



CHEHALIS TRIBAL

The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation
"People of the Sands"

NEWSLETTER

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Youth Make Time to Give Back to Mother Nature

Youth learn the importance of giving back to Mother Nature. In the middle of Spring Break, Wednesday April, 4th the kids from our tribal community rolled up their sleeves and got down and dirty to plant cedar trees along the eastern border of the Community Center's property lines.



During spring break Elders, adults, and youth gave back to mother nature by planting cedar trees at the community center.

The youth took this opportunity to support their heritage and give back to Mother Earth. The youth were taught about what cedar trees gift our tribal people and the important it is to provide for future generations. As it was raining earlier that morning, Mother Nature smiled down up this small ground and the sky cleared as the kids gathered at the east side of the Community Center.

Malena Canales and Ashley Femy skipped to the Youth Center together and spoke in stereo to say, "We are here; this is going to be fun!" Jerry Youckton and Correna Young marked the area where the youth were going to plant the trees. By noon Elders, youth and adults gathered at the youth center. Diane Devlin, Cultural Coordinator provided some examples of different stages of harvesting cedar bark. The youth showed a great deal of interest asking questions. Isaac Hofstetter asked, "Why was the cedar rolled up in a circle and tied?" Diane answered, "Good

question, this helped the puller carry many bundles just like this out of the woods."

There was cedar that was "Jerry Striped" (meaning to cut the cedar in long strips to weave with) and cedar that was split and dyed. There were some examples how cedar is used that included: a cedar dress, a basket and a purse. Finally a small stripped/split and nicely bundled piece of purple dyed cedar was held up. Each kid was asked what they thought this small amount of processed cedar would cost. The youth were surprised when they discovered that a small prepared cedar bundle can sell for \$30.00 dollars.

The Cultural Program, Tony Medina and Marla Medina armed the kids with shovels and gloves. Then everyone headed out to where Jerry Youckton and Correna Young were waiting.

Jerry instructed the youth how to handle the seedling, and how deep

to dig the hole. Jerry explained if the hole was not deep enough the tree would not grow and if it was too deep the tree would die. Elder Sally Pikutark would lead a "Shout Out" when one of the kids finished planting their tree. Everyone would join in clapping and cheering for the kids who planted the tree.

all thanks to the youth who wanted to make a difference.

When they finished with planting the trees; CJ Youckton did not want to stop, he wanted us to plant the entire northern border of the

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Dianne Devlin, Cultural Coordinator talked about the many uses the cedar tree provides for the Native American People.

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property too. Dianne Devlin said, “Good plan CJ, but we did not bring trees to do that. Our program is planning another event to celebrate on Mother Earth day on May 22nd.”

The rest of the youth did not want to stop either. All agreed it was a good day. Smiles lit up their faces as they put away their shovels and gloves.



May 22, Earth Day Activities



High School Students Learn to “Arrive Alive”

By Scott Freeman, Community Resource Officer



Oakville and Rochester High School students learned the dangers of texting and alcohol effects driving in the simulator vehicle.

Distracted driving is the #1 killer of American teens. To bring attention to this issue, the Chehalis Tribal Police hosted Rochester and Oakville High School students to an event, which focused on teaching teens the dangers of distracted/drunk driving.

Just before 9:00 a.m. on April 25th, nearly 130 sophomores, juniors and seniors arrived at the Chehalis Tribal Community Center to attend the day long event. After being welcomed to the community by Tribal Chairman David Burnett the students attended breakout sessions dedicated to teaching the dangers of distracted driving.

Staff from the Washington State Department of Licensing presented the teens with an engaging presentation how distracted driving can cause them the loss of their license.

Thurston County Prosecutor Joe Wheeler explained to the teens what they could expect from the legal system as both teens and adults.

Meghan Sullivan from TOGETHER, taught the teens about negative peer pressure and teen misconceptions about their peers drug and alcohol use.

Brice Goodman told his harrowing story of riding with a drunk driver. Brice was left trapped with a broken neck in a car leaking gas and covered with downed power lines as his friend ran away to avoid being arrested.

Thurston County Coroner Gary

Warnock presented the youth with an eye-opening look into what happens after death and how traumatic the events are for the surviving families.

Teens climbed behind the wheel of a car, and thanks to simulator technology they had the opportunity to drive while instructors text messaged them or caused them to have an artificially high blood alcohol level. All walked away shocked at how much being intoxicated or distracted negatively effected their ability to drive. Thanks to a donation from the Chehalis Tribal Enterprises every student had the opportunity to receive a picture pledge card with their friends promising not to drive distracted.

Lunches provided by the Lucky Eagle Casino gave the students a needed break and a chance to re-energize in between sessions.

The event included a opportunities for the teens to try CPR, examine the equipment used by fire personnel at crashes and meet with law enforcement from the Tribe and both Thurston and Grays Harbor Counties. Airlift Northwest gave teens a chance look at the helicopter and talk with the crew. The Washington State Patrol was on hand to answer questions and displayed a car involved in a local distracted driving fatal accident. An information fair allowed teens to meet with colleges, prospective employers and other providers of teen services giving them a rounded day of learning and exploration.

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month One Text Or Call Could Wreck It All.

