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Program News

Chehalis Tribal Enterprise Job Fair Share Helpful Information in Finding Work

On May 25 the Chehalis Tribe hosted a job fair in the main gym at the Community Center. It was very informational for those seeking employment offered by various Tribal enterprises. There were raffle tickets and gifts offered to everyone that came to the Job Fair. Below is contact information for each Enterprise.

- **Lucky Eagle Casino:** Farley Youckton, Human Resources Partner-Recruiting at 273-2000. Jobs posted at Luckyeagle.com <click on> Employment.
- **Great Wolf Lodge:** Jobs posted at Tribal Center or check out the Job Hotline at 360-273-7718 EXT: 5951. Internship program is also offered to Tribal members.
- **Chehalis Tribe:** Sylvia Cayenne, Human Resources 360-273-5911. Job postings are available in main lobby of the Tribal Center. Now accepting applications for summer youth workers.
- **Chehalis Tribal Enterprises:** Anna Hartman, Human Resources Manager: 360-273-1251. Job listings located at all tribal enterprises and tribal center.
- **Burger Claim:** Go to Burgerclaim.com <click on> employment to get an application.

Recycling Cardboard During Fireworks Season

Fireworks season is here and we want to remind everyone that live fireworks and cardboard DO NOT go in the dumpsters. If you have old or damaged fireworks, hold onto them, and contact Natural Resources after the season is over. Spent tubes, cakes and other wrappers should be put in plastic garbage bags and can be thrown away.

Cardboard is easily recycled, so it does not belong in the garbage dumpsters or in a burn pile. Recycling containers will be available where the wholesalers are located. The cardboard recycling bins are for flattened cardboard boxes only! No paper. No spent fireworks tubes No styrofoam packing. No plastic strapping. Cardboard only! As mentioned above, trash can be brought to the dumpsters down at the old Hamilton Farm.

Any questions about garbage can be directed to Glen Connelly, Environmental Program Specialist in the Department of Natural Resources at 360-858-1854 or gconnelly@chehalistribe.org.

Chehalis Tribal Head Start & Early Head Start



- Expectant Mothers Program/Home Based Program
- Early Head Start (Ages 6 wks-3 yrs)
- Head Start (Ages 3-5 yrs)

Registration Week is July 18-22
Please call for a registration appointment
360-709-1890

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Tribal Days Tournament Brings Friends, Challenges, and Laughter to a Successful Weekend



Youth playing tug-a-war is one of the many fun activities scheduled by Tony Medina, Youth Director during Tribal Days Memorial Weekend.

By Fred Shortman, Editor

Miss Tribal Days Pageant: Wednesday kicked off the events for the Tribal Days Weekend. On Wednesday, May 25. Elders, adults, and youth to witness the crowning of the 2011 Tribal Days Princesses. Parents smiled proudly as their child gave an inspirational speech giving their family lineage, and why they should be selected for their respect divisions. Many came dressed in regalia and looked very eloquent. Elders listened intently to each speech, picking the best one to represent for the year 2011-12. It was one the most attended events yet! Congratulations to the winners.

Cemetery Clean Up

On Thursday May 26 community and tribal members gathered at the community center and then headed out to the cemeteries, continuing to honor our ancestors in

preparation for the Memorial Day Weekend. Annie Jones blessed the day before work began. The hum of lawn mowers and weed eaters cutting the grass, while others were seen weeding and cleaning each head stone with love and care, sharing fond memories of loved ones who passed on. Lunch was served and raffle items were drawn and given out. It was hard worthwhile work, but what a beautiful day when it was finished.

Tony Medina Youth Activities

As the siren was heard echoing throughout the Tribal grounds, children were seen running towards the basketball court to participate in the fun games that Tony Medina had scheduled. Laughter filled the air as well as shouts of encouragement from the parents as the youth competed against each other. Tony had a wagon full of prizes

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Honey Bee Swarm Visits Tribal Grounds

By Fred Shortman, Editor

Bees Are Vital to Our Food Source

Wednesday May 18 was a cool sunny morning when a swarm of bee's were reported at the ball field bleachers by the maintenance crew. Many of us associate bees stings from yellow jackets, wasps and hornets. There has been several occasion of swarms reported on the reservation. It was determined that they were honey bees. I had recently read an article on the decline of honey bees. Ray Secena and Correna Young all agreed to contact a local bee keeper in the area relocating the swarm to a new home. Gary Wheaton a local bee keeper was contacted and he showed up to remove the nest. It was very interesting to witness which lead to the rest of the story.

