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Program News

Tribal Members Have New Contact for Making and Canceling Great Wolf Lodge Reservations

Lindsey Fern, Executive Administrative Assistant, is the new contact person for Great Wolf Lodge reservations. Call her direct line at 360-347-0006 or email her at lfern@greatwolf.com and give your name, date of reservation, number of people in your party, and a return email address for sending the confirmation.

Remember reservation requests are based on availability and are limited, so the sooner your request is made, the better chance you have of getting the date you want. If you cannot keep your reservation for any reason, call and cancel with as much advance notice as possible, but no later than the morning of your planned stay. If you do not cancel the reservation and don't show up, future reservations cannot be made for you without advance payment.

Heritage and Culture Program News

Thirty-two families signed up to have their family portraits taken by Cecilia Kayano on Saturday May 10 and Saturday May 17. Over 700 family combinations and poses were taken inside and outside the Community Center. Since it was so well received, Family Portraits will be taken again around Thanksgiving time in the fall. Watch for flyers. Contact Diane Devlin, Heritage Coordinator at 360-709-1621.

The Heritage and Culture Program is paying for the Canoe Families Regalia Class and providing the materials. The class instructors will be Trudy Marcellay and Sylvia Cayenne. Ten Women's Tunic spots and ten Men's Vest spots are open. Check with Sylvia Cayenne at 360-888-6638 to sign up.

Register now for the Northwest Native American Basketweavers Association Conference on October 1-3, 2010, at Kah-Nee-Tah resort in Warm Springs, Oregon. There is a sign-up sheet at the Tribal Center front desk for Chehalis Tribal Members. The deadline for sign-up is June 25th to meet the July 15th early bird registration deadline.

Program Offers Child Care Services

The Chehalis Tribal Child Care Program is offering child care services to families at the Head Start Center. Deadline for sign-up is June 27, but walk-ins are welcome after receiving approval. Check for ages, rates, and qualification requirements by contacting Evelyn Kalama for more information at 360-709-1889.

Special Nikes Available to Chehalis Tribal Members

NIKE N7s are being made available to purchase by all Chehalis community and tribal members. Cost for the shoes is \$48.00 (includes shipping). Shipping takes about 2 weeks.

If you are interested in ordering a pair of shoes, contact Cindy Beck at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center, 360-709- 1810.

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Get a Glimpse of History on Page 3:

- Interview of lower chehalis Elder Henry Cultee, as he shares his story.
- Help preserve our precious river by voicing your opinion.



Two youth receive awards for academics and sports

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Rain Fails to Dampen Spirit of Chehalis Tribal Days Memorial Weekend



Families fill the bleachers to watch softball games on Saturday. Many return to the annual tribal baseball tournaments to see old friends, family, and watch fun filled weekend of baseball.

By Fred Shortman, Editor

On a cool, moist May 21st morning employees and community members gathered for cemetery clean up day. Cemetery clean-up is a way to honor our ancestors in preparation for the Memorial Day Weekend. The clean-up was a full day of work with lawn mowers and weed eaters humming and singing their song as they manicured the grass. Many volunteers pulled weeds and lovingly washed head stones while sharing memories-with each other. When the work was finished the cemeteries looked beautiful.

Miss Tribal Days Pageant

The Elders gathered with seventy community and tribal members to witness the crowning of the 2010 Tribal Days Princesses. They were smiling as they listened to each contestant and waited to vote for the-four divisions of Miss Tribal

Days contestants. The younger ones became bashful as their parents helped them with their speeches. Contestant speeches detailed their family lineage and why they should be selected for Miss Tribal Days Princesses.

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

The first 3-on-3 basketball tournament for Tribal Days was held at the main gym in the Community Center. Joyce Thomas volunteered to run this portion of the weekend.

Three teams entered the 14 and under. The winners were Markie, Geo and Reese. In the Adult division first place went to Bobbie, Izaha and Reese.