April was National Distracted awareness month, and although we presented information to the teens in our community, we think it is important for everyone to know the facts. Thanks to the National Highway Traffic safety Administration for providing the following information.

WHAT IS DISTRACTED DRIVING? Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person’s attention away from the primary task of driving. *All* distractions endanger driver, passenger, and bystander safety. These types of distractions include:

- Texting
- Using a cell phone or smartphone
- Eating and drinking
- Talking to passengers
- Grooming
- Reading, including maps
- Using a navigation system
- Watching a video
- Adjusting a radio, CD player, or MP3 player

Text messaging requires visual, manual, and cognitive attention from the driver, it is by far the most alarming distraction according to research from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Key Facts and Statistics

- In 2009, 5,474 people were killed in crashes involving driver distraction, and an estimated 448,000 were injured. (NHTSA)
- 16% of fatal crashes in 2009 involved reports of distracted driving. (NHTSA)
- 20% of injury crashes in 2009 involved reports of distracted

driving. (NHTSA)

- In the month of June 2011, more than 196 billion text messages were sent or received in the US, up nearly 50% from June 2009. (CTIA)
- Teen drivers are more likely than other age groups to be involved in a fatal crash where distraction is reported. In 2009, 16% of teen drivers involved in a fatal crash were reported to have been distracted. (NHTSA)
- 40% of all American teens say they have been in a car when the driver used a cell phone in a way that put people in danger. (Pew)
- Drivers who use hand-held devices are 4 times more likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves. (Monash University)
- Text messaging creates a crash risk 23 times worse than driving while not distracted. (VTTI)
- Sending or receiving a text takes a driver’s eyes from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent of driving at 55mph the length of an entire football field, blind. (VTTI)
- Headset cell phone use is not substantially safer than hand-held use. (VTTI)
- Using a cell phone while driving - whether it’s hand-held or hands-free delays a driver’s reactions as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit of .08 percent. (University of Utah)

it's NOT worth it!

- Driving while using a cell phone reduces the amount of brain activity associated with driving by 37%. (Carnegie Mellon)

Tribal Health and Wellness News

■ Dental Clinic Needs Your Help!

There have been a rash of no shows and last minute cancellations of dental appointments at the Clinic. We are asking for your help in keeping appointments or canceling in a timely manner so we can fill the appointment with someone else who needs to be seen and so we can get you rescheduled. Because we only receive funding for less than 5% of our operating costs, the dental office not only sees our Tribal Members and other eligible Native Americans but also sees our insured employees and their insured family members. In order to make sure that we can continue to operate the dental clinic as we currently do, we have to keep the schedule full.

Unfortunately, because failed appointments do affect other patients and our ability to provide services, we do have a failed appointment policy to follow. Here are the guidelines for that policy:

The Chehalis Tribal Dental Clinic staff is dedicated to your quality

care and is pleased to reserve an appointment for all dental health consumers. In order to meet the scheduling needs of all of our patients, the Tribe has established guidelines regarding appointment scheduling. Many patients need our services and missed appointments affect everyone.

Follow These Procedures:

- As a patient in the clinic, it will be your responsibility to keep scheduled appointments.
- So that we may provide care to all of our patients, we request a minimum of 4 hours notice for appointment cancellations.
- The clinic will consider a “failed appointment” at any time a patient has not given the advanced notice required above or has failed to arrive within 15 minutes of their appointment time.
- If a patient has more than 2 failed appointments in a 6 month

time period the patient will no longer be able to schedule a dental appointment for the next 6 months. The patient may however in that period call the morning of the day they would like to be seen to see if we have any appointments available for that day.

Your dental team is proud to be able to partner with you in achieving good dental health for yourself, your children, and your families. We look forward to getting to see you at yearly check-ups, cleanings, and when you have needs for other treatments that we can help with. We are also always happy to help you find resources when it is a service we cannot provide. It is our hope and goal to give appropriate and kind service to everyone who comes to visit us in the dental program.

Please, give us a call at 273-5504 to schedule your next appointment or an appointment for your child.

■ Update on Intertribal Biggest Loser Contest

The Intertribal Biggest Loser competition began with many enthusiastic participants on all four reservations [Chehalis, Squaxin Island, Skokomish and Shoalwater Bay]. Every month the top “Loser” at each reservation was awarded \$85. John Tanzy [Suzanne Ortiz’s husband] was the top “Loser” three of the four months at Chehalis. He said he made a few simple changes, like not eating chips and getting some exercise and the weight just came off.

Chehalis started the competition with 33 participants, but the numbers began to drop as the holidays came and went. There were 10 who stuck it out to the very end and many of them were rewarded with ~\$50 for maintaining or losing more weight at the last weigh in. A celebration dinner was held, and the grand prize of a full NIKE exercise outfit and shoes plus a check for \$700+ dollars was awarded to Shoalwater Bay’s Donna Lyle, who lost 21% of her body weight.

A new Biggest Loser competition began April 17th, with 35 participants, 13 men and 22 women. The winnings will be equally divided between the male and female participants; with a first, second and third place for both men and women. The Biggest Loser will end June 12th.

If anyone you know is participating or just working on getting more exercise and losing weight, give lots of encouragement and support!