The Beekeeper

Gary Wheaton is a Vietnam ERA Veteran (served in Korea 1972-1976, then Fort Carson Colorado 1976-1979 and a Desert Storm Veteran). He has been a beekeeper for about 5 years in the Rochester area. Beekeeping is his hobby and is very therapeutic for him. He remembers relocating honey bee swarms on 5 or 6 different locations within the Chehalis Reservation. He was very calm and informative while removing the swarm. Thanking everyone for giving him the opportunity to preserve the honey bees because they are instrumental to our ecosystem. He also shared some concerns and gave some web sites we could go to find more information about these pollinators. Let the experienced beekeepers handle

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Tribal People Walk as One in Support of Cancer Survivors at Annual Tribal Days Event

By Orinda Goddard, Cancer Walk Coordinator

On Sunday, May 29 at 1 o'clock in the afternoon the 4th Annual Cancer Walk took place. There were 108 walkers who participated in the walk this year. I would like to thank all the walkers from various tribes in supporting our annual cancer walk.

We had 80 raffle prizes that were all donated for this event. Great Wolf Lodge, Eagle's Landing Hotel, Chehalis Tribal Enterprise, Lucky Eagle Casino (John Setterstrom), Chehalis Tribe Business Committee, Glenco Supplies, Quinault Beach Resort Casino (Dora Underwood), Red Wind Casino/Nisqually Tribe (Marjorie Stepetin), Bobby Bush (SPIPA), Larry's Chevron, Rochester Lumber, Quizno's in Grand Mound, Grand Mound Nail Salon, Tribal Departments: Diane Devlin, Human Resources, Accounting, Loan Program, Family Services, Behavioral Health, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Youth Center. These programs helped with what they could and I

am very grateful for all that was contributed. I would like to give a Special Thanks to: Brenna Youckton, Terry Youckton, Pam Youckton & Scott, Bones and Arick Burnett for their help during this walk. Providing

water, rides and a safe route to insure everyone made it safely.

As we continue on with this walk, I hope that more and more people are willing to come and support this event. ~ Thank you!



Elders, adults, and youth wave as they walked together in the 5th Annual Cancer walk during the Tribal Days Memorial Tournament. Pictured (L-R) are Sofie Sekishiro, Sue Sanders-Secena, Margie Youckton, Sandra Glover, (in stroller) Noah Snell, Melanie Snell, Jamie Ortez-Smith, and Eli Snell, Jr.

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2 CTE Takes on “Mini-contractors” Youth Plant Trees at RV Park



Head Start children plant trees for the Chehalis Tribal Enterprise at the RV Park on Anderson Road. Top row pictured (L-R) are teachers Jessica and Mireya. Middle row left to right Zander Heap, Koner Burnett, Jolynn Reed, Carolann Black, Malika McNair, Chloe Rangel, Aiyana Moore-Young. Front Row pictured (L-R) are Ruth Colgrove, Alexander Woosley, Madison Henry, Lloyd Scott, Priacias Douglas, Walter Pickernell-Daniels.

David Youckton and Chris Richardson report that in an attempt to expand Chehalis Tribal Enterprises (CTE), they recently were faced with a shortage of 50 needed new personnel. Trees needed to be planted along the east end of the new RV Park along Anderson Road. In order to fill this labor short-fall they sought assistance from the Tribal Head Start Program.

Head Start four to six year old's enthusiastically accepted the task of planting 160 trees. Their engagement was a total success.