Joyce said, "The youth were very competitive and they had a blast. We are looking forward to having this tournament again next year. Thank you Fau Fau Boyd for helping me referee and keep score

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Annual Ceremony Returns Honoring the Salmon

By Andy Olson, Fisheries Biologist

The Salmon Ceremony returned in 2010 after a year off due to a lack of Spring Chinook. In 2010 the forecast for Spring Chinook was actually lower than in 2009, but the Fish Committee and Business Committee agreed that this year it was even more important to celebrate the returning of the fish, showing them and the river the respect and reverence they deserved. They decided the fishery would be limited to just enough fish for the ceremony and no more. The number of fish counted on the spawning grounds in 2009 was 650 with a forecast of over 1200. The 2010 forecast was even lower at 909 fish returning, so it was even more important to limit the Tribe's impacts on this year's run. An immediate closure was made following the Salmon Ceremony with a call to remove all the gear from the river to prevent impacts on wildlife and salmon by poachers. Intensive surveys are planned to count every fish and also to help the Black River and Chehalis Spring Chinook through the new hatchery and by the conservation of tribal fishermen. Even with the decision to have the Ceremony, the river and the fish had to cooperate.

It was close but the river gave the people what they were hoping and praying for and the celebration of fellowship and the First (Spring) Salmon returning was excellent. The fishermen (Shawn Ortivez, Bill Secena, Bruce Klatush, Darrin Jones, John Youckton and Maynard Starr) fished hard and the weather was not cooperating. May in 2010 was one of the wettest since 1945 and the river was not warming, clearing, or dropping. Even the eel (Lamprey) redds weren't visible in their usual places. The trees finally leafed out and Dennis said he had seen a few flying ants, a sure sign the Springers would be here soon. We scheduled

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Annual Cancer Awareness Walk Brings Families Together Walking In Support for a Cure

Provided by Jessie Goddard, Joyleen McCrory, Orinda Goddard and Fred Shortman

In recognition of each and everyone who contributed to the Cancer Walk and participated in this Annual event, we would like to thank you. The Chehalis Tribe has supported this event with hopes that those who have suffered losses from cancer, have struggled with the illness, or have courageously battled this disease (and are now in remission) can continue walking/running for a cure. Our community has suffered many losses to this disease. Because it is so hard to include each and every person, by name, we want to say "Thank you very much, to everyone who donated, helped or participated with this event."

The Cancer Walk began at noon on Sunday, May 30, with 158 walkers. Our Cancer Walk is to show support in finding a cure. "We just wanted people to walk together for one reason just as



The turnout was huge as 158 walkers participated in the Cancer Walk that began at the Family Services Building on Sunday, May 30.

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2 Youth Receives Presidential Award for her Commitment to Academics

By Cassandra Pope, Proud Mom

I want to share with my tribe, how proud I am of my daughter, Desirray Klatush. Not only is she beautiful, but also smart, caring, respectful, funny and a talented tribal youth. Desirray is an enrolled Chehalis Tribal member. She's a sixth grade student attending Washington Middle school in Centralia. Recently she received the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence. This award is given to students who demonstrate academic excellence in all

areas and maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA.

Cassandra sends this message to her daughter, Desirray, "Mom loves you baby girl, and is so proud of you. You make your whole family proud of your accomplishment in receiving this award. Thank you for letting me share my daughters achievement with everyone."

Awesome job Desirray, and keep the great work!



Desirray Klatush is pictured with her mom, Cassandra Pope, after receiving her President Award. She was honored for her commitment to academics, keeping her grades above 3.5 throughout the school year.

Youth Receives Recognition for his Outstanding Play in Sports

By Fred Shortman, Editor

Shawn Youckton is an eighth grade student attending Oakville Middle School and has enjoyed playing baseball his whole life. As an eighth grader he played for the Oakville high school baseball team, and committed himself to getting good grades to maintain eligibility for baseball.

He achieved eligibility and much more, receiving an award for playing the game he loves. At age 13

Shawn was recognized for his outstanding baseball playing. League coaches honored him by voting Shawn to the All League Baseball Team.

This is an historical moment as Shawn is the first eighth grader in the school's history to be voted All League.

Shawn was also honored by receiving the Joshua Gillie Award for inspirational athletic achievements at the eighth grade graduation. At the baseball awards banquet he received the MVP award with Tucker Johnson. You're an inspiration to everyone and keep up the good work!

