Employees Recognized for Their Dedication to the Tribe at Picnic

By Fred Shortman, Editor

The Annual Employees’ Picnic was held on Thursday, August 19 at Columbus Park on Black Lake. Employees and their families were treated to traditional canoe races, horse shoes, visaing, the setting, swimming, and lots of good food.

A special part of the picnic was recognition of employees for years of service. Each Elder was honored by receiving special gifts as they continue to be instrumental in contributing working for the Tribe. Seven employees were honored for 30 plus years of service to the Chehalis Tribes: Don “Homey” Glasson, Greg Sonders, Dale Klahn Sr., Annie Jones, Dolly Canales, Debbie Shortman, and Joan Martin.

The annual volleyball tournament was as competitive as usual with first place earning $500.00, second place $250.00 and third $125.00. It was a highly competitive activity as bystanders yelled cheers of encouragement for their fellow co-workers. All employees who attended received Chehalis logo red and black backpacks, and drawings were held for prizes donated by the Casino, Great Wolf Lodge, End of the Trail and local businesses. Great job to Cheryl Starr, Events Coordinator and her group of volunteers. It was a great day to relax for everyone.

Volley Ball Tournament Results
1st Place went to CTC
2nd Place went to Ralph Wyman’s team
3rd Place went to Natural Resources

Employees were by having their name and years of service announced at the annual tribal picnic. Each received a gift for their years of service. This photo is the raffe portion of the employees picnic. Pictured are (L-R) Cheryl Starr, Events Coordinator, and volunteers Angie Youkon and Carla Myer.

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Chehalis Represented at Diabetes Awareness Walk

By Pat Odiorne, SDPI of Diabetes Care, RD, CDE

On Saturday, September 18, 2010 the Annual Diabetes Awareness Walk was held at the Squaxin Island Tribal Gymnasium. This was the second year of the event sponsored by the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, both for Diabetes Control and Prevention. The SDPI Prevention Program has received Indian Health Service funding for the seventh year and works to help Native Americans make lifestyle changes to delay or prevent Diabetes. Tribes participating in the Walk are part of a Consortium whose purpose is to Prevent Diabetes. For more information about Diabetes and Diabetes Prevention contact Lynn Hohelse, Community Outreach Representative at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center at 360-709-1744.

Chehalis tribal and community members were part of the five tribe consortium at the 2010 Annual Diabetes Awareness Walk at the Squaxin Island Tribe. Diabetes is a preventable and manageable disease, so get tested regularly.

Photo submitted by Pat Odiorne

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Salmon Runs Will Suffer if Chehalis River Dammed

By Fred Shortman, Editor

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Youth Learn Salmon Cooking Tradition at Watershed

By Fred Shortman, Editor

On Sunday, September 26 at the invitation of the Department of Natural Resources, the Chehalis Tribal Canoe Family provided a traditionally cooked salmon feast at the Log Pavilion in Aberdeen. It was cold and dump, so tarps were set up in case of rain. As visitors entered the parking lot they could smell elder smoke wafting though the air. Elders, adults and youth from the Chehalis Canoe Family gathered to prepare for the day’s activities of preparing the fish by lunch time. Youth were taught how to prepare spearing sticks and learned about each phase of cooking fish in a traditional manner. They learned through the old way of oral tradition about preparing and cooking the salmon. Cooking fish in this manner is the way many people prefer to eat salmon. The fish was soon gone as visitors at the Watershed festival gave donations to the Canoe Family for a tasty sample of salmon cooked by an elder fire.

As visitors were enjoying the fish the youth brought out their drums and began singing and drumming the Chehalis Canoe Family’straditional songs. Their music was met with smiles and appreciation of the sound of their young voices.

Watershed Festival Educates Children on the Ecology of the Chehalis River

By Glen Connolly, Environmental Specialist

On September 26, the Chehalis Basin Partnership hosted the Fourth Annual Chehalis River Watershed Festival at the Rotary Log Pavilion in Aberdeen. The event focused on educating children and adults about the ecology of the river and what people in the basin are doing to protect and enhance the Chehalis River.

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Watch for it next year and join in the fun, it’s a great way to learn about the river and our ecosystem.

Curfew Laws Protect Our Youth

By Fred Shortman, Editor

In December of 1993 the General Council approved Chehalis Tribal Codex for a curfew ordinance. A curfew is an official order to return home before a stated time. It may often be imposed by a government to maintain public order. The curfew law keeps people in the basin doing to protect and enhance the Chehalis River.

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The Staff at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center (CTWC) want to hear from you. We invite you to participate in a monthly column: “Dear CTWC Provider.” You can write a question to the CTWC Providers of your choice—or just a general question.