■ Chehalis Tribe Community Transformation Grant

Last summer the Chehalis Tribe applied for a grant to work on learning about healthy choices and how to create healthy environments. We were happy that we were able to apply for the grant; our tribe is too small to qualify for many grants for wellness and health promotion that actually allow us to do the work we would like to do.

The Community Transformation Grant (CTG) is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC required that 20% of the funds be spent on rural and frontier sites. To improve our chances of getting the grant, and to work with the

goals of the grant application, we proposed a project that includes the city of Oakville.

Our strategy worked: we are one of 7 tribes in the nation that received this grant. We are also the smallest funded tribe in the nation. The grant has the potential of recurring funding for 5 years.

The CTG funding is unique in another way: it allows us up to 5 years to bring a community group together, and to do visioning and planning together. This is very unusual and exciting. We are currently looking for residents of the Chehalis Reservation and the Town of

Oakville to participate in the community coalition. We held our first community coalition meeting on April 30 and we will continue to meet monthly.

If you are interested in learning more about the Community Transformation Grant and the Community Coalition, feel free to contact one of the CTG staff: Jhon (pronounced John) Valencia, Shannon Kicking Woman or Cindy Gamble.

We can be reached at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center at 360-273-5504. We would love to hear from you!

Chehalis Domestic Violence Prevention Program

Coping After Experiencing a Sexual Assault

By Dawn Boley, Domestic Violence Advocate

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT! Many victims of sexual assault blame themselves for what happened. No matter what your background or situation, rape is a personal violation.

Rape/Sexual Assault is a crime that hurts the young and old, rich and poor, heterosexuals/homosexuals and those from all racial or ethnic backgrounds.

Sexual assaults occur in different situations. Maybe you went for a late night walk, got drunk at a party and went home with someone you just met, or say no to your partner or date about sex. None of these actions give anyone the right to violate you. *You did not cause this to happen by anything you said or did.*

Sexual assault can happen without physical violence, there are, for example, verbal threats, overpowering a person, drugging an individual, or intimidating with a weapon. A person who passes out from drugs or alcohol, or is under the influence of some other mind-altering substance, **cannot consent to sex.** Taking advantage of someone's vulnerability to have sex is another type of force. Force can happen in any type of relationship at any time. It can happen with friends, co-workers, or martial partners.

Sexual assaults include any type of sexual conduct or sexual contact that is nonconsensual forced or coerced. Any form of vaginal or oral

penetration, however minimal, is still considered a violation. Many victims do not realize the various kinds of sexual violence. Most experience a range of emotions after their assault. You may have some of these feelings or other responses to the sexual assault: **Shock; Numbness; Loss of Control; Shame; Blame.**

You may think you could have done something differently to avoid or prevent the assault. **Remind yourself: you did not cause this to happen.**

Seeking help from experienced crisis counselors can help. You don't have to go through it alone; counselors can help you regain a sense of control. Domestic Violence Advocates can assist you in filing a police report. Advocates know the pros and cons of how an assault might impact you, and provide resources for your situation. Please contact the Chehalis Domestic Violence Advocate and start the healing process. Learn what your rights are and how to receive the best help possible.



Chehalis Tribe's Domestic Violence Prevention Program
P.O. Box 536
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360-709-1874
Information is strictly confidential!!



The Strengthening Families Program

Parents and Youth Ages 10-14

Come sign up for this free 7 week program for families of youth ages 10-14!

Is your family prepared for the journey through the adolescent years? Struggling with communication? Learn together as a family in dealing with these issues.



We will be continuing the program in the late summer or early fall and we want to know what time works for you!

We want to see your family there! It's free and dinner will be provided each week along with lots of fun raffle prizes. Games and activities will follow.

If interested in learning what the program has to offer. Contact Madelyn Dethlefs at 360-709-1717 to register and let us know the best time of the day and start date to fit your schedule.

Nike Air Native Shoes Available to Tribal Members



WOMEN'S



NIKE Air Native Tempo+N7

\$58 / pair prepaid



MEN'S



Contact Cindy Beck or Lynn Hoheisel at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center to place an order.

Order Form:

Name: _____ Size: M or F size _____ Black or White

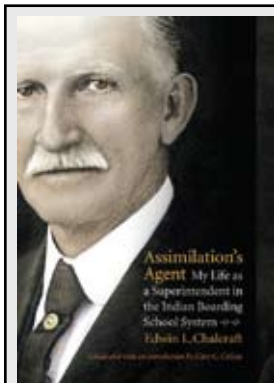
Phone: _____ Size: M or F size _____ Black or White

or Email: _____ Size: M or F size _____ Black or White

Checks to made out to the Chehalis Tribe. Allow 10-14 Days for order to arrive - you will be contacted when available. Total Received: _____

There is a 1.5 size difference between men and women's shoes. If a woman wears a size 7 and wants a men's shoe, she would order a 5.5, if a man prefers a women's shoe style and wears a 9.5 he would order an 11 in women's.