His father, Marvin Youckton, said, "I'm really proud of him. He's taken his game to the next level and his dedication and talent is proof of that."



Pictured are Marvin Youckton and his son, Shawn, at the Oakville High School Awards Banquet after Shawn received his Co-MVP Award, that he shared with fellow team mate Tucker Johnson.

Event Demonstrates the Dangers and Effects Drug Abuse has on Families



Tribal Officer Johnny Gonzales awards four youth with certificates for heroism. These youth responded quickly and selflessly in helping a friend who needed emergency care. Pictured (L-R) are Johnny Gonzales, Micheal Boyd, Junior Jack and Shane Youckton. Not pictured is Gordon Klatush.

By Fred Shortman, Editor

Ninety-five community members attended the Prescription Drug Awareness Community Event dinner on May 19 and listened to speakers who shared some of their experiences involving prescription drugs. The goal of the dinner was to let the community know of the dangers of prescription drug use. We live in an era where taking a pill to cure some of the pain and sickness a person may have is common. Some of these drugs are very dangerous and addictive. Our youth may already be experimenting with prescription medicine. This can lead to a dangerous, as well as life threatening activity from an overdose of a mixture of available pills.

Chehalis tribal Elder Curtis DuPuis thanked everyone for attending this very informative meeting. He talked about tobacco and reminded us that smoking and chewing is a personal choice for each individual, so we have to weigh the options. There are questions a person has to answer when choosing to smoke. Does smoking have anything to do with things we do to be a good person? What benefit does it have? What effects does smoking have on our health in the later stages of life?

What is the benefit or value of smoking anyway? Historically we didn't smoke because life on the reservation meant we were poor. We used what little money we had to eat. We had to fish, plant gardens and hunt to eat. It was 1951 before the reservation had electricity.

Now weigh the financial impact smoking has on your family. If a pack of cigarettes cost \$8 per pack and you smoke a pack a week, that's \$32 a month and \$384.00 a year. Does that really fit in a budget or does it take food away from your children? Consider the health risks that follow it. If you smoke and you quit today your life will improve each month you don't smoke.

Jamie and Ryan Smith received a standing ovation for sharing their personal experience in their battle with prescription drug addiction. They shared how in the pursuit of staying high on drugs they destroyed their life. They told how it affected their family until ICW stepped in and not only saved their lives, but their children's as well.

Johnny Gonzales, Chehalis Tribal Law Enforcement Officer, shared his powerful story of witnessing how drugs destroy families. While working in Centralia he dealt with a lot of calls that were the direct result of the use of drugs. He shared that meth doesn't discriminate! It doesn't

matter whether you're young, old, male or female. Meth users age dramatically from the outside in, while heroin users age dramatically from the inside out. Most drug users don't understand they can never achieve the same high they got from their first use. He stated that prescription drug abuse will soon surpass meth use.

Four youth were recognized during the dinner and received an award for heroism. Junior Jack; and Michael Boyd carried little Gary Ortez home during a medical emergency and Gordon Klatush and Shane Youckton called 9-1-1 to help their friend. Thank you from the Community for your heroism.

Elder Elaine McCloud spoke on suicide and the lasting effects it has on family, friends and the community. She presented a slide show illustrating the effects of suicide on others.

Dave Wilson, master carver, talked about alternative choices to using alcohol and prescription pills, such as carving. He thanked everyone for sharing their stories, and stated that singing their song also helps them heal. He also encouraged those who spoke to continue to share their story and send out their message, turning tragedy into something positive. Using nursery rhymes and a legend, he continued, "It's hard living in two worlds! One is just as important as the other. It's hard to practice our culture, while we are trying to survive in this world."

There are always alternative things to do to stay away from drug and alcohol by keeping busy. Carving has kept him on the path which he started when he was 12. It might be basketball, baseball, weaving or anything you enjoy doing. He concluded, "Just find your niche and help one another to find theirs. Praise one another to give each other strength. The window of opportunity might not happen again."

Gail Hurst led an exercise on, *How well do you know your children?* with winners receiving gas cards. Many youth helped her distribute a survey to hear voices from the community, youth and elders on what they'd like to see. Great job Kiahra and all the youth helpers!