What really happened was a little bit of thoughtful coordination between Enterprises and various Tribal staff. CTE obtained a donation from Weyerhaeuser of 160 red cedar trees and Steve Burnett assigned Zach Carter of CTC to auger 160 holes in

preparation for the trees and the Head Start Program staff provided 50 preschoolers. The teachers brought the children to the RV Park on the school buses. The children learned many things. After a short blessing, the children were introduced to stories about trees and the animals that live and play in trees. Fred Shortman enlightened the children about the varied importance of the cedar tree to the Chehalis people. From its bark, Fred reminded the children, the Chehalis people obtained their clothing and shelter as well as the materials to weave their famous Chehalis baskets. From the tree they were able to carve canoes for fishing and transportation. But most important of all the trees provide oxygen that we breath.

Handling the small 15" trees with tenderness and care, the children placed the trees in the pre-dug holes, covering the roots using their hands to gently pat the soil back into place. The best part about the day was seeing the enthusiasm with which the children pursued the planting of the trees knowing full well that they would grow as these trees do.

The AM Head Start children seen here working with teachers, parents and volunteers planting trees at the New RV Park.



Real Life Experience on How Addictions Can Ruin Lives and the Ripple Effect on Family

Chew, pot, alcohol, prescriptions...
By Lorrie Bonifer, Prevention Specialist

This story is in remembrance of my brother Cecil Bonifer who died of an overdose at the young age of 49. His life started out seemingly innocent, but then he started chewing at the age of 10. From that point his use and choices progressed to alcohol, which lead to juvenile hall, then DUI offenses and eventually lengthy jail sentences. He was even a passenger in a wreck where an innocent woman was killed and that didn't deter him.

Through the years he began taking pain pills, smoking pot and drinking regularly. His life revolved around these addictions and became full of turmoil.

Though I wish life was different for him, these were his choices. I miss the time his addiction took away from me and the rest of the family. My point is the day of his passing, he took someone else's pain medications: (Methadone) I didn't even know he began using this.

It was reported to me that person told him not to take it. Since he already had taken the pills, and he supposedly said "It's okay, my body is used to it." He later laid down saying he that didn't feel very well. His "friends" claim they kept going back to check on him and, regardless, later that evening he passed away.

Methadone is an extremely powerful drug, with obvious lethal effects if used illicitly or incorrectly, and must be prescribed by a doctor. At no time is even a little amount safe if not provided by a doctor to monitor as well as any other form of drug/prescription. Everyone's body and chemical balance is different and others are on different medications that can conflict with something not prescribed by their doctor.

I can't even begin to express the grief of losing a brother through something preventable and having to wait 8 long weeks to find out what actually killed him. In the interim we were only told by the coroner it was alcohol and drugs. The end result it was Methadone that killed him and pot was detected.

So please do not share your prescriptions with anyone. If you do, you run the risk of loss of life, going to jail, experiencing the feelings involved when loss of life occurs and other negative results. These negative consequences are like ripples in a pond, reaching out and hurting many, many others, not just you. If you have any prescriptions lying around that you are not using, please contact Behavioral Health and we will help you dispose of them safely.

Academics and Athleticism Earns Youth Josh Gillie Award

By Fred Shortman, Editor

Gary Ortivez III is an eighth grade student attending Oakville Middle School and has enjoyed playing baseball his whole life. As an eighth grader he was allowed to play on the Oakville High School Baseball, basketball and football teams, committing his time to getting good grades to maintain his eligibility to play sports receiving a 3.0 GPA.

He achieved that and much more, receiving an award for playing the game he so loves. Gary was recognized for his

outstanding and inspirational play in sports. He was honored by receiving the Josh Gillie Award at the Oakville eighth graduation ceremony on June 6th.

His parents Georgia and Gary Ortivez Jr said, "We are very proud of you, Gary! Your hard work and commitment at everything you do inspirations to all of us. Wish you continued success."

Gary Ortivez received the Josh Gillie Award at the 2011 Eight Grade Graduation Ceremonies. Pictured (L-R) are Georgia Ortivez, Gary Ortivez III, and Gary Ortivez, Jr.