Book Reveals Chehalis Boarding School History (Part four)



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Chehalis Indian Reservation – Part four–

The second session of the Chehalis Police Court was held on January 19, 1884. Just before adjournment, John Smith, one of the most progressive Indians, and an active member of the Chehalis Presbyterian Mission Church, asked permission of the Court to go to Mud Bay. While the Government Regulations provided that Indians shall not leave their reservation without a written pass from the officer in charge, it had never been enforced at Chehalis, not at any of the other reservations in the Pacific Northwest.

Consequently, I was at a loss to understand why permission had been asked, and equally so, to find (that) the three Associate Judges were all opposed to his going, but evaded giving me any definite information concerning it. A few days later, John went to Mud Bay, taking his family with him, and remained about three weeks. I shortly learned that his objective was to learn something about the new religion, and the Indians knew this at the time he made his request.

Shortly after John Smith returned from Mud Bay, strange things began to happen. The first was on March 3rd. After the girls had returned to their dormitory for the night and should have been asleep, Mrs. Mills, the Matron, heard them moving about the room. She went upstairs and found about fifteen of the larger girls standing in a

circle waving their arms and their bodies trembling, evidently trying to imitate members of the new religious sect. They were sent to bed.

The next day, Nancy Smith, an intelligent nineteen year old girl, complained to me that an Indian man from Mud Bay, visiting John Smith, said it had been decided that she was to marry Cap Carson, an Indian bachelor, which she did not want to do, and if she did not do so, they would put her in prison where she would be made to stand, with outstretched arms like a Cross, holding a candle in each hand, and she would have to stand there until the candles were burnt out.

I told her what she did was none of their business and to inform me immediately if molested again. By this time, I had received some information about the new Mud Bay religion and its adherents which caused me to speak of them as “Shakers” when talking with my police. Agent Eells and I used the same in our conversation and correspondence and it was not long before members of the Slocum followers took up the name and called themselves the “Shaker Church,” the name by which it has since been known.

On Thursday morning, March 6th, Dick Case reported the death of his infant child at Choke’s house the night before. It had lived only a few days, and the mother was now a very sick woman. I gave Dick some things he said were needed and Mr.

Mills made a coffin for the child. There was no Minister to be had, and not feeling it would be right to lay the body away without some kind of religious service, I offered to see to that.

The funeral was at the school house that afternoon. After singing the Gospel song, “Nearer, My God, to Thee,” with Alice at the organ, a prayer was offered by Jim Walker, the Head Chief. Then I read the first twenty-two verses of Chapter XV, I Corinthians and made a short address. Marion Davis. A well educated young Indian followed this with a prayer. After this service we went to the Indian graveyard, about one-fourth of a mile distant, where the body was laid away. This was my first attempt in conducting a funeral service.

Rev. Mann, the missionary, came the next day, bringing his two little girls with him, to conduct his monthly Church Service at Chehalis. He told me much of what was going on at Mud Bay that I had not known, including the Shaker method of doctoring the sick, which so closely resemble the old Indian Ta-mah-nous practice, prohibited in Rule 6 of the official “Rules Governing the Courts of Indian Offences,” that special attention should be given it.

Saturday morning, March 8th, a policeman told me a Shaker meeting was to be held at Choke’s house that evening to doctor Bruce Ben, a young man who was very sick with consumption and could not live much longer. The Agency Physician had been treating him for a long time and knowing his condition, I decided to make a personal investigation. I went to Choke’s as soon as it was dark, taking three of our pupils, George Quinotle, George Heck, Athen Secena, and Athen’s older brother, Dan Secena, with me.

When we arrived at a slough in front of the house and called (out), an Indian came and took us across in a canoe. Upon entering the house,

we found a group of Indians sitting on the floor eating their supper from dishes on a cloth spread in the middle of the room. Just as the supper dishes were being removed, John Smith with several other Indians, concluding Bruce Ben, the sick man, came into the house holding their right hands up and making crosses on their breasts with the left hand. After shaking hands with all of us without lowering their hands, they took seats on benches previously placed for their reception.

After a short pause, John Smith said to me, “Why are you and the boys here?” To this I replied, “When we have a prayer meeting at the school-house, you folks come and take part, so we have come to yours. Go on just the same as you would do if we were not her.” Then, nearly all the Indians present, with their right hands uplifted, formed a circle in the middle of the room and sang an Indian song, crossing themselves while doing so. After they were seated again, John Smith and several others made short speeches through an interpreter, the tone of which was the high esteem they had for me and the work I was doing for them. In John Smith’s talk he referred to the presence of Bruce Ben and said there was no intention of doctoring him. In my reply to their speeches, I thanked them for the good words they had spoken, and then tried to give them as and more “taffy talk” than they had given me. I closed by saying, “It was getting late and we must return to the school.”

Old Man Heck put us across the slough and took the canoe back. We went about a hundred yards toward the school and then stopped to listen. Shortly we heard a hand-bell back at the house. We returned to the bank of the slough and laid down on the grass where we could hear quite well and not be easily seen from the house. The bell ringing continued in a peculiar

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manner, slowly and softly, then rapidly and harshly. There was some singing and chanting in a guttural tone, which the boys said had been used by the Indian doctors in earlier days. There were sounds like people jumping up and down on the floor, and others like (someone) striking the bare body with the palm of the hand. In the midst of the confusion we heard Pike Ben's voice saying, "I've got the sin, I've got the sin."

