



CHEHALIS TRIBAL

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

NEWSLETTER

December 2012

Free

Annual Veterans Appreciation Day a Huge Success

On Sunday, November 11 the Lucky Eagle Casino hosted the Veterans Day Dinner. Tables were filled wall to wall with Veterans for a huge turnout as the Chehalis Tribe put on this event. This is the 11th Annual

Veterans Appreciation Day in honor and recognition for those warriors who put their life on the line to protect and serve our country. This year's theme revolved around the Vietnam Veterans. It is a small but worthwhile tribute to all the veterans and their families for their dedication to our country.

The event started off by Posting the colors. Everyone stood in



Vietnam War Veterans were invited up on the stage to recognized. The audience clapped in appreciation for proudly serving their country.

honor as the Veterans marched in displaying the American Flag, the POW Staff and the Eagle Staff onto the stage for all to see. After the National anthem was sang, TJ Trott lead the Pledge of Allegiance. MC Mike Lucas introduced David Burnett, Chairman of the Chehalis Tribe, and he gave a heart warming welcome speech for all to hear.

Kenneth Wojczynski presented the POW Ceremony. He described

what each and every item represented for the Prisoners of War who were still lost and missing from the wars. It was inspiring as people listened and prayed for the POW who hadn't return from the wars.

Guest Patriotic Speakers Rob Hangartner, Korean War Veteran; Ron Averill, Colonel US Army Retired and Jayson Brave Heart, Marine Corp.; each gave a speech

that left the audience with something to remember and take home on this day.

Veterans Committee: Janessa Bumgarner, Gloria Jones, Lori Tovrea would like to thank the following for their donations:

Lucky Eagle Casino, Chehalis Tribe, Travers Electric, The Recipe Box formerly Suzie's Cakes, and Larry's Photography.

Thanks to Eric Williams, for the great invocation, Dan Gleason for closing prayer and Very Special Thanks to Mike Lucas our MC, he did a great job. Thanks to James Francis on designing the hats, mugs & T-Shirts.

Special thanks to the following for their volunteer efforts:

Chehalis Tribal Youth, Corina Young, John Grantham, Merrill Goldstein, Johnny Bumgarner, Falisity Bumgarner, Nicole Schwall-Air Force, Kevin Bray, Chip Duncan, TJ Trott, WF West High School Students, Anthony Choke, Mark Tovrea, Lindy Waring, Henri Boyd, Erica Mendez, Donna Choke, Chehalis Tribal Fisherman and Fish Cooks and Lucky Eagle Line Cooks. Fry Bread Makers – Brenda Atkins – Barbara Dominique.



The Veterans Committee and Volunteers received a thundering roar of approval from the Veterans during the Veterans Appreciation Day Dinner.

A huge KUDO to ALL Veterans for their time served for our country!!

Student Films Premiere On International Stage

Fourteen students from our community saw their films premiere on the silver screen at the American Indian Film Festival in San Francisco. The trip was a continuation of their efforts from the summer when they participated in the Youth Development Program's sponsored event with the American Indian Film Institute's Tribal Touring Program. The students were put on the spot quickly, as the first morning they found themselves at Pier 39's Bay Theater screening their films. Along with the student films from the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation of California and the Lummi Nation, the Chehalis Tribe was well-represented on the big screen. Students were brought up on stage for a question and



Chehalis tribal youth travelled to San Francisco to see their premiere on the silver screen at the American Indian Film Festival.

music videos and the award-winning MESNAK, the first trilingual Native-made feature-length film. Filmmakers and stars of the film were in attendance. With a little coaxing, students introduced themselves and found themselves in surprisingly engaging conversations. Students were given VIP treatment by the American Indian Film Institute, allowing them access to events that were otherwise not open to the public. On Saturday, students attended an invitation-only hors d'oeuvres reception, with only the filmmakers featured in

the festival being allowed. Dressed in their finest Hollywood style, students mingled with fellow Native filmmakers and actors, including Dr. Evan Adams of Smoke Signals "Hey Victor..." fame. The night ended with the American Indian Motion Picture Awards Show, honoring the best performances and productions of the year in the Native Film community in the US and Canada. Students were recognized at the awards show by Festival Director Michael Smith, standing up to applause in front of a packed house at the historic Palace of Fine

Arts Theater.