School District Partnering With Student Mentoring Program

"Big Brothers Big Sisters" (BBBS) is partnering with the Oakville School District to start a school-based mentoring program in the fall. Vice-Chairman Don Secena as a school district board member facilitated a meeting with BBBS Director Roger Jones, Superintendent Kathy Lorton and Principal Jeff Hunt. Research shows one-to-one mentoring programs have a positive effect on a child's life. The BBBS school-based program matches "Littles" – children – with "Bigs" – adults – under the supervision of a trained BBBS administrator at the school. Last year, BBBS serviced 609 children in the local area, including Rochester; and 10% were matches with Native American children.

The Chehalis Tribe, Lucky Eagle Casino and Great Wolf Lodge have supported the local BBBS agency for many years through contributions and sponsorships. Recently, the Chehalis Tribe helped the local agency secure a grant from the national BBBS office to better serve Indian children. The new Oakville School District school-based program starting in September 2011 is a direct result of the Chehalis Tribe and Big Brothers Big Sisters working together. Chris Richardson, a BBBS board member, was thankful to the Chehalis Tribe, especially the Business Committee, for their committed support of local mentoring.

One recent early Thursday morning, Tribal staff working with Tribal community children met BBBS officials from the local agency and their national office. Tribal staff representing Education, Youth Services, and Law Enforcement included Tracy Bray, Scott Freeman, Tony Medina, and Bill Thoms. From the national BBBS agency,

Ivy Wright-Bryan, a Native American from Nevada, represents BBBS' Native American Initiative to service Indians across the country. Ivy was cautious and respectful in her remarks in order to be sensitive to any concerns about past attempts of outside agencies wanting to "help" Native children. It is BBBS' future desire to train and employ a Chehalis Tribal community member in the lead role of mentoring in and around the Chehalis Reservation in the coming years. Ivy believes that mentoring can be an important component in grooming our children as future Tribal leaders. Rebecca Fein, BBBS Western Regional Director, wants to introduce the school-based mentoring program so that the Tribal community fully embraces it. Amanda Avalos, BBBS Program Director, stated that the largest unmet need in these mentoring programs is recruiting adult volunteers to spend time as Bigs. There are many Native Americans "Littles" waiting for Native American "Big" matches. Lisa Miles, Casino CFO and BBBS Board Member, and Rodney Youckton, BBBS Indian Advisory Board member, were also in attendance demonstrating their confidence in the new mentoring program coming to Oakville.

The meeting ended with the presentation of a cedar basket to Ivy as a token of the Chehalis Tribe's continued support of the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization. The basket was donated by Tribal member Trudy Marcellay.

For more information about the Big Brother Big Sister programs, contact Amanda Avalos, Director of Programs, at amanda@swwabigs.org or 360-943-0409 ext 03.

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The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation...
"People of the Sand"

Training Program Helps Tribal Members Advance Within the Organization

By Rodney Youckton, Director of Business Operations

The Lucky Eagle Management Training Program is designed for our tribal members and their success working at the casino. The casino reports quarterly on the program so that the Tribal community has an awareness of what efforts are being made with our tribal members employed at the casino. We are building success stories which will be reflected of the Succession Plan. We are hopeful the large number of young adults will read about the hard work and sacrifices fellow Tribal

members are undergoing in an effort to achieve their goals. They all have dreams and set goals to reach those dreams. Tribal Management Training Program employees hope to be good role models and mentors for those wanting to be successful in the career of their choice. We all have dreams. Never, never, give up on your dreams. Reach for the stars and make it happen.

"Our commitment is to provide an unparalleled entertainment experience that exceeds our guests' expectations."



Featured Tribal Member

Hello, my name is Rachelle Wells and I am a Chehalis tribal member working at the Lucky Eagle Casino. I began working at the Lucky Eagle as a busser in the Restaurant. In my first year I moved up to become a server in the Grand Buffet in which I worked for 3 1/2 years. Then the opportunity came for me to take the craps class. I immediately signed up and completed the class, and dealt craps for about 4 years out on table games. This step opened up more doors and I took advantage of another opportunity to take a class as a dual rate supervisor. I then became a poker dealer and began dealing poker for about 4 1/2 years. I thought I would help out and became a Poker Room supervisor I've been doing that for the past 6 months.



Rachelle Wells
Poker Room Supervisor
Lucky Eagle Casino

During the year of 2010, I was asked to take a class on getting my certificate in Tribal Enterprise & Gaming Management. It was a 49 week class held on Wednesdays. I completed the program in February of 2011 and earned 14 college credits with Tacoma Community College.