Lorrie Bonnifer said, "Thank you for the collaborated effort from the Clinic, Chehalis Tribal Police, and IASAP Grant through SPIPA. The speakers deserve a Huge Thank You for singing their songs by telling their stories about tobacco, domestic violence, alcohol and drug abuse that directly affected their lives.



Chehalis Youth attended the Standing Tall Youth Conference at the Great Wolf Lodge in May. Pictured (L-R) are Corrie Medina, Chance Rush, Monica Lopez, Cody Revay, Brian Castillo

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Blast from the Past! 1976 Interview of Henry Cultee by Madronna Halden

Henry Cultee was born July 4, 1888. His father was Chinook "Columbia River" Indian and his mother was Lower Chehalis. At the time of this interview Henry was 85 years old. His Indian name is Samamanauwish. It means two channels. He said "I'm living right here and I got a channel on this side and a channel on this side. And that channel is right there; right in the middle of the Chehalis River. My grandpa's brother lived on that island. It's a spawning ground for sturgeon in the early days; you know. The sturgeon used to go out there and spawn and he used to go out there and hook at sturgeon. He was the greatest guy to smoke sturgeon. He gave away sturgeon to everybody. This Samamanauwish; that was his name too. He was a great fisherman; so I guess that's why I'm a great fisherman today."

Khaisalomish (Cosmopolis) was his grandpa's name. They called him Gravel Bar Pete because his name was Cosmopolis Pete. The right way to call it is Khaisalomish; that means small rocks; big rocks. And then the white man comes over. He says; we can't say Khaisalomish. We pronounce it Cosmopolis. We could spell it easier. They said that was a Greek name. We'll know that was an Indian name that means rock (small rocks and big rocks). Henry always had a hard time about that.

Henry went to school at Bay Center. He never liked it much, because the white kids would throw dirt and water on him because he was Indian. Then he and his cousin; Nina Bumgardner were taken to the Cushman School in Tacoma.

Henry spoke Chehalis, Quinault, and Chinook. He said the Quinault and the Chehalis could understand each other. The Quinault's kind of "stretch things out". The Chehalis spoke more quickly. Satsop means "Little creek." Satsop was a little different language than Humptulips. Humptulips means "Fast water." Three days after a rain the river would clean itself out. No other river would do that. Westport and Humptulips had the same language. They had friendly relations between them.

Chenois Creek were separate Indians from the Humptulips. Henry doesn't know their language; no one spoke it in their days.

When he was a child; he used to be asked to "measure the mouth of the south wind." They'd send him out on the tide flats barefoot and he'd skip along with his hands outstretched; measuring the mouth of the south wind. This was so it would get ashamed at how big its mouth was and



**Lower Chehalis
Elder Henry Cultee**
July 4, 1888 to
November 17, 1988

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1988 photo of Henry celebrating his 100th birthday at the Oakville Shaker Church.

stop blowing. Henry didn't know if it really did any good; but after he'd skip along for awhile; measuring its mouth; it would stop blowing.

When he was growing up; he was told by his grandmother to bathe five times. If he did this in the winter (when the water was "alive") and "beat the birds" (early) at doing this he would live a long life. Henry said it must be true 'cause he was still alive. His younger brother died some time ago. When his brother was sent to dive in the river; he'd be crying and then he lied to his grandfather about it. Henry said he lied for him too. Henry and his cousin toed the mark and

dived 5 times and they are still living. His grandfather had said "Don't lie; because the world has many eyes. If you lie to me; why you're not lying to me...the world is looking at you. It will see you and you will live a short life." He had said if they got to the river before the birds were up; they would live long. But if they slept late; they would live a short life.

When he dived he would rub his body

with twigs from the river. They would be maybe 5 to 6 inches long; ones that had sunk into the river when it was running. He would rub and rub under his arms; this would take away all the odor. He has never had odor under his arms. The old people were careful. They kept their beaches perfectly clear. They used to bury their garbage. When they killed a deer; they would bury what was left... what they didn't pack out. Nowadays this isn't true. A lot of Indian "live like whites."