It wasn't all business on the 2 ½ day trip. Students had some free time to see the sights at Fisherman's Wharf, do some shopping at Union Square, visit Chinatown, and even ride the world-famous San Francisco Cable Cars. It was an eye-opening experience for many of the youth, exposing them to many new things, teaching them new skills, and giving them memories that will last a lifetime. Students who participated included: Brooke Allen, Sean Allen, Jordan Bird, Jordan Bray, Kaileen Bray, Aaliyah Flure-Latch, Dewey Gleason, Jacee Hoyle, Geo Jack, Emily Ortez, Gary Ortez, Makayla Ortez, Harry Pickernell, and Farley Youckton.

Gary Ortez: On my trip to San Francisco for the 37th Annual American Indian Film Festival, I thought it was a good experience for us young kids to go and meet new people and to show our films we had made during the summer. I, myself, had lots of fun. I got to meet Native American filmmakers and actors and watch their films. One thing I really liked

was the awards part (The American Indian Motion Picture Awards Show) because we got to watch all the actors films, then they choose the best one. Afterwards, we got to meet and ask questions and get to know the people we wanted to.

Geo Jack: I enjoyed my time in SF. It was a great experience. It was my first time flying. We got to go to a couple of cool premieres, watch other people's films, and met with lots of cool people. I thought Shawanda (Canadian country music artist) was the best and a very good singer. The City can be annoying and it gave me a headache, but it's a great place to go shopping. And I never thought I'd do the Gillette Challenge. I would love to go to the AIFI Film Festival next year because it was a great experience. It was a privilege to go.

Dewey Gleason: While on my trip to San Francisco I had learned many things about the city, the people, the many delectable cuisines and many other facts that have enlightened me spiritually and mentally. First thing I learned about the great city is it is known for its great trademark architectural masterpieces:

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Students found themselves in front of the camera again being interviewed for "On Native Ground," a Native television show.

answer session after the screening, in which they had to explain their experiences and plans for the future to total strangers. Not all were strangers; proud parents Stephanie and Harry Pickernell were in attendance to show their support. Some students even found themselves in front of the camera again, doing interviews for "On Native Ground," a Native television show which was broadcasting the event all over Southern California and online.

Friday night, the youth attended a screening that included several



Gary Ortez and Jordan Bird talking to a filmmaker from Canada hearing the story about a Mesnak (turtle) at the Film Festival

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buildings filled with art, clothes and accessories, hotels, or just a place to eat. Each day we all got to choose what we ate, whether it was just a burger or a four-star meal; it was always delicious or exquisite. As we wandered this modern-age jungle we found out more and more of the city, such as the people’s beliefs and how they stand up for them. One of the last days, we were able to see a large protest just walking down the street. We asked the cab driver if he was accustomed to this. He says “Yeah, this happens just about every week.” We asked if they’re going to get arrested for breaking some sort of law like blocking traffic or something. The driver says “No. The cops are just here so the protestors don’t get attacked by a pedestrian or some (expletive) like that.”

Jordan Bird: My experience in San Francisco for the American Indian Film Festival was great. I talked to a filmmaker from Canada and we talked for about a half-hour about a Mesnak (turtle). He told me how they filmed the turtle and where they found it. He is from a tribe in Canada and he told me a story of this turtle that swam from India all the way to Canada and it weighed over 1100 pounds.

Emily Ortivez: My California

experience was amazing. I had an incredible experience walking around the streets, meeting new people, seeing new films, just everything. I was really interested in that singer Crystal Shawanda. Her songs made me cry and the stories that were in her songs were inspirational. And the films that we saw were weird, but they were pretty cool. I also liked the music video that the Natives (80’s thrash metal legends Testament) made about the Whites trying to take the land. My experience was... I can’t explain. It was amazingly wonderful. I really look forward to next year’s film festival.

