Youth Enjoy a Fun Filled June

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

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 bee 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 Secema and Corneta 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. Being a hobby and is very therapeutic for him. He remembers relocating honey bees on 5-6 different locations within the Chehalis Reservation. He was very calm and informative while removing the swarm. Taking this opportunity giving him the opportunity to preserve the honey bees because they are instrumental to our ecosystems. He also shared some concerns and gave some web sites we could go to find more information about these populations.

Lett the experienced beekeepers handle it.

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

By Brinda 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 28 tribes that were all donated for this event. Great Wolf Lodge, Eagle’s Landing Hotel, Chehalis Tribal Enterprise, Lucky Eagle Casino (John Settlesman), Chehalis Tribal Business Committee, Glenno Supplies, Quinault Beach Resort Casino (Dona Underwood, Red Wind Casino/Quinault Tribe (Majestic Spinit), Bobby Bush (SPIDA), Larry’s Chevron, Rochester Lumber, Quizmo’s in Grand Mount, Grand Mount 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 Archie 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!

Tribal Days Tournament Brings Friends, Challenges, and Laughter to a Successful 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 2011-2012. It was one the most attended events ever!

Congratulations to the winners.

Comment Clean Up

On May 26, 2011 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 hymn 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.

Tribal Medina Youth Activities

As the sound 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. Youth 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 to give away. It was a beautiful day, but what a beautiful day when it was finished.

Youth students cut the grass, while others were cutting flowers, making signs, and helping with the food. Tony Medina is a Desert Storm Veteran. He has been a Tribal employee for 17 years. It was very rewarding and worthwhile while removing the swarm.

Thanking everyone giving them the opportunity to preserve the honey bees because they are instrumental to our ecosystems. He also shared some concerns and gave some web sites we could go to find more information about these populations.

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- Paddle to Swimiminthum Itinary

Registration Week is July 18-22

Please call for a registration appointment 360-705-1800

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

By Lorrie Bonifer, Prevention Specialist

Chew, pot, alcohol, prescriptions…

Cecil Bonifer who died of an overdose at the young age of 49. His life started out with a short life-span as he passed away. To check on him and, regardless, later that evening he passed away. He later laid taken the pills, and he supposedly said “It’s okay, my body is used to it.” He later laid 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 flourish. The AM Head Start children seen here working with teachers, parents and volunteers planting trees at the New RV Park.

School District Partnering With StudintoMentoring 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 Secenza as a school district board member facilitated a meeting with BBBS Director Roger Jones, Superintendent Kathy Lorton and Principal Jeff Hunt for the on-going 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 served 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 BBBS agency for many years through contributions and sponsorships. Recently, the new Chehalis School District school-based program started in September 2011 as a direct result of the Chehalis Big Brothers Big Sisters program 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 other national 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 New Mexico presented 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 Tribal community member in the 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 Fox, BBBS Western Regional Director, wants to introduce the school-based mentoring program so that the Tribal community fully embraces it.

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.
Training Program Helps Tribal Members Advance Within the Organization

The Lucky Eagle Management Training Program is designed for our tribal members and their success working at the casino. The casino spoils the entire program so that the Tribal community has an awareness of careers that are being made with our tribal members employed. We are building success stories with the employees that are selected from the Succession Plan. We are hopeful the large portion of our tribal members employed in the casino reports quarterly on 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 hopes to be good role models and mentors for those trying to enter the business field of their choice. We all have dreams. Never, 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.”

By Rodney Youckton, Director of Business Operations

Chapter 2-Dealing with the 2009’s Family Edition - comprehensive guide with dependable information for Parents

For more information please contact the Behavior Health at 360.709.1482.

Resources Available Assisting Parents in Understanding Their Teen From the Behavioral Health Parents/Teens Comprehensive Guide in Dealing with the 2009’s 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 for you? 

- Because we are told not to fight back.
- Because it is what you do if you want to hang out with the rough crowd.
- Because you are afraid of danger, anger, or better than the person I am bullying.

Bullying is one of the best ways to keep others from bullying me. 