The Indians used to trade all the time. Indians east of the mountains used to raise corn and trade it over here. The Indian mostly traded a plant called

bitterroot with the Yakamas (it was gathered east of the mountains in the early summer and late spring). They used to trade strings of dried clams for it. The clams were cooked first; then dried and strung. You could eat them without re-cooking but you had to have pretty good teeth to do so. The Yakamas were also fond of whale.

Governor Stevens told them people says, "We going to take over all this country. And we going to pay you for this country, each person, man, woman, baby, all. He lay down his hat. It was one of those great big stovepipe hats, you know." He said "I'll give all the kids, the old ladies, babies and all... hat full of gold." All some of them got was four hundred dollars apiece. Wasn't enough to fill my pocket. Wasn't gold but they gave us a check. We could have sold this whole Grays Harbor County to Russia and got more money than four hundred dollars apiece. All of this Chehalis Territory, way down to Westport, Ocean Shores and that was all we got. They offered two cents an acre for good farming land, and if sand or anything no good, swamp you know, one cent an acre. Riley Pete said, "I'm going to put mine in the frame. He says four hundred dollars for my whole country?!" I don't know whether he spent that money or what. I went to his funeral, you know, but he had so many relatives; they must have took that four hundred dollars that he had in a frame. That's all he got for the Oakville Treaty, you know.

These people at Oakville, they're nearly all related to me. Now my cousin over here, he raised a family at Taholah. I raised a family at Skokomish. Now my other cousin, John Hayden, he raised a family at Oakville. He was my first cousin. See, his mother and my mother were sisters. I was married to one of the Heck family, yea, my first wife. I didn't really get married. I stole her from Oakville. I took her this way and they try to find us. They couldn't find us. I was always one jump ahead of them. So we moved to Taholah during fishing season and I couldn't live there with those people unless I was married...so I had to get married (laughing).

Salmon Ceremony (continued from page 1)



Spring Chinook salmon is cooked in our traditional manner at the fish pit. A ceremony is performed and the Chehalis Tribal Community gathered, remembering to honor the salmon. Pictured in the background is Shawn Ortiz and Tommy Colson.

the Salmon Ceremony for the second Friday in May on the 14th, but the fish just weren't there yet, so it was postponed to the following week with the hopes that the weather and fish would cooperate.. That next week we had some sunny days and the ants showed up and along with them so did the fish. Two fish were caught by Shawn Ortiz and Bill Secena by Tuesday. A meeting was held and we continued to have good thoughts as we fished Tuesday night. Our prayers were answered when Bill Secena had one more and Bruce Klatush had two, making the total for the Ceremony five. It would have to be enough.

The notice went out announcing the Salmon Ceremony for Thursday the 20th and everyone kicked into high gear. Annie Jones and her staff made the salads and donated everything - it was delicious. Elder Curt DuPuis made fish soup to make the fish go further, all with ingredients from his own garden. Ray Secena and his Crew helped get things ready at the Community Center. Carla Thomas and Andrea Youckton did some last minute shopping for the fried bread, dessert, and drinks. Lucille Cayenne made some excellent cobblers that everyone enjoyed. Charlotte Lopez, Andrea, and Carla made the fried bread and prepped the desserts, after they made all of that they helped serve lunch and spread the fish out perfectly so

everyone got some and those that were unable to come were sent plates home with family and friends. Then everyone helped clean up the wonderful facility. I think everyone enjoyed the event. Thanks to Cheryl Starr for help with everything. Many others helped as well and deserve thanks. Please know that you are appreciated even if we didn't mention you by name.

On Thursday May 20 tables were filled with tribal and community members gathering to honor the salmon. The ceremony honoring the salmon is not well known. The first salmon caught is placed on a cedar plank with traditional foods. It is honored with a prayer and a song thanking the salmon for sharing its life with the Chehalis people as it is sent headfirst back into the river. The salmon returns to his fellow fish and sings the song of what honorable and kind people the Chehalis are, so the salmon will continue to return to us.

The Salmon Ceremony was more than just a delicious meal and fellowship. This year the ceremony opened with a prayer from Francis Starr and closed with prayer from Marie Bird. Elders Mel Youckton and Dan Gleason spoke of the history of the Salmon Ceremony and some of the important figures involved in its founding. One of those was Ross Davis, who we remember and appreciate for his hard work.