Brooke Allen: When the Chehalis youth went to San Francisco for the American Indian Film Festival, it was very fun. I learned many things while I was in San Francisco. I met many talented people and had lots of conversations and learned a lot. One of the highlights while in San Francisco, during the Film Festival I got to meet Evan Adams (Thomas from Smoke Signals). Emily and I got to take a picture and talk to him for a few minutes. After being inspired by the American Indian Filming Tour that came to the rez, I have decided to do more short films. I am going to be in a short film in January about Family and many of life’s situations. I am very excited

Higher Education News:

The College fair was a great. We had over 250 kids show up and 79 students were Native American Students. Schools Districts from Oakville, Taholah, Aberdeen, Centralia, Tenino, and Winlock transported busloads of students to participate. We also had Native American clubs from White River School District, Puyallup Schools, and Fife Schools. Although other students might not have been able to come in on a bus, many come in by the car loads. WF West of Chehalis had over 15 kids show up on their own. Toledo had 8 kids, a few from Castle Rock, Adna, Elma, Onalaska, and 11 students from Centralia College Teen Program. We had quite a few adults come and walk

around as well. It was a great seeing everyone.

Thirty-one College recruiters and other organizations like, Big Brother Big Sister Program, Army, College Bound, and Great Wolf Lodge.

There 15 minute breakout sessions provided students an opportunity to learn more about a specific college or Scholarship information. It was a great addition as over 25 students attend breakout sessions. Our goal for next year is to have more out of state college’s available. I would really like to include Oregon State, Idaho State and Montana State Universities.

Coming up this next year:

- Winter quarter start date at Centralia College and most colleges will be January 2, 2013. Open registration is December 5, 2012. Our program will be hosting classes at the Chehalis Tribal Community Center again, most classes are Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM.
- Spring quarter start date at Centralia College, and most other Community Colleges will be April 1, 2013. During spring quarter you should also be thinking about fall quarter by making sure you have FAFSA done. Classes will be hosted at the Chehalis Tribal Community Center.
- Our Chehalis Tribal Member honor dinner for students who have achieved their G.E.D., Associates Arts Degree, Bachelors Degree, Masters Degree, and/or higher will be May 2013. If you have not been previously honored, please provide me with the following: for the G.E.D appreciation you must have your certificate and/or test scores. Recipients of the Higher Education Degrees will be honored regardless of the date, or the degree that was received. Everyone wishing to be honored must turn in a copy of your certificate or diplomas no later than April 1, 2013.

For more information please contact Rachel Mendez, Higher Education Coordinator at 360-709-1698 or email: Rmendez@chehalistribe.org

2012 Annual General Council Meeting



Tribal members registering before voting for the Business Committee on Election day at the Annual Meeting.

On Saturday, November 10 was the 2012 Election Day and Annual Meeting. Many tribal members came and cast their vote for the Business Committee before attending the Annual Meeting. The Election Committee deserve a special thanks for their dedication. The results were: David Burnett, Chairman; Ray "Barnaby: Canales, Vice-Chairman; Cheryle Starr, Secretary; Farley Youckton, Treasurer; and Dan "Bones" Gleason, Sr., 5th council.

Tribal Business Report

Richard Bellon, General Manager gave an update on the projects he's been working on.

He's been working with Dan Penn, Jolynn Goertz, and newly added to the team is Heather Youckton.

Projects and Accomplishments

- We contributed to infrastructure management and development of improving of the tribal water system to deal with fires on the reservation.
- We participated in meeting the federal regulatory requirements for transfer of recently purchased

properties from fee to trust. Please see the map showing the expansion of the tribal land base available with Mark White at the Department of Natural Resource Office.

- We received federal recognition from the National Park Service to apply Jurisdiction over tribal cultural properties. We now meet the requirements for assumption of THPO jurisdiction to establish a Tribal Historic Preservation Office.
- We completed four (4) surveys in order to clarify tribal boundaries and ownership of Anderson Road and expand the tribal cemetery. Now road improvements are possible and cemetery boundaries are in place.
- We initiated a dialogue to strengthen the tribal fisheries by reviewing the existing management structure and exploring the possibility of transition to departmental structure. This is a one (1) year transition plan with implementation objectives and measurable outcomes in being put in place to establish a stand alone Fisheries Department.

- We continued to be responsible for staffing Cultural Resource Management within the reservation and the Chehalis River Basin. The site work is completed (e.g., Fish Weirs Preservation project; Mellon to Blakeslee Project; Klickitat Creek Project; Aberdeen Wastewater Treatment Plan Project; BPA Opus Site Project; Airport Road Project; Newaukum Bridge Project; Rainbow Falls Project; Coffee Creek Project; and Le Claquato Project).