A moment later, the door opened and there was Pike with hands clasped as though there was something in them, which he threw out of the door while at the same time blowing his breath after it. When the door opened we could see Bruce Ben, the sick man, sitting on a chair stripped to the waist, with others prancing around him. A little later we heard someone say, "He could not doctor well because there was too much sin left in the house by the white man," -referring to me. Several of them went to work purifying the room by "catching" the sin and throwing it out the door.

They had not finished purifying the room when we went on home, where I found Mr. Mann waiting for our return. I told him what we had witnessed and he agreed with me in considering there was serious harm done by such treatment of the sick. He told me (he) had heard of a Shaker meeting at John Smith's house recently, where Dick Case's wife became so excited she prematurely gave birth to a child at Choke's house the next day. This was the first I knew of the meeting, but I could tell him about the child's death and burial the day before his arrival.

There was an average attendance at the Church Service on Sunday morning, including John Smith and many others (who had been) at Choke's the evening before. Mr. Mann preached an appropriate

sermon referring to false Prophets, in part, without mentioning any names. He did not give the Indians an opportunity to speak in Church, as had been the custom, but pronounced the benediction at the close of his sermon and we were dismissed. He then went directly to our house without stopping to talk with members of the congregation as he usually did. After lunch, I called John Smith to the office and he came with Jim Walker, Marion Davis, Kager and Dick Case.

I rehearsed what had taken place at Choke's the preceding evening, much to their surprise, and charged John Smith with leading his people back to the old Ta-mah-nous and other practices to which the Government objected. They were given a pretty stiff talk and Mr. Mann told them I had spoken truly. No objection was made to anything said but they surely were surprised at some of the things we knew and said to them. Bruce Ben died at Elma, May 19th, next, and was buried in the Indian graveyard at Oakville. His Shaker friends asked me to conduct the funeral service, which was done because no Minister was available, it being my second experience in officiating at funerals. My remarks were from Hebrews IV, 1-11, and 1 Corinthians XV, 50-58.

Mr. Mann understood Indian character well and his contact with them inspired their confidence and esteem. His attitude on Sunday must have worried them to some extent, because on Monday morning, Jim Walker said John Smith was at his house, a few rods distant, and wanted to shake hands and talk with Mr. Mann, and he would be at the office the next day to do the same with me. We sent word to him to come now, as both (of use) were in the office.

John came and, after shaking hands with us, said that he was still a Presbyterian and believed in God and what the Bible taught. He said he knew the Bible told white people

what to do to be saved, but Indians were different, so God had given John Slocum additional instructions for them to follow. Further, he said that he and Mr. Mann were brothers in the work of helping people to of the talking, he explained that he was not angry but was much disappointed. Before Mr. Mann left for his home at Tacoma, the next morning, John Smith and several other Shakers came to shake hands with him and seemed very friendly.

On the following Sunday, I conducted the Church Service and followed the action of Mr. Mann the preceding Sunday in not asking any of the Indians to take any part in it before closing. In the afternoon, Marion Davis told me some Mud Bay Indians having been at John Smith's house that had succeeded in getting several Chehalis Indians to become Shakers. Marion said "a man would be taken into a separate room to make his confession of sins and when he came out of the room he would be shaking all over. Then another man or woman would be taken into the room and come out shaking. Charlie Walker had to into the room twice before he was free from sin. Shaking was a sign that the sin was gone. Dick Case went into the room several times because he could not lose his sin. He could not shake all over, only his little finger shook. He was too bad to shake."

Interior's office, came at noon, and after checking my accounts and the Government property, left the next afternoon. Before they were out of sight, Peter Heck came to our house. He shook hands with Alice and me in a solemn manner, and then said, "Last Saturday night my hands began to shake, and then they crossed each other shook two hours. I was sitting on a pile of rails. Then I knelt down and shook two hours; then stood shaking three hours; then stood with my arms stretched out straight, one-half hour; then (my) right hand took hold of

the left wrist, one-half hour; then I took hold of a rope that reached to Heaven, with both hand."

At this point I asked, "Could you see or feel the rope in your hands?" He answer was, "No, I could not see or feel the rope, but I know it was there. Next, I heard a voice in heaven say, 'Pull the rope and ring the bell in Heaven.' I did so. Then I crossed myself three times and commenced to walk but stayed in the same place; then to run but did not go any. I heard the voice of God saying, 'He come to see me.' Then I talk English, I say, 'I am glad.' God wanted me to preach to everybody what He tell me. He said, 'Nobody can destroy me. I am God. I am going to destroy the world a second time, one and one-half days from now.' This means one and one-half years from now."

I asked, "How do you know God means one and one-half years?" Peter answered, "Something in my breast tells me He means that time. God said, 'Go to Oakville and preach there next Sunday, it is my holy day.' He said, 'Go to Mud Bay week after next, and preach there; and in three months go to Quinault and tell them there what to do.' There is something wrong there so God cannot send his voice. That is the reason He wants me to go there. The voice said, 'Come back and stop at your home. Take back that wagon where you got it from Perry Eu-cha-tan, you never pay for it; and take back the lumber to Joe Mormon, you but it and never pay him.' The last God said was, 'All who believe on you and what you do, will be saved.' The shakes made Our sins fall to the ground, that is all they are for. In seven months, the shaking will stop as all our sins will then be gone. The world itself will shake next July 4th all day." This is Peter's story, written as he was telling it, and had he been a good Prophet, the world would have come to an end about September 16, 1885.