If you are new to bullying, bullying is something we all need to think about. Whether we do 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, 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 feel safe. You should tell your parents, your teacher, your school counselor, your coach, your neighbor. If you have told a grown-up before and they did nothing, tell someone else. Moreover, if you are afraid to tell an adult that you have been bullied, get another person you trust, like 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 to you. Be very clear when 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, and make sure they 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 or a lot is easier to pick on. Make sure you stay with other kids. It’s harder to get away with their bad behavior. If you spend more time with other kids, not only are you not 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 see you as an easy mark. If they know you will stand up, you should fight back bully them back. Instead, tell the person who is bullying you that do not like it and they should stop! Keep it simple. You might say “Stop!” or “Mirenda!” and then walk away. Perhaps, 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 they know you are not alone. If you are not comfortable standing up to someone who has bullied you, that is perfectly fine. But, you should at least 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. Tell an adult or ask someone to get you the help you need. Bullying. If you get a nasty e-mail, print it out and save it in case you need to get help.

Kids can 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. Take part in a school or sports team, taking an art class, or joining a computer club. Make sure to talk to other kids who share interests and you might make some good friends!

What NOT to do if you are being bullied

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

- Fight back or bully a person back. This behavior does nothing except make things worse and it might get you into big trouble. Besides, you should neither be the person who bullies nor the person who bullies you. 

- Keep it to yourself and say you are just “getting mad.” It is normal to want to try to ignore bullying and hope that it will stop. However, if bullying continues, the person who bullies will start to pick on someone else. Moreover, often, other kids who are bullying an adult or other kids get involved. So, be sure to report it.

- 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. This will not help stop bullying. Besides, you should try to act better than the person who bullies you.

- Fight back or bully a person back. The problem is not the answer to this. It is also not the answer. Talk with an adult that you trust. They can help to join clubs or take part in activities that interest you. Take part in a school or sports team, taking an art class, or joining a computer club. Make sure to talk to other kids who share interests and you might make some good friends!

PADDLE TO SWINOMISH 5th Annual Chehalis Canoe Family Journey

This is the schedule for the canoe families. Flower free to join in anywhere along the canoe journey, learning to share with the canoe families, and travel with “One Heart” for the duration of the Puget Sound waterways. Canoeing and sharing appreciated as we practice our culture with the Elders, youth, and other canoe families.

Itinerary:

Squaxin Island- July 17
Nisqually- July 18
Puylup- July 19
Kitsap- Saturday, July 20
Suquamish- July21-22
Tulalip- July 23 and 24
Swinomish- July 25

Protocol to follow

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

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This is a Drug/Alcohol and Violence Free Journey. Everyone is welcome!

Chehalis Canoe Family! Weekly meetings and fund-raising opportunities for the Canoe Journey at various locations. Come check it out if you are interested in learning about the Chehalis Canoe Family.

Quinault Indian Reservation Bus Schedule Helps With Your Transportation Needs

B/C & R/T picks people up on the Chehalis Reservation and will connect you with Intercity Transit in Olympia or Twin Transit in Centralia. Please plan 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 10:15 AM, 12:45 PM, and 3:40 PM and can drop you off in Oakville, Aberdeen, or Hoquiam. Call 360-562-9738 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 and off again 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 downpours as well, yet the games moved on. The Oakville High School baseball fields weren’t used as available for any baseball games played at Tomahawk Stadium.

In its temporary resting place, the swarm will be up, up, and away. In a suitable and protected home, the swarm will

RECOMMENDATION

that they return with news of suitable spot, off

Swarming

Swarming is one of the most fascinating phenomena in nature. It occurs when a group of hive bees leave their hive in a hallow tree, with the walls of an old barn, or some other easy cavity.

Hamilton and 3rd Place-Muckleshoot

Coed Slow Pitch Softball

Cheryl Sturtevant,2011-12 Taholah Star Tournament Director

Taholah won the championship in the slow pitch division. 9 players there all coming to the softball tournament. They were able to defeat Natives in the championship game.

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The following year. See American Scientists web sites.

The USDA has stated that one out of every four bees in the agricultural industry is on edge: honey bees are being killed off. As one

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