Your Voice Needs to be Heard Regarding Dams on the Chehalis River

By Glen Connelly, Environmental Specialist

As I'm sure all of you know, the Chehalis River has been flowing through our watershed and into the Pacific Ocean for tens of thousands of years. Salmon and other native species have flourished here and the tribal people have learned to thrive here too. The Tribe has a direct connection to the river and its web of life. Flooding is a natural part of a river system and without it, the river basin would not be so beautiful, or so productive. The Tribal community has learned to live with floods and has tried to focus development on the Chehalis Reservation in areas that do not flood.

Sadly, many people who do not understand the language of the river. They thinking that the river needs to be controlled and contained. There has been a loud outcry from the communities who that mistakenly built in the flood plain. They say the only way to prevent damage from flooding is to build dams and change the Chehalis from a beautiful, natural running river, to a controlled, well behaved stream. They don't understand that dams will damage the river and the salmon that are part of the tribal

culture. They don't understand that-man cannot control nature.

Please don't be fooled by their claims that dams will somehow help fish, or improve the quality of the water. There is no scientific proof to support those claims. The Chehalis River can never be controlled. The only thing we CAN control is human development. If communities along the river continue to dump tons of fill into the flood plain, bulldoze wetlands and cut down trees along the rivers, then we will all continue to have damage from floods and increased human suffering.

Please support the natural environment and allow the river to perform its natural functions. Get involved with flood planning in the watershed. Write letters to elected officials, write letters to the local newspapers and make your voices heard. If we give the river room to live, the river will continue to provide us with plentiful food, clean water, recreation and beautiful scenery. If we ignore the needs of the river, then we will surely suffer the consequences.

2010 Paddle to Makah 4th Chehalis Canoe Family Journey



This is the schedule for the Chehalis Canoe Family. Feel free to join in anywhere along the canoe journey, learning to share with the canoe families, and travel with "One Heart, One Mind" through the Puget Sound waterways. Community support is greatly appreciated as we practice our culture with the youth, elders and other canoe families. **This is a Drug/Alcohol, and Violence Free Journey!** Everyone is welcome!

Blessing and prayer for t'ulop tit w'eath and Canoe family: Tuesday, July 7 at 12 Noon at

the Tribal Center parking lot then leave for Squaxin.

Itinerary:

Leave for Squaxin; July 7
Leave Squaxin; July 8; arrive in Nisqually
Leave Nisqually; July 9; arrive in Puyallup
Leave Puyallup; July 10, arrive at Muckleshoot
Leave Muckleshoot; July 11; arrive at Suquamish-2 days layover.
Leave Suquamish; July 13; arrive at Pt Gamble
Leave Pt. Gamble; July 14 arrive at Pt Townsend
Leave Pt. Townsend; July 15; arrive at Jamestown
Leave Jamestown; July 16; arrive at Lower Elwha-2 day layover
Leave Lower Elwha; July 18; arrive at Pillar Point, Clallam Bay
Leave Clallam Bay; July 19; arrive at Makah Makah; 3-4 days for protocol to follow

Updates on journey contact Sylvia Cayenne at 360-888-6638.

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throughout this tournament.”

Tony Medina Leads Fun Youth Activities

On Saturday and Sunday while baseball was being played the sound of a siren echoed through the air. Children were seen running towards the basketball court to participate in the fun activities that Tony Medina scheduled for the youth. Lots of smiles, competition, and enjoying each others company resulted as every youth came out a winner and picked prizes! Great job Tony!



Congratulations to our 2010 Miss Tribal Days Princeses! Pictured (L-R) are Miss Tribal Days: Deidra Hawks, Junior Miss: Geraldine Youckton, Lil Miss: Pai-nuh-nah Carter, Head Start Miss: Malukah McNair.

someone said “Our Eyes in the Sky”.

A big thank you to Carla Thomas once again, she took over much of the women’s and co-ed softball tournament this year and I greatly appreciate it. We had ten Co-ed and nine women’s teams making a big tournament to put together. We played against the rain most of the weekend but the women wanted to play rain or shine. Since I had the Men’s tournament to run, that put Carla in charge of the softball tournament. “Good Job, Oscar,” and “Thank You”

to Carla’s helpers, Fau Boyd, Pam Youckton, and Geo Jack.