- His team is available at the Tribal Center three (3) days a week on Monday, Tuesday and/or Wednesday and Thursday for more information.

Enterprises Reports

- **Lucky Eagle Casino:** Rodney Youckton and Joseph DuPuis gave an update on the Soaring Services. Continuing the development of training of Tribal members. The TGEM Program continues to be a success. It is rewarding to see the growth and success our Tribal members working for the Casino.
- **Great Wolf Lodge:** Patrick Alvarez, General Manager submitted his report. Hotel turnovers is a problem statewide. So not as many tribal members working for the GWL. Introduced the tribal liason, Trudy Marcellay to the General Council. He also hoped to enhance the gift shop with products from Native American artists through consignment.
- **Chehalis Tribal Enterprises:** Chris Richardson and David Youckton

reported on their CTE Debt Plan. Maintaining the same goals of: Emphasizing Tribal Management; Maintaining a Professional Organization; Keeping focus on profitability and cash flow; Improvement on current Enterprise Operations; Fostering tribal member employment; Generating tribal government taxes; and searching for new business opportunities. This year each manager was introduced to the General Council giving a short report updating the progress and success for each enterprise they supervise.

Committee Reports

Enrollment Committee: Submitted the their list of 24 children to be enrolled into the Tribe. All were accepted to be enrolled.

Trust Committee report talked about changes they are developing for those youth turning 18. Proposed in making it a tiered program. Also adding a financial education program to assist them in managing their money.

Health Board: Updated the policy regarding tribal members coverage on over the counter drugs.

Constitution Committee: Continue working on revisions to add two additional positions to the Business Committee and staggered terms to maintain some stability at that level.



Tribal Programs were available in the gathering room to provide information and resources offered to tribal members.

Tribal Health and Wellness News

■ Director Clarifies Busy Calendar - “Accountability”

A couple members of my staff recommended that I write an article concerning my work schedule and put it in the newsletter. To be specific, it is concerning why I am out of the office some of the time. When I started this position in May, I became introduced to three organizations that are affiliated with the Wellness Center and the Chehalis Indian Tribe. These organizations include the Indian Health Service (IHS), Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB), and the American Indian Health Commission (AIHC).

IHS is a division of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. There are twelve area headquarters in the United States with our tribe being serviced by the Portland area headquarters. Although I visited this office last week, my trips to see them in Portland have been infrequent thus far (two one-day trips in my 6+ months of employment thus far). My visit last week was spent meeting with seven staff members and learning about funding allocations, annual funding agreements, and work needed to be done to comply with these agreements. The majority of funding for the Wellness Center

funnels through the Portland IHS office to the Chehalis Indian Tribe. Much of my correspondence is by phone and e-mail, but I am occasionally compelled to visit with them personally, particularly if there is information that can be better understood by meeting with them in person.

The NPAIHB was established in 1972. It is a non-profit tribal advisory organization serving the 43 federally recognized tribes of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. This regional organization is a nationally reputed leader in Indian health. The NPAIHB represents the interests of the 43 tribes in four main functional areas: health promotion and disease prevention, legislative and policy analysis, training and technical assistance, and surveillance and research. The leadership from this organization travels frequently to Washington D.C. to educate members of Congress and to lobby these members on behalf of the 43 tribes. The NPAIHB holds meetings quarterly and these meetings are alternated at the 43 sites. On the day before the quarterly board meeting, the health directors from each tribe meet where there is a formalized agenda and discussion.

Typically, for 3-4 days each quarter, I am present at these meetings. The AIHC was created in 1994 by federally recognized tribes, urban Indian health organizations, and other Indian organizations to provide a forum to address tribal-state health issues. The Commission works on behalf of the 29 federally-recognized Tribes and 2 Urban Indian Health Organizations in the State of Washington. The ultimate goal in promoting increased tribal-state collaboration is to improve the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives in Washington State by influencing state and tribal health policy and resource allocation. For the AIHC, I am the tribal delegate for the Chehalis Indian Tribe. The AIHC meets bi-monthly and these meetings are alternated at the 29 tribal sites in Washington. The length of these meetings is one working day.