The questions can be anonymous. You do not need to sign the letter. We will have drop boxes at the Wellness Center for your letters. We hope this will give our community and our staff another way to communicate. We hope this will be a good service for our community. We hope to hear from you soon.

MD providers will be available to answer your question regarding health. Pictured top row is Eugene Sine. Bottom row (L-R) are Ivan Reveron, Maribeth Duffy and James Hamilton.

The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation... “People of the Sand”
The Eagles Landing Hotel has been a great 43 years of hotel management experience. the Chehalis Tribe July 3, 2005 bringing attended.

Glenn Brydges Retires

Eagles Landing Hotel Manager

Mary Heck

HOUSES

Submitted by Elaine McCloud, Heritage Coordinator

George Jack

March 19, 1927, Oakville, Washington from Mary Heck, Marion Davis, and

DEPOSITION OF CHEHALIS ELDERS: Topic of Housing

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F автоматы Lighting Management Program Helps Tribal Members Become Successful Managers

By Rodney Youckton, Director of Business Operations

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Weather forecasters are warning Puget Sound residents to plan for a colder, wetter and snowier winter due to La Niña’s effects. Puget Sound is likely to get nastier weather than most areas. Rainfall is expected to be a bit above average, with wetter and snowier winter. A La Niña weather pattern is likely to bring faster moving storms to the region, especially in late fall and early winter. The weather pattern occurs when the temperature of the ocean’s surface near the equator, leading storms to the Pacific Northwest.

A new program called “Take Winter by Storm” has been set up to help people get ready. It includes a website, http://www.girlslink.org with advice on how to prepare. Washington State Emergency Management Division offers the following recommendations regarding storing emergency supplies:

1) You may have to rely upon supplies you have available in your home for a period of time if following any major disaster. Store these items in something that is portable and easy to carry, such as a plastic tub with a tight-fitting lid. In the event of fire or rapid evacuation, you’ll appreciate having more than just the clothes on your back.

2) The container should be able to withstand moisture, insects, and some abuse. If you have a large family, several smaller tubs may be easier to carry than one large container. Place items in plastic bags to protect against condensation, which can cause mildew and rust. Locate these supplies as close to your primary house or car as possible. You may have to find it in the dark or after the upheaval of a hurricane.

3) Plan to review and renew your kit annually. This includes making sure the clothes you have stored still fit.

4) Keep at least a three-day supply of water and non-perishable food for each person in your household. Select foods that require no refrigeration or cooking with minimal water:
   - Bread, crackers, trail mix
   - Band aids, sterilization pads, gauze pads, and adhesive tape.
   - Hygienic products, antibacterial ointment, instant cold packs.
   - Scissors, tweezers, safety pins, needle & thread, pocket knife.
   - Sleeping bags, sturdy shoes, warm socks, a hat and gloves, and one complete change of clothes.
   - Aspirin & non-aspirin pain reliever
   - Antacid and any other similar medications needed.
   - Paper cups, plates, and plastic utensils.
   - Battery-operated AM radio.
   - Flashlight
   - Non-electric can opener
   - ABC fire extinguisher.
   - Roll of plastic and duct tape to seal broken areas of the container.
   - Extra batteries.

5) Always preplan for prescription drugs and medications. During an emergency, it will be extremely difficult to obtain these items. Also plan for other medical concerns like extra eyeglasses, contact lens solution, denture adhesive, baby diapers, food, and formula. Keep copies of important papers including insurance policies, bank account numbers, and an inventory of valuables. Other things to consider are a change of clothes, family records, and games and books.

6) Consider adding items like blankets or sleeping bags, a hat and gloves, and one complete change of clothing for each family member.

For more information on planning for emergencies, come see our Emergency Management table at the Annual Meeting.

Renewing Fishing License by October 31 Saves Money

By Andy Olson, Fisheries Biologist

The 2010-2011 Tribal Commercial fishing licenses will include a reflective sticker which contains the name of the fisher. The Natural Resources Upstarts office from Charlotte Lopez or Andy Olson. The reflective stickers are easier to identify and are weather resistant.

Tribal fishing licenses expire October 31, 2010. Renewal by then saves $30 at a renewal cost of $5. The fee goes up to $35 for everyone, renewal or not, after October 31st. An announcement will be posted of the renewal fee increase due to a lack of commercial opportunity. This extension would be in effect until a commercial opening occurs. We will try to include commercial fishing openings that are susceptible in the future newsletters as time allows.