My goals are to continue to work at the Lucky Eagle, while attending college to learn how to practice law. Never closing the doors on any opportunity to grow and continue my education at the Lucky Eagle. I still strive to become a lawyer, but I need to support myself until that dream comes true. So if there are any opportunities to climb the corporate ladder, I would like to look into those too.

Protect Your Children by Practicing Safety During the 2011 Fireworks Season

Just a friendly reminder that the fireworks season is approaching and that there will be increased traffic on the reservation. Be extra careful and observe all traffic laws. Quad or bicyclists please wear appropriate safety gear (Helmet and goggles). The life you save might be your own.

Fireworks Safety Tips

- Always purchase your fireworks from a reliable source.
- Follow the instructions and use common sense,
- Always have close adult supervision and never give fireworks to small children.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.

- Use outdoors only in a clear area away from buildings, vehicles and shrubbery.
- Have water and/or fire extinguisher handy.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket or shoot them into metal or glass containers.
- Light only one firework at a time.
- Wear eye protection and never have any portion of your body over the firework.
- Don't experiment with homemade fireworks.
- Never attempt to relight a firework.
- Don't light fireworks on main roadways or within firework stand areas (Even when they're closed).

Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

Public Notice: The Chehalis Indian Tribal Court, Oakville Washington

Che-J-3/11-057 IN RE S.K. DOB: 1-21-2009

Notice Petition of Guardianship Hearing
To Jeremy Klatush and Allison Klatush

Petition for Guardianship has been filed in the Chehalis Indian Tribal Court. A hearing is set for November 9, 2011 at 2:30 PM; 30 Niederman Rd Oakville WA on the Chehalis Indian Reservation. Any questions please feel free to contact the Tribal Court at 360-709-1615.

THIS COURT HEARING MAY RESULT IN AN ORDER OF GUARDIANSHIP BEING GRANTED.

PADDLE TO SWINOMISH 5th Annual 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 Elders, youth, and other canoe families. **This is a Drug/Alcohol, and Violence Free Journey!** Everyone is welcome!

Circle Up Chehalis Canoe Family! Weekly meetings and fundraisers in preparation for the Canoe Journey at various locations. Come check it out if you are interested in learning about the Chehalis Canoe Family.

Itinerary:

Squaxin Island- July 17
Nisqually- July 18
Puyallup- July 19
Muckleshoot- July 20
Suquamish- July 21-22
Tulalip- July 23 and 24
Swinomish- July 25
Formal protocol to follow



For more information please contact Sylvia Cayenne at 360-888-6638.

Resources Available Assisting Parents in Understanding Their Teen

From the Behavioral Health Parents/Teens Comprehensive Guide in Dealing with the 2000's

Chapter 2-Dealing with the 2000's

Family Editions a comprehensive guide with dependable information for Parents/Teens.

For more information please contact the Behavior Health at 360-709-1682.



Bullying

Why do kids Bully? There are all kinds of reasons why young people bully other, either occasionally or often. Do any of these sound familiar to you?

- Because I see other doing it.
- Because it is what you do if you want to hang out with the right crowd.
- Because it makes me feel, stronger, smarter, or better than the person I am bullying.
- Because it is one of the best ways to keep others from bullying me.
- Whatever the reason, bullying is something we all need to think about. Whether we've done it ourselves..or whether friends or other people we know are doing it... we all need to recognize that bullying has a terrible effect on the lives of young people. It may not be happening to you today, but it could tomorrow. Working together, we can make the lives of young people better.

Are you being bullied?

So you are being bullied, huh? That can feel pretty awful. However, no matter how bad it makes you feel sometime, you should know you are not alone. That's right...there are plenty of kids all over the world who go through the same things you do every day. And, even though you may feel helpless sometimes, there are many things you and others can do to help stop the bullying. Try these tips.

Always tell an adult. It is hard to talk about serious things with adults sometimes, but they can help put a stop to bullying. Tell an adult that you trust and can talk to-you parents, your teacher, your school counselor, your coach, your neighbor.