Also influencing my attendance at the clinic will be the implementation of ICD-10, health care reform, meeting with State of Washington stakeholders, and other meetings with Chehalis Tribal Government (director meetings, interviews, budget meetings, clinic quality improvement meetings, etc.). ICD-10 is a coding system that

is associated with each visit and procedure. By early 2014, this coding system will be in place and there will be triple the amount of codes than what is used currently. This will require multiple meetings and trainings for me and members of the Wellness Center team. Heck, even while writing this article, I left to pick up prescriptions at Safeway which required me to be out of the office for a short time.

Looking at my calendar for the last seven months, my time out of the office has averaged to just less than four days (29.7 hours.) a month that I am off tribal land and away at meetings. This means I am out of the office 17% of the time. I want to assure you that I am doing my best to represent the Chehalis Indian Tribe at these meetings in a professional manner and to give input when appropriate. Regular attendance at these meetings, along with a caring attitude, inspires trust from other people present. It also helps keep myself and other staff up-to-date on what is taking place with our state, regional, and national stakeholders. I am hopeful this information is helpful to you.

Respectfully, Doug Wangen,
Wellness Center Director

\$\$\$ CONTRACT HEALTH REMINDER \$\$\$



NOTICE TO CONTRACT HEALTH ELIGIBLE PATIENTS:

PLEASE BRING IN YOUR MEDICAL BILLS AND STATEMENTS. (Labs, x-rays and related services)

If you have been billed that means they don't have all your billing information. Please don't assume we have the bill. Please bring them to the CTWC.

This applies for pre-authorized services ONLY - no exceptions.

Recipe of the Month

Orange Chipotle-Spiced Pecan Mix - Yield 2.5 cups)

Ingredients

- 1 *tablespoon* grated orange rind
- 1 *tablespoon* fresh orange juice
- 1 *large* egg white
- 2 *cups* pecan halves
- 1 *tablespoon* dark brown sugar
- 1 *teaspoon* kosher salt
- 1/2 *teaspoon* ground chipotle chile pepper
- Cooking spray
- 1/2 *cup* sweetened dried cranberries

Directions: Preheat oven to 225. Combine first 3 ingredients in a medium bowl; stir with a whisk. Stir in pecans. Combine sugar, salt, and pepper. Add to pecan mixture; toss well. Spread mixture in a single layer on a jelly-roll pan coated with cooking spray.



Bake at 225° for 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Remove from oven; cool completely. Stir in cranberries. Note: Store in an airtight container for up to one week.

Home Available for Tribal Members to Purchase



The Tribe is selling a 2 story 3brdm house along with one lot located at 309 Eagle Street to a Tribal member that qualifies. Details: 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath living room and family room, attached 2 car garage with fenced yard. Purchase price is \$137,750.00 Any more info you can contact Charlotte Lopez 360-273-5911 EXT. 1850 or James Gutierrez @ Chehalis Tribal Housing 360-273-7723

The Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund has money to lend!

We have several loan products for Chehalis Tribal members:

Small Business Loans
Debt Consolidation
Credit Builders
Home Improvement Loans

Please come see us at our office. We are the small building next to the Chehalis Tribal Office. We also have many Financial Literacy classes for you, including:

Indianpreneurship (How to write a Business Plan) Financial Literacy Savings and Budgeting Extreme Couponing Investments Savings for Retirement

You can also open a savings account at our office, with any size amount. You just need a savings goal.

For more information, contact the CTLF Staff:

Julie Burnett, Executive Director, 360-709-1831 or email: jburnett@chehalis tribe.org

Diana Pickernell, Loan Coordinator, 360-709-1631 or email: dpickernell@chehalis tribe.org

Free Basic Tax Help in Your Community

Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund

VITA
 VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE
 KICK-OFF



WHEN: January 25, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Chehalis Tribal Community Center

WHAT TO BRING: ALL FORMS, W-2s and 1099s

Information for other income

Information for all deductions/credits

A copy of last year's tax return

Photo I.D., Social Security Card

Our trained volunteers prepare and e-file basic income tax returns, particularly those who:
 Have low or fixed income
 Are disabled
 Are elderly
 Please note: We are not trained to prepare tax forms that include business, rental or partnership income.



Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund

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Earn it.
 Keep it.
 Save it.

WANT TO OPEN A SAVING ACCOUNT

MONEY BANK



Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund

Julie Burnett 360-709-1831
 Diana Pickernell-360-709-1631



Come into the Chehalis Tribal Loan Office and we will help you set up a Savings Account with as little as \$5.00.