Please pay your fishing fees at the accounting office. First Time license buyers fee is $35.00, renewals are $5.00, due before October 31st. Bring you receipt to the Fisheries office to use your boat sticker. Watch for flyers on opening and follow the Chehalis tribal fishing ordinances when participating in any fisheries opening. Please contact Andy Olson for more information 360-709-1559 or email Aolson@chehalistrib.org.

The 34-space Chehalis Tribal RV Park, located near Highway 12, is basically self-service. Registration and permits are required the night before or right after the check-in. There is a single RV site. If you are interested in these sites, contact the Tribe at 360-709-1962 ext. 290. The Tribe offers free shuttles to and from the casino. Reservations will be able to be made on the website in the near future so that customers can plan their trips in advance.

Register for the Grays Harbor County Notification System

Did you know that the Grays Harbor County Department of Emergency Management has a website and that you can follow them on Twitter? On the website, you can sign up for reminders for the Grays Harbor Notification System which will send e-mails and text messages as well as a unique code regarding hazardous weather, disaster information and other important issues that are occurring in critical situations for your family. On the Grays Harbor County Notification System Form, you can also sign up for alerts that include a daily e-mail list to receive current news issues about weather, PUD information and on Emergency Preparedness issues on a daily basis. The website also provides you with an opportunity to read back articles and have access to sites where you can obtain information about any Emergency Management issue which could impact your family and the County.

The Grays Harbor County Department of Emergency Management is located in the Chehalis area, while their web address is http://www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/info/ DEM/index.htm. Registration is about half way down the page. The Twitter account is GHCRDEM. You can also reach Grays Harbor County Emergency Management by phone at 360-249-3911 ext. 290. The Grays Harbor County Department of Emergency Management is continuing with a pro-active approach to communicate about planning, preparation, response and mitigation to county citizens and welcomes feedback with your comments, questions and constructive criticism.

Parrot Feather the Next Battle in the Fight Against Aquatic Invasive Plants

By Andy Olson, Fisheries Biologist

In 2010 the war on Brazilian Elodea seems to have been won with a few small plants being seeded and were treated and were very productive. The war was hard, wet, muggy and stinky but they did work hard and earned their money this year. All in the curl all the powered in 36,000lbs or 18 tons of Parrot feather.

Dams (continued from page 1)

on the Chehalis River will improve the water quality of the river and help salmon, but our Tribe has seen how dams hurt fish runs. A good example is the Lower Elwha Dam on the Olympic Peninsula, now being “deconstructed” after years of struggle by the Lower Elwha Indian Tribe to have it removed. The Wynoochee Dam was built for water control for farmers. The Nisqually generation was added later. Land below the dam still flooded during the 2007 and 2009 floods when the flood control dam height was raised by 12 feet. With the Wynoochee flood control dam in place, a trap and haul system is used to move adult salmon upstream. This has been proven to cause migration of juveniles is disastrous. The South Fork of the Chehalis and the main river will all be prime trout waters that would be wiped out by construction of dams. This spawning area produces 40 percent of the fish runs for Chehalis River Basin. Fish ladders will not be practical because of the type of dam being built. If the returning adult salmon would be won just like the Brazilian Elodea that is continuing to get grants to fund Invasive Plant Removal. Hopefully it’s a war that can be won just like the Brazilian Elodea that is not under control. Maynard’s crew include Tommy Colson, Shawn Goddard, Andrew Klatush, Dale Klatush Sr., son of Mena Secena and Bev Starr at the New Community Slough at the mouth of Davis Creek. This began at the mouth of Lincoln Creek in 2009 and has also been 36,000lbs or 18 tons of Parrot feather.

New Program Information Will Help You Plan Ahead for Bad Winter

Emergency Supplies:

Temporary Program Office Relocations

Behavioral Health-They are located at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center. To contact Gail Hurst call 360-709-1682 and leave a voicemail.

Domestic Violence-The Domestic Violence Program is located at the New Community Slough at the mouth of Davis Creek. This began at the mouth of Lincoln Creek in 2009 and has also been

Vocational Rehabilitation Program-The Vocational Rehabilitation Program is located in the Family Service Building. Any questions please contact Barb Churchill at 360-709-1633.

General Assistance-The General Assistance Office is in the Fidlers Building. George Youcun can be contacted at 360-709-1772.

Several acres were cleared in Davis Creek Slough on and near the Tribe’s property on South Slough Road which began at the mouth of Lincoln Creek in the town of Gail. Now the guys came downstream to a major concentration in the Slough at the mouth of Davis Creek. This will be an ongoing battle as long as we can continue to get grants to fund invasive plant removal. Hopefully it’s a war that can be won just like the Brazilian Elodea that is now under control. Maynard’s crew include Tommy Colson, Shawn Goddard, Andrew Klatush, Bartt Klatush, and Jimmy James.

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