multi-Generational Women's Health Fair

Thursday, May 13, from 10 AM - 2 PM
At the Community Center's Gathering Room

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 plan to attend and get information that is vital to women’s health. Lunch will be provided. Gift bags will be given for the first 100 women.

Any questions, contact Christina Hicks at 360-709-1741.