Ages: Birth to 101 years old can enroll

A Big Huge Thank You !!

The Natives Helping Neighbors Committee would like to thank everyone who sponsored a family for the holidays. This year, we were able to help 35 families from Rochester and Oakville. Families that were in need of a little extra this holiday season were blessed with donations from Chehalis Tribal and Chehalis Tribal Enterprises Employees. The support we received from employees was heartwarming.

We had two fundraisers that together raised more than \$600 to provide each family with a holiday meal. Thank you for your generosity. We could not have done this without you.



STRESS RELIEF FROM LAUGHTER? YES, NO JOKE

When it comes to relieving stress, more giggles and LOLs are just what the doctor ordered. Here's why.

Whether you're guiltily laughing out loud at an episode of "South Park" or quietly giggling at the latest newspaper cartoon, laughing does you good. Laughter is a great form of stress relief and that's no joke.

Stress relief from laughter

A good sense of humor can't cure all ailments but data are mounting about the positive things laughter can do.

Short Term Benefits

A good laugh has short term effects. When you start to laugh, it doesn't just shorten your load mentally, it actually induces physical changes in your body. Laughter can:

■ Stimulate many organs.

Laughter enhances your intake of oxygen-rich air, stimulates your heart, lungs and muscles and increases the endorphins that are released by your brain.

■ Activate and relieve your stress response.

A rollicking laugh fires up and then cools down your stress response and increases your heart rate and blood pressure. The

result? A good relaxed feeling.

■ Soothe tension.

Laughter can also stimulate circulation and aid muscle relaxation, both of which help reduce some of the physical symptoms of stress.

Long Term Benefits

Laughter isn't just a quick pick-me-up, though; it's also good for you over the long haul. Laughter may:

■ Improve your immune system.

Negative thoughts manifest into chemical reactions that can impact your body by bringing more stress into your system and decreasing your immunity. In contrast, positive thoughts actually release neuropeptides that help fight stress.

■ Relieve pain.

Laughter may ease pain by causing the body to produce its own natural painkillers. Laughter may also break the pain-spasm cycle common to some muscle disorders.

■ Increase personal satisfaction.

Laughter can also make it easier to cope with difficult situations. It also helps you connect with other people.

(Excerpt from a Mayo Clinic article)

Chehalis Tribal Early Learning Programs Expectant Mother's Program

-Providing guidance & education for the mothers of our community

Enrolling Now!

Services Provided:

- Week by week fetal development.
- Preparation leading up to labor & delivery.
- Postpartum recovery, including information on maternal depression and the benefits of breastfeeding.
- Transportation to & from appointments

Please contact Mary Sanders for an application & more information about the Expectant Mother's Program at 360-709-1891

The Healthy Families Project

Provides the following services:

- Parenting skill development through positive native parenting practices and resources
- Support and assistance in accessing prenatal care for pregnant women
- Provide developmental guidance and parent-child interaction support.
- Provision of home visits for prenatal through 5 years.
- Developmental and observational screening of the child, caregiver, and family including home safety, developmental concerns, pre/post-natal depression in mothers, domestic violence and family social support
- Referral and linkages to other health, developmental, mental health, community and educational supports for the child, caregiver and family as appropriate.



For more information please contact:

Christibeth Burnett

Healthy Families Project Home Visitor

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Happy Birthday to Tribal Members Born in December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Ruben Chum Joshua Chum Justin Karl Derrick Klatush Natasha Moore
2 Victoria Flores Aaron Youckton	3 Hunter Ortivez Madyson Pickernell	4 Leah Secena Alexa Strawder	5 Nancy Black Zachary Hofstetter Andrea Robertson	6	7 Nathan Patterson Jacob Secena Kirsten Secena Jerry Youckton	8 Marie Bird Samuel Starr-Wright
9 Monica Lopez	10 Alyssa Fern Jason Lyons Rebecca Youckton-Legg	11 Phillip Bush Shirley Gunnels Randi Robertson Roberta Youckton	12 Mary Pulsifer	13 Kaileen Bray Jasmine Exparza-Klatush Melanie Hjelm Crystal Jones Adam Medina Rebecca Potter	14 Chase Beckwith Anthony Olney Eugene Ortivez	15
16 Jeanette Whiteclaw	17 Kindra Youckton	18	19 Wilma Graciano Jeana Nyland	20 Justin Irizary Glenda McNair	21 Craig Burns Michael Simmons	22 Allison Goldman Jeremiah Jones-Baker Braden Yawn
23 Shania McCloud	24 Laela Baker Shawn Goddard	25 John Bird Ashton Boyd Ella Camp Kim Starr Bladen Zahner	26 Yvette Fulton Helen Sanders	27 Rachel Cortes Richard Hill Kly Meas III	28 Edmund Myer	29 Koner Burnett Lana Cosman
30 Dyani Cayenne James Quilt Joshua Sanchez	31 Lance Burgess	<div><div><div>Happy Birthday to My Daughter Melanie!</div><div>Have the best day ever!</div></div><div><div>Happy Birthday to our 'first' cousin Jeannette</div></div></div>				