If you have told a grown-up before and they have not done anything about it, tell someone else. Moreover, if you are afraid to tell an adult that you have been bullied, get another person-like a friend or a sister or brother-to go with you. Having someone else there to support you can make it a lot less scary. Tell the adults exactly what has happened-who did the bullying, where and when it happened, how long it has been happening to you, and how it makes you feel. If you talk with an adult at your school, ask them what they will do to help stop the bullying. It is their job to help keep you safe. Most adults really care about bullying and will do everything they can to help you.

Telling an adult can seem hard. Here are ways some other kids have done this:

Stay in a group. Kids who bully like to pick on kids who are by themselves a lot-it is easier and they are more likely to get away with their bad behavior. If you spend more time with other kids, you may not be an easy "target" and you will have others

around to help you if you get into a difficult situation!

If it feels safe, try to stand up to the person who is bullying you. If the person who is bullying you think you will not do anything about it, they are more likely to keep picking on you. This does not mean you should fight back or bully them back. Instead, tell the person bullying you that you do not like it and they should stop! Keep it simple. You might just say, "Cut it out, Miranda!" and then walk away. If possible, try to talk to them in a calm voice. Kids who bully often like to see that they can make you upset. If you are afraid to talk to the person who is bullying you by yourself, then you might want to ask someone else to be there with you. Kids who bully are more likely to listen, and less likely to bully you, when you are with someone and not alone. If you are not comfortable standing up to someone who has bullied your, that is definitely OK! Just walk away. However, be sure to tell an adult.

If you are being bullied on-line do not reply. This may actually make the bullying worse. Instead, be sure to tell a family member or another adult you trust. If possible block any more communications from this person. (For example, it might be a good idea only to accept messages from people you know.) Save evidence of the bullying. If you get a nasty e-mail, print it out or save it so that you can show it to an adult.

Join clubs or take part in activities where you will meet other kids. Sometimes, it can help to join clubs or take part in activities that interest you. Think about joining a sports team, taking an art class, or joining a scouting group, for example. You can meet other kids who share interests and you might make some good friends!

What NOT to do if you are bullied

DO NOT...think it is your fault. Nobody deserves to be bullied!

- Fight back or bully a person back. This probably will not make things any better and it might get you into big trouble. Besides, you should try to act better than the person who bullies you.
- Keep it yourself and just hope the bullying will "go away." It is normal to want to try to ignore bullying and hope that it will stop-or hope that person will start to pick on someone else. However, often, bullying will not stop until adults and other kids get involved. So, be sure to report the bullying.
- Skip school or avoid clubs or sports because you are afraid of being bullied. Missing school activities that you enjoy is not the answer. You have a right to be there!
- Think that you are a "tattle tale" if you tell an adult that you have been bullied. Telling is NOT tattling! It is the right thing to do.
- Hurt yourself. Some kids who are bullied get so sad and depressed that they may try to hurt themselves because they think there is nothing else they can do. This definitely is not the answer. Talk with an adult immediately and tell them how you are feeling. They can help stop the bullying.



Donna DuPuis (L) takes a photo of Chubby Pickernell (R) during the Tribal Days Memorial Tournament. Chubby loves announcing the men's baseball games at Tomahawk Stadium. Tribal Days brings back many fond memories of playing, umpiring, while visiting with friends and family.

Chehalis Reservation Bus Schedule Helps With Your Transportation Needs

R/T picks people up on the Chehalis Reservation and will connect you with Intercity Transit in Olympia or Twin Transit in Centralia. Call **1-800-650-7846** 24 hours in advance to schedule a ride. Cost is \$1 per one-way trip.

Grays Harbor Transit picks people up at the Oakville Post Office at 10:10 AM, 12:45 PM, and 3:40 PM and can drop you off in Elma, Montesano or Aberdeen. Call **1-800-562-9730** for more info. Cost is \$2 per one-way trip.

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that brought smiles to all the children as they were seen playing with them throughout the weekend.

The Baseball Tournament

Friday May 27, kicked off the first games for the Baseball Tournament. "Rain or Shine" the tournament directors were determined to play. The rains came and blessed the tribal baseball fields as the women's slow-pitch tournament started. Again it rained on and off throughout the night creating a muddy and challenging game of softball.