A Huge Thank You goes to Ray Secena, Jr., who is always willing to help out on the fields. After the rain delay on Saturday, he had the baseball teams and-crew work together and to get the field in game shape by 5:00 PM game. It was pretty amazing to witness his crew in action after seeing “Lake Tohahawk” early Saturday morning. They hauled sand, raked, shoveled and, believe it or not, used a shop vac to take water off the field. Job well done!

A “Big Thank You” goes to the work crew of Tom Hayden, Penny Gleason, Bruce Klatush, Ange Youckton, and Tom Colson. You did an awesome job -without you this weekend tournament wouldn’t have taken place. Also Thank You goes to Jerry Youckton, CJ Youckton & Jimmy James who also helped clean the grounds.

Thank You to all the people who-kept the books and umpired games: Lisa Powell, Jeff Powell, Jodie Smith, Paul Gardipee, Andy Zaidy, Jesse Gardner, Ange Youckton, Carla Thomas, Diane Pickernell, Shannon Jones, Chet Delamater, Darrin Jones, Casey Pickernell, Bruce Klatush, Tony Youckton, Jerry Youckton, and Troy from Skok.

Thank You goes to Chubby Pickernell who made his way to the fields to announce games in the Tomahawk Stadium on Sunday. He tried running away back to his old trailer, but he got caught twice.

Fish Pit Crew, Thank You for making it a success this weekend: Don Secena, Dennis Cayenne, Shawn Ortivez, Robert Cayenne, and all the youth that helped out serving the food. Thank you to the Salad Makers for the oh so many tasty salads.

Cancer Walk Crew: Thank You for making this Annual Event a success. We had lots of walkers this year. Thank You to Joyleen McCrory, Orinda Goddard and everyone else who helped with this great event.

Thank You goes to Joyce Thomas for coordinating the 3 on 3 Tournament this year. We hope that this new event can be bigger every year. Watch for flyers.

Thank You to all who made Tribal Days a success! Mother Nature made it a challenge, sending some heavy rain showers for most of the weekend, but with everyone’s help we made it through it ending the tournament late Monday evening. We hope and pray everyone got home safe.

The Baseball Tournament

Friday May 28th kicked off the weekend with the co-ed portion of the tournament. The weather provided some challenges for both the players and tournament directors. It rained off and on throughout the night. The weather-cooperated a little; by not raining during the day as players splashed through the infield to their assigned positions. The rain didn’t dampen spirits as play continued through the tough conditions. Rain caused the Friday night hardball games to be postponed until Saturday. Friday night it continued to rain making a rescheduling nightmare, but Saturday morning it cleared up. Ray’s clean-up crew and other volunteers were seen working diligently for six hours and at 5 PM that night the Tomahawk Stadium hosted its first game.

Most of the games were held at the Oakville High School Baseball field. The men’s bracket of the tournament finished there also as a heavy rain came down Sunday night. It was a show down between the two Little Boston Teams. This year the winner was Little Boston 1 who won the tournament in bold fashion ending the game in the seventh inning by achieving a ten run advantage in a scheduled-nine inning game.

Thank you from Cheryl Starr, Events Coordinator

2010 Chehalis Tribal Days was dedicated in memory of Steve Medina. He was our announcer for Chehalis Tribal Days for many, many moons. He was a man who loved this game, and was willing to help anyone no matter what team you were from. He’ll always be in our hearts... another Angel in the Sky,

This year was a rough one, it was Memorial Day Weekend and still fresh in our hearts of our loss, holding back our tears and asking for a moment of silence for Steve. The teams and crowd cheered his name afterwards, because of his kindness and dedication to baseball. The BEST part was seeing the big eagle in the sky flying in the sunshine over right field before the start of the Tomahawks game. Then Carla informed me there were 2 eagles flying over the women’s field the same day on Monday, Memorial Day. The old people would say it was our loved ones coming to check on us. For me I already knew who it was, he was watching the game checking it out, as



Tony Medina, Youth Center Director, encourages youth during the hula hoop relay race. This was one of the many fun activities for the youth during the Tribal Days Memorial Weekend. Every youth was a winner and received prizes for their participation.