HAPPY 6th BIRTHDAY
DYANI JACY
"DEERMOON" CAYENNE



FROM CALVIN AND ANDRIA, AND GRANDPA AND GRANDMA AND FAMILY ☺☺☺

Happy Birthday
Shawn Goddard

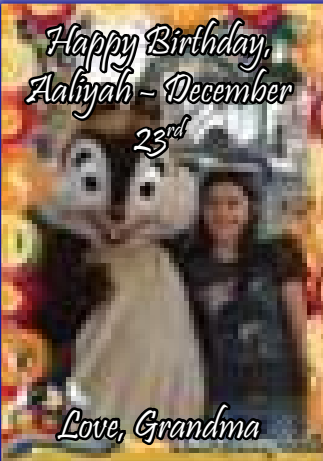
Happy 11th Birthday
Annabelle Youckton

Happy Birthday
Aaron Youckton

Happy Birthday
Kindra

We Love You!!!

Happy Birthday,
Zaliyah - December
23rd



Love, Grandma

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MELANIE
Enjoy your Day
you are a great sister,
Love Dylan & DJ


Happy Birthday to
Rick Hill

Love Mom, Sisters And
Brother

Happy Birthday
Kirsten!!!

Love Baga

Happy Birthday Eugene
A Toast to you!



Love Auntie Marlene
& Family

Happy 2nd Birthday
Rebecca Jayne



We Love you!!!

Happy Birthday
Prince Kly
We love you!!!
Love, Dada,
Damma & Papa

Happy Birthday
Melanie Snell



Have a
great
birthday lil'
brother
Ricky <3
Anna

Happy Birthday to
my beautiful
Great Niece Kiersten
Rose Secena
Auntie Lova, Lova,
Lova You!!

Happy Birthday
Eugene Ortivez

Happy Birthday to the best
friend a girl could ask for ☺
Angelena Boyd



From Anna H.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR BEAUTIFUL
GRANDCHILDREN



JASMINE



ALEXIS

SAMUEL

Love you Lots !!!
Gramma & Papa Starr

Letter of Appreciation

I want to thank everyone that helped Dave Lopeman and family during the loss of Shirley.

Thank you to Joyleen McCrory, Elders Program, Chairman David Burnett, Anna, Rita, Rick and anyone else I may have forgot.

The Prayers are still in needed. Thank You God Bless. My sister will be greatly missed.

Staff Profile: General Assistance Caseworker

Hello, my name is Jamie Smith. I was recently hired on as the General Assistance Caseworker and Vocational Rehabilitation Administrative Assistant for the Chehalis Tribe.



Jamie Smith
General Assistance
Caseworker and
Vocational Administrative
Assistant

General Assistance, we must verify that you are: Enrolled in the Chehalis Tribe, living within the Chehalis Tribal service area and do not have enough income to meet your essential needs.

Note: General Assistance program (GA) is closed December-February and will re-open in March. If you are interested please

come and see me in mid-February to complete an application.

CAREER CLASSES ARE OPEN TO THE CHEHALIS TRIBAL COMMUNITY

I am an enrolled member of the Chehalis Tribe and have lived on Chehalis Reservation my whole life. I have a wonderful husband and two beautiful children. My mother is Chris Ortivez, father was Jeffery Klatush and my grandmother was Pastor Anna (Beckwith) Ortivez.