Saturday morning players, grounds crew and volunteers were seen dumping 30-40 pound bags of dry heat throughout the weekend on all the fields to keep them playable. Visiting teams did come and it rained on and off again throughout the day. There some very heavy downfall of water, yet the games moved on. The Oakville High School baseball fields weren't used as much with a majority of the games played at Tomahawk Stadium.

Many vendors seen around the tribal grounds selling food and a variety of products. As you walked around watching baseball or shopping you could hear a familiar voice echoing throughout the ball fields. Yes, Chubby Pickernell returned announcing the men's hardball tournament. He laughed and joked with family and friends as they visited him. He demonstrated his singing ability with a little "Johnny Cash." rendition.

Something he has enjoyed doing for many, many moons. Thank



you much Donna and Ellery Choke Sr. for bringing him out.

Another highlight of the weekend was one of the oldest players in the tournament. Vernon McCrory at the age of 52 who played for the Taholah Stars Coed Slow Pitch Team competing alongside his boys. This week end brought some parents who played baseball alongside their children. What a great way to spend a weekend enjoying friends, family and playing "Good Ol' Fashion Indian Baseball" during the Chehalis Tribal Days Memorial Weekend!

Thanks to Volunteers!

Cheryle Starr sends out a special thanks to all the volunteers who contributed to making this weekend so successful: Tournament directors; Darrin Jones, Sonny Youckton and Angie Youckton for running the Men's Hardball Tourney. Charlotte Lopez and Carla Thomas for helping run the Women's, and Coed Tournament. Announcers, Chubby Pickernell and Darrin Jones. Umpires Andy Zaidy, Casey Pickernell, Chet DeLamater, Troy (Skokomish), Jerry Youckton, and Ray Lopez. Youth Center activities, Tony Medina, Marla Medina and Teresa Pannkuk; Tournament Preparation, Carla Thomas, Ang Youckton, and Charlotte Lopez. A special thanks to everyone that helped keep the field playable. Your assistance was so crucial in completing this tournament: Grounds keepers, Ray Secena, Jr., and Amil Starr Jr.; Ray Lopez, Sonny Youckton, Chris Secena, Penny Gleason, Tom Hayden, Ray Secena, Shawn Goddard. Don Secena and all his helpers at the fish pit. Thank you to anyone if I forgot to mention your name.

The 2011-12 Chehalis Tribal Princesses pictured (L-R) are Miss Tribal Days, Deidra Hawkes; Jr. Miss, Kennedy Adams; Lil' Miss, Payton Simmons; Head Start Miss, "Turtle" Canales.

Cultural Program Offering Bead Work Classes Every Tuesday

Beadwork classes will be offered every Tuesday night from 5 PM to 8 PM at the Cultural Class Room in the Community Center. The first class begins on July 12. Walk-in's are welcome, but if you are attending you will be required to sign in. The classes are available to Elders, adults and High School age students of the Tribal Community. This is an advanced class.

The Cultural Program Coordinator runs on Flex-hours and not always available during regular business hours of 8 AM to 5 PM. Most classes offered run until 8:30 PM or during weekends. The Cultural Class Room Facilities is available to community members, please contact me to accommodate your needs for the class.

Community Artist Wanted

I am always looking for Community Artist who would be interested in sharing their skills and teach a class to the community. Forms are available and there is a screening process to qualify for your bid.

Providing the following information:

- The age group you would like to teach,
- Specify the Cultural Class curriculum you are interested in offering.
- Who is providing materials for your class you plan to teach.

For more information about this and other cultural activities please contact Dianne Devlin, Cultural Coordinator at 360-709-1621.

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the swarm of honey bees. For more information or questions contact Gary Wheaton at 360-273-7462.

Swarming

Despite their rather awesome appearance, swarms are not dangerous. That's because honey bees are defensive only in the vicinity of their nest to protect their brood and food supply.