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Happy Birthday to Tribal Members Born in May!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		¹ Raymond Roof Robert Smith	² Sasha Penn-Roco Destiny Zaidy	³	⁴ Roger Goldman Alexander Shortman Jamie Smith Eli Snell	⁵ Lori Lund William Pressnall
⁶ Ashlea Parkinson	⁷ Brandon Canales Mable Cooper Lucy Cush Lela Pulsifer	⁸ Christian Hoheisel Georgia Meier	⁹ Joseph DuPuis Jessie Goddard Harry Pickernell, Sr.	¹⁰ Beth Hofstetter	¹¹	¹² Ann-Marie Youckton
¹³ Lindsey Fern Dante McGee Emily Mordhorst Teresa Pannkuk	¹⁴ Leo Daniels-Meddaugh Adam Flores Arthur Medina Nora Ortivez Sarah Quilt	¹⁵ Violet Snell	¹⁶	¹⁷ Bobby Beckwith Cole Fulton Tiera Garrety Janice Latch Robert Penn	¹⁸ Curtis DuPuis Airel Klatush Amber Penn-Roco Sheylee Phillips Austin Vigil	¹⁹ Kenneth Brown Sr.
²⁰ Tony Brown Dewey Gleason- Wheeler Michael Haltom Shawn Ortivez	²¹ Valea Higheagle Patricia Jones Farley Youckton	²² Addison Sekishiro Asa Simmons	²³ Joseph Burns Chyler Daniels Cyrena Ortivez Rosalina Sanchez	²⁴ Artie Uden	²⁵ Jacqueline Pickernell	²⁶ Gavin Hernandez Paula Klatush Amara Penn Brady Pickernell Tiffany Simmons
²⁷ Rikki Sutterliet	²⁸ Damius Hansen Steesha Mc Joe TJ Trott	²⁹ Janet Chapman	³⁰ Serenity Klatush Stephanie Robles Jesse Youckton	³¹ Savanna Bush-Bird Joaquin Robles Sunday Tejda		



Happy Mothers Day
Mom

We Love You!!

From your daughter, grand-kids,
great-grandkids & Family

Happy 17th Birthday to TJ!
Love ya, Mom, Kayley and the rest of
the gang
(May 28th)

Happy Birthday to my Niece Violet!
Love ya! Ure Auntie!
(May 15th)

Happy Birthday
Savanna Bird



Love Mom, Dad & Jordon

Happy "27th" Birthday to my Beautiful
daughter Jamie Smith May 4th
Love you! Mom

Happy Birthday to my Auntie Maybel
"Doodle" Cooper" May 7th,

Love you so much, from one of your favorite
nieces Chris O.!!!

Happy Birthday to my Sister
Lucy Cush, May 7th!
Love you, your baby sista

Happy Birthday to my awesome nephew
Shawn Ortivez May 20th, the BIG 30!!!

Happy Birthday to my beautiful niece
Cyrena Ortivez, May 23rd!

Happy Birthday to my precious niece
Nora Ortivez, May 14th!

Happy Birthday to my noisy nephew
DJ, May 28th! ☺

Happy Birthday
Robert Smith

Love Auntie
Jodie,
Cedes and Tony
& Auntie Josie,
Brittany and
Brent

Happy Birthday
Dad/Grandpa!!



Love you, Marla and
Carolann.

Happy Birthday
Alex Shortman

You doing awesome
we love you so much!!
Dad, Mom, Grandma
& Family



Education Department Seeks Information for 2012 Graduate Recognition

The Chehalis Education and Development Department is currently seeking information regarding all High School Seniors on-track to get their diploma in 2012. Graduating Seniors who are Tribal Members and/or members of the Tribal Community will be recognized at a dinner and celebration held in their honor Thursday June 14. The Education Department wants to make sure that nobody misses out on this special

moment, especially Tribal Member students that may live outside the Oakville/Rochester area.

If you have a student graduating this year, or know of one, please contact Tribal Ed with the name of your student's school and any special information regarding their achievement.

Call Rachael Mendez 360-709-1698 or Taaffe Simmons 360-709-1759 for more information.



SUMMER YOUTH WORK OPPORTUNITY FOR CHEHALIS TRIBAL YOUTH AT THE LUCKY EAGLE CASINO

The Lucky Eagle Casino is hiring 3—5 enrolled Chehalis Tribal member (or descendants) students ages 16 years old and up to 19 (or college students) to work this summer during the month of July and August.

Primary job responsibilities will include working with the Casino grounds keeping staff to assist and support outdoor responsibilities such as: planting, painting, yard maintenance, parking lot clean up, watering, and miscellaneous responsibilities to be determined by the grounds keeping staff. The hours are from 7am to 3pm, Monday through Friday.