Tournament Summary

When the final game of the tournament ended, awards were handed out to each division: 1st Place received championship jackets; 2nd Place received hooded sweatshirts; 3rd Place received crew neck sweatshirts; 4th Place received T-shirts; All-stars received duffel bags; Special awards for MVP; Best Bat, Best Glove; and Best Catcher

Men’s Hardball

Darrin Jones, Tournament Director
Ange Youckton, Shannon Jones, Scorekeepers

1st Place- Little Boston
2nd Place-Little Boston II
3rd Place-Wolf Pak (Puyallup)
4th Place-Young Bucks (Nisqually)



The Little Boston Team from Port Gamble S’Klallam won the men’s hardball championship jackets. They won in resounding fashion by defeating the younger Little Boston team by 10 running them in the seventh inning of a scheduled 9 inning game.

Women’s Slow Pitch Softball

Cheryle Starr, Tournament Director
Carla Thomas, Scorekeeper and Assistant
Tournament Director

1st Place-Natives (Returning Champs)
2nd Place-Taholah
3rd Place-Muckleshoot
4th Place-Cal-Horizon (Lower Elwha)



The Lady Natives returned and defended their championship. They were able to defeat Taholah in the championship game. It was an outstanding display of the combination of offense and defense by all the softball teams. Hope to see everyone next year!

Coed Slow Pitch Softball

Cheryle Starr, Tournament Director
Carla Thomas, Lisa Powell-
Scorekeepers

1st Place-Taholah Stars
2nd Place-All Nations
3rd Place-Skokomish
4th Place-Quileute (LaPush)

Taholah successfully defended their championship against the All Nations coed softball team. It was a great day for baseball! No photo available.

Cancer Walk (continued from page 1)

our theme stated, ‘Walking together for past, present, and future of a loved one.’ Walking for a cure.” said Joyleen McCrory, Family Services Assistant Director. Each participant received a tee-shirt, bag, pedometer, and an aluminum sports bottle.

“I would like to thank all the programs and businesses that donated to the 3rd Annual Cancer Walk. I heard we had a great number of walkers,” said Orinda Goddard, Assistant for the Vocational Rehabilitation Program. She added, “Due to playing softball all weekend, I was unable to participate in the whole Cancer Walk. Hope next year I will be able to be among all of you that walk for a cure!!”

Some of the gifts received from the departments, programs and enterprises of the Chehalis Tribe included: a \$50 Shell card, a \$50 Fred Meyers Gift Card, iPod Shuffle, a tent, a cooler, planter with plant, three sleeping bags, camping gear, balloon tank and balloons, two \$25 Shell cards, a one-night stay at the Eagle’s Landing Hotel, a \$100 Casino Steakhouse and \$50 buffet gift certificates, four movie passes, a set of pots and pans, and more.

Fred Shortman, Editor of the Chehalis Newsletter concluded: “This 5K walk started at the Family Services building

with participants having to walk to the gas station and back. We had Breast Cancer, Colon Cancer and Prostate Cancer Survivors walking. Raffle tickets were issued at the halfway point at the gas station. This gave walkers a little break, rehydrating with water while laughing and joking with each other as they walked together. There were a number of tribes represented in the walk: Chehalis, Quinault, Skokomish, Muckleshoot, Nisqually, Lower Elwha, Yakama, Quileute, and Warm Springs. Pets were represented by two dogs that walked with their owners and one even wore her tee-shirt.”

Volunteers were available to assist with walkers and provide water along the path and call-out for support vehicles for those who requested it. Law Enforcement was also available insuring safety for the walkers. At the end of the walk, you could hear the cheers and applause as walkers made it to the finish line. Many walkers had their pictures taken after completion of the walk. We look forward to seeing you next year. We can never thank you enough.

Photos taken at the Chehalis Tribal Days 3rd Annual Cancer Awareness Walk 2010 will be available soon. Requests for copies may be made by contacting Christina Hicks at 360-709-1741.