A swarm of honey bees is a familiar sight in the spring and early summer. It's one of the most fascinating phenomena in nature and an instinctive way honey bees manage the colony's growth and survival. Half or more of the colony leaves the hive to look for a new home. But first, within a few minutes of departing from the hive, the bees settle on a nearby surface.

There no telling where a swarm might land. It could land on any convenient resting place: a bush, a tree branch, a lamppost, or perhaps a piece of patio furniture. In any case, the swarming bees won't stay there long. As soon as scout bees find a more suitable and protected home, the swarm will be up, up, and away.

In its temporary resting place, the swarm is a bundle of bees clustered together for protection and warmth. In the center of it

all is their queen. Depending on the size of the hive that swarmed, the cluster may be as small as a grapefruit or as large as a watermelon. The bees will remain in this manner for a few hours or even a few days while scout bees look for new home. When they return with news of suitable spot, off they all go to take up residence in a hollow tree, with the walls of an old barn, or some other cozy cavity.

Bees: Vital to Our Food Supply

An ominous phenomenon has baffled beekeepers and scientists alike: across the U.S., honey bees have been disappearing from their colonies. They aren't just dying—they're disappearing en masse. In 2006, U.S. beekeepers lost a third of their 2.4 million colonies, See *Bee Culture* and 35 percent of the remaining colonies vanished



Local Beekeeper, Gary Wheaton relocated a honey bee swarm found at the baseball bleachers.

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, Sonny Youckton Tournament Director
Ang Youckton, Scorekeeper

1st Place- Little Boston
2nd Place-Little Boston Pistols
3rd Place-Puyallup
4th Place-Rebels



Little Boston from Port Gamble S'Klallam won the men's hardball championship jackets. Beating the Little Boston Pistols in a final 9 inning game.

Women's Slow Pitch Softball

Cheryle Starr, Charlotte Lopez, Tournament Directors
Carla Thomas, Jodie Smith, Scorekeepers

1st Place-Taholah
2nd Place- Natives
3rd Place-Quileute
4th Place-Cal Horizon

Taholah won the championship in the women's slow pitch division using 9 players throughout the softball tournament. They were able to defeat Natives in the championship game.



Coed Slow Pitch Softball

Cheryle Starr, Charlotte Lopez Tournament Directors
Carla Thomas, Scorekeeper

1st Place-Taholah Stars
2nd Place-Quileute
3rd Place- Muckleshoot
4th Place-Skokomish



The Taholah Stars won the Co-ed slow pitch championship. Being the number one seed they lost the first game, but rebounded to defeat Quileute in the championship game.

the following year. See *Federation of American Scientists* web sites.

The problem is known as Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD), and scientists suspect a combination of causes: pesticides, environmental stresses, pests such as the varroa mite, and pathogens such as the Israeli acute paralysis virus (IAPV)—which has been found in 96.1 percent of affected hives. *USDA* Awaiting answers, the agricultural industry is on edge: honey bees pollinate an estimated \$15 billion in U.S. crops each year.

The *USDA* has stated that one out of every three bites of food we eat is dependent on bee pollination. We have the opportunity to take a look at yet another facet of our industrialized food system. Just how precipitous has feeding ourselves become when a third of our nation's food supply is reliant on convoys of thousands upon thousands of imported and artificially sustained

bees crisscrossing the nation? As one researcher asked Congress, "How would our government respond if one out of every three cows was dying?"

Beekeepers are having some success staving off colony losses by improving the diet of their bees and keeping a closer watch for parasites and infections, says Cox-Foster. She also suggests "simple changes" such as increasing the use of hedgerows could improve both the honeybee population and that of the wild pollinators.

Like the cause, the solution to CCD is going to have to be multi-faceted. There appears to be no single cause that can be directly linked to colony collapse. Researchers think the disorder is the result of many pest/viral/fungal/chemical/stress combinations. Pesticides, although just a piece of the puzzle, are a variable we can control. By eliminating this variable, research could be focused on deciphering the other pieces of the puzzle. Instead, pesticide regulation loopholes are making it nearly impossible to track down the causes of colony collapse disorder.

Resources to learn more about honey bees:

- www.beesource.com
- Mother Earth News
- SmartPlanet
- *USDA*
- Book "Beekeeping for Dummies"