Requirements include:

- Must be at least 16 years old.
- Must have a 2.0 GPA at the end of the year.
- Open to currently enrolled high school students, recent graduates/GED recipients, or enrolled college students.
- Parental approval is required for minor applicants.
- Must be able to pass employment standards of Lucky Eagle Casino including drug screening and criminal history.
- Not currently employed by the Casino.
- Must be a Chehalis Tribal Member or a descendant of a Chehalis Tribal Member.

Interested applicants please contact Allison Carter at 360-273-2000 Ext. 223 or Stephanie Pickernell at Ext. 363 in the Human Resources Department at the Casino.

Spring Native Youth Basketball League



Thank You from the Youth Center!
Tony, Marla, Theresa and Sam

I would like to thank all the youth, adults, volunteers, hosting tribes for all the support for the Native Basketball League. Special thanks to our Elders Cheerleading Squad."

Tribal Realty Program

Homes Available to Fill Tribal Members Housing Needs

Many of you probably know that the Tribal Realty Program has been busy building homes for tribal rentals and for sale. To qualify for a rental, you must contact Charlotte Lopez 360-709-1850 and complete an application.

We have new housing policies and applications. So if you have not completed an application in since August 15th, you need to complete a new application. All applications require that the applicant show an income where the rent does not exceed 30% of the household income. All persons listed on the application, over the age of 18, will require a background check and drug testing.

We are looking for qualified buyers for:

- Brand new five bedroom home

located in Oakville. This home will be offered for sale. This is a two story home with one downstairs bedroom.

- Brand new three bedroom, two story home located in Oakville. This home will be offered for sale. This is a two story home.

If you are interested in purchasing, you need to contact James Gutierrez or Dolly Canales at the Housing Authority to see if you qualify for down payment assistance. We anticipate the monthly payment, including property taxes and insurance to be about \$850 per month with down payment assistance and 184 loan. This is a great opportunity to own a home for what you are currently paying in rent! These homes are complete and waiting for a family to move in.



This is a two story five bedroom home being offered for sale to tribal members located 415 Third Street in Oakville.



This is a two story three bedroom home being offered for sale to tribal members located at Blue one is 309 Eagle Street.

Take Your Child Fishing!

On May 1, 2012, The Chehalis Tribal Fish Hatchery stocked just over 2000 rainbow trout into the ponds located at the Pond's property. They averaged 9 fish to the pound (50 grams each), and ranged from 5 to 7 inches in length. They are available to catch on hook and line this spring and summer.

A tribal fishing license is required.

This was the first release of trout from the new hatchery. They were raised from eggs that were received last fall.

The fish hatchery will have more trout to stock into Reservation ponds in the future. The hatchery will be planting some larger fish for the Head Start fishing event

near Father's Day. Those fish will average between one half and one pound each. They should be fun to catch.

Details of the fishing event will be released in the near future.



Road Construction Projects to Begin This Summer

By: Jenee Penn, Grantwriter/Planner

This summer two road construction projects will be taking place on the Chehalis Reservation. The first road project is the Howanut Road Realignment Project. The project consists of 1.1 miles of roadway construction from the Willamette Creek bridge westerly to the Black River Bridge. The Howanut Road Realignment Project consists of softening three roadway curves, the removal of one small bridge and replacement with box culverts and widening existing narrow sections of roadway for safer traffic movement. During construction the road will remain open with flaggers to direct traffic.

The second project is the Harris Creek Culvert Replacement Project.

This project will replace the existing Harris Creek culverts on South Bank Road just before the Vosper development, with larger culverts that will decrease flooding and allow for fish passage. During construction South Bank Road at the project location will be closed. Traffic will be detoured to Cemetery Road and Oak Street. Both projects are scheduled to be completed by September. These construction projects will result in no net loss of flood storing capacity or increase in flood hazards. We appreciate your patience while we work to improve the roads in the community.

For more information, please call the Transportation Planner, Kayloe Dawson at 360-709-1767.

Disclaimer: All dates are
subject to change

May 2012

Calendar of Events is also
available on chehalistribe.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Youth Projects Tue-Thur 3PM-5PM *Beginning Zumba for Adults in Youth Center Gym at 7:00-7:30 AM Mon, Wed, Fri. *Fitness Room and Pool available for use from 6AM-6PM Mon-Fri.		1 Elders Water Aerobics 10AM-12PM Culture Program Classes 5PM-8PM	2 Youth/TELO Program 4PM-5PM Adult Water Aerobics 5PM-7PM Heritage Class starts @5PM	3 Pilates class 9:30AM-10:30AM WIC at Clinic Language Class 5PM	4	5
6	7 Pilates class 9:30AM-10:30AM Beginning Pilates Classes begin 5-6 PM Community Center Gym	8 Elders Water Aerobics 10AM-12PM Tribal Council Meeting 5PM Culture Program Classes 5PM-8PM	9 Tribal Health Fair 10AM - 3PM at Community Center Youth/TELO Program 4PM-5PM Adult Water Aerobics & Pilates Class 5-7 PM Heritage Class starts @5PM	10 Pilates class 9:30AM-10:30AM Language Class 5PM	11	12
13  HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	14 Pilates class 9:30AM-10:30AM Beginning Pilates Classes 5-6 PM	15 Elders Water Aerobics 10AM-12PM Culture Program Classes 5PM-8PM	16 Youth/TELO Program 4PM-5PM Adult Water Aerobics & Pilates Class 5-7 PM Heritage Class starts @5PM	17 Pilates class 9:30AM-10:30AM Starbucks opens at the Eagles Landing Hotel Language Class 5PM	18 Cemetery Clean-up Day (Meet at the Gathering Room 9 AM)	19
20	21 Pilates class 9:30AM-10:30AM Beginning Pilates Classes 5-6 PM	22 Elders Water Aerobics 10AM-12PM Mammogram Clinic 9AM - 3PM Memorial Dinner 5 PM-Community Center Culture Program Classes 5PM-8PM	23 Youth/TELO Program 4PM-5PM Adult Water Aerobics & Pilates Class 5-7 PM Heritage Class starts @5PM Chehalis Tribal Princess Selection-Gathering Room- Starts at 5PM	24 Pilates class 9:30AM-10:30AM Language Class 5PM	25 Chehalis Tribal Days Memorial Baseball Tournaments Youth Activities  Fish & Clam Bake, Arts and Craft Tables, Food Tables	
27 5th Annual Cancer Walk Starts at 1 PM meet at the Tribal Center 	28 Chehalis Tribal Days Memorial Baseball Tournaments 	29 Elders Water Aerobics 10AM-12PM Culture Program Classes 5PM-8PM	30 Youth/TELO Program 4PM-5PM Adult Water Aerobics & Pilates Class 5-7 PM Heritage Class starts @5PM	31 Pilates class 9:30AM-10:30AM Language Class 5PM		

Annual Spring Clean-up

Wednesday, May 23

Meet at the Gathering Room Starts at
9:00 AM

This annual Spring Clean-up event is to clean along the roadways on the reservation. Wear some work clothes and bring your gloves.

Lunch provided and special prizes for everyone that participates.

For more information contact Bones at 360-273-5911 or Joyce Thomas.

Healthy Families Project Community Meeting

Where: Community Center in the
Gathering Room

When: June 7th, 2012

5:00PM-7:00PM

Door Prizes & DINNER!!

For more information contact Christibeth Dodge, Chehalis Tribal Social Services Department at 360-273-5207 or Email: bdodge@chehalistribe.org

Memorial Dinner

Tuesday, May 22

at the Community Center

Watch for flyers and the Reader Board for changes. Families are encouraged to bring pictures of loved ones to post on the wall for Tribal Days.



First Annual
"Shining Light"
Walk to Prevention



At the Shoalwater Bay Indian Reservation
June 21 and 22, 2012

Registration at 3 PM
Walk Starts at 4 PM

Dinner at 6 PM
RSVP: 360-462-3235

Head Start Graduation

Friday, June 15th
Starts at 5:00 PM
Lucky Eagle Casino

Head Start Enrollment

Enrollment week!! Our program is now accepting applications for 0-3 and 3-5 year olds for the upcoming school year 2012-2013. For more information contact 360-273-5514.



Get your pet fixed for \$5

For all Chehalis tribal members and anyone living on the Chehalis Reservation:

Step 1. Call 253-370-6392 to request a voucher.
Step 2. Call a local veterinarian to schedule an appointment.
Step 3. Take your pet to the scheduled appointment.

Rez Animal Resources & Education is a small Non-Profit organization helping animals on the Chehalis, Nisqually, Skokomish, Squaxin Island and Shoalwater Bay Indian Reservations.

www.rezanimak.com

Chehalis Tribal Newsletter

The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation...

"People of the Sands"

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Chehalis Tribe's Vision Statement

To be a thriving, self-sufficient, sovereign people. Honoring our past and serving current and future generations

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Make a Difference in a Child's Life! Become a Native American Mentor

Independent research on the benefits for youth who have been mentored are overwhelmingly positive and we see the impact that the match relationship has on youth and our community first-hand. Our goal is to encourage and recruit greater numbers of Native American children and adults to participate.

All it takes is a little effort to be a Big. A few hours a week spent one-to-one with a child doing everyday activities can transform a child's outlook and expectations for their own life. Being a Big requires a 1 year time commitment and the

ability to meet consistently about once a week. In addition to an in-depth interview, Big Brothers Big Sisters also does a background check, collects a driving record and checks at least 3 references. Each potential volunteer is evaluated not only by these checks but also by their ability to be a positive and consistent mentor in one child's life.

Will you *Start Something* with us?
Please contact us
at 360-943-0409 or
info@swwabigs.org.



2012 Fireworks Season!!

The fireworks season is fast approaching. Here is some important information for tribal stand owners:

- The date you can pick up your stand owner application is May 30th - Accounting Office.
- The date you can pick up your wholesale application is May 30th.
- The first day to sell fireworks is June 1st.
- The last day to buy a helpers permit is June 15th.
- Please allow three days after the date of a stand owner permit to schedule an inspection.

Martial Arts Class



Chehalis Tribal Community Center

There is a sign up sheet for the classes that will be starting in May at the Tribal Center

All Ages Welcome!

For more information contact Tracy Bray at 360-709-1871

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