I have worked in many different departments within the Chehalis Tribe and have always enjoyed working in the social services field. Helping our tribal people overcome obstacles and become successful in life is my goal. In the past, I've worked as a Family Services Coordinator for the Chehalis Tribal Head Start and there I learned so much about our community and what it takes to adequately serve our tribal people. I am looking forward to continuing my work in serving the Chehalis Tribe.

It is our goal to assist our clients and the community with obtaining employment and becoming self sufficient. Whether you are new to the working world or entering back into it after being laid off, we can help you get to where you need to be in order to successfully complete a resume, learn how to master an interview, or figure out which career is best for you. Our career classes will take you through all of these steps and more. Career classes are held every other Thursday in the Chehalis Tribal Resource Center and will start back up in January.

Chehalis Tribal General Assistance (GA) is a program to help an individual with their basic financial needs when they are unemployed. Applicants must meet certain eligibility requirements in order to be enrolled in the program. When enrolled in the program, GA clients are required to look for work and participate in bi-weekly career classes.

If you would like more information regarding General Assistance or Career Classes, you can contact me via e-mail at jamiesmith@chehalistribe.org or by phone at 360-709-1872.

My office is located in the Chehalis Tribal Resource Center. I am looking forward to working with you. ☺

Before we can provide you with

Park Reopened after Receiving New Playground Equipment

The Makum Park across the street from the tribal center was closed for renovation for a few weeks. Watching the removal of the existing playground equipment brought many mixed emotions for tribal members. The new playground toys installed met current safety standards for all children to enjoy.

On Friday, December 7 was a day to remember. Jenae Penn performed a ribbon cutting ceremony for the park. Winona Youckton, Terry Youckton and Bones blessed the park witnessed by Elders, Adults and the Head Start Program. Wow! What a transformation seeing the new toys that were installed.

Screams of joy and laughter could be heard as the ceremony was finished and

the children were invited to play on the new playground equipment. There was so much fun stuff to do it was hard to choose from: including a climbing wall, big toy with slide, spring toys and a rotating net. The new swing isn't completed yet and one set will have handicap swing.

The Planning Department appreciates your patience during the construction phase of the project. Enjoy and be safe taking care of our new addition of activities for our young children.

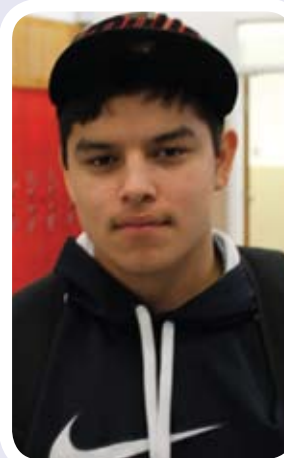
Janae Penn performed the ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open public access to the park.

Head Start Program students spent the day enjoying the new playground equipment offered at the park.



Chehalis Tribe Students of the Month for November

Sid Cole (9-12)



Sid Cole is a 10th grader at Oakville High School. He scored a 3.19 GPA for the first quarter. Sid is active in the National Honor Society, Rachel's Challenge, and just finished up the football season. His favorite classes are math "cause it's easy" and metal shop because he enjoys honing his welding techniques. He plans on going to college after high school and urges others to "Never Give Up."

Kelsey Bray (6-8)



Kelsey Bray is in the 7th grade at Rochester Middle School. She finished the quarter with a 3.57 GPA. In addition to her studies, Kelsey was just invited to a select basketball team. She says the key to her success is by following "The Three R's: Ready, Respectful, and Responsible." Her advice to other students is to "do their work."

Cameron Hjelm-Snell (K-5)



Cameron Hjelm-Snell is attending Oakville Elementary in his 5th grade year. His favorite subject is Social Studies because of all the cool projects involved. He and his classmates are designing a series of trading cards which celebrates the great explorers like Sir Francis Drake. Cameron likes his teachers because, "they are all pretty nice and they do a lot of fun activities." He hopes kids will "work hard and don't give up."

From the Education Department: As a reward for their commitment to school and personal growth, each student of the month will receive a \$50.00 gift card from the Education & Development Department. Congratulations, Keep up the good work!

Tribal Members Take the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) Training

In September volunteers attended a three day (CERT) training at the Eagles Landing Hotel. This class educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

After completing the classroom activities the CERT members exercised their training during mock drills. CERT members are trained to assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. Trained Cert members are encouraged to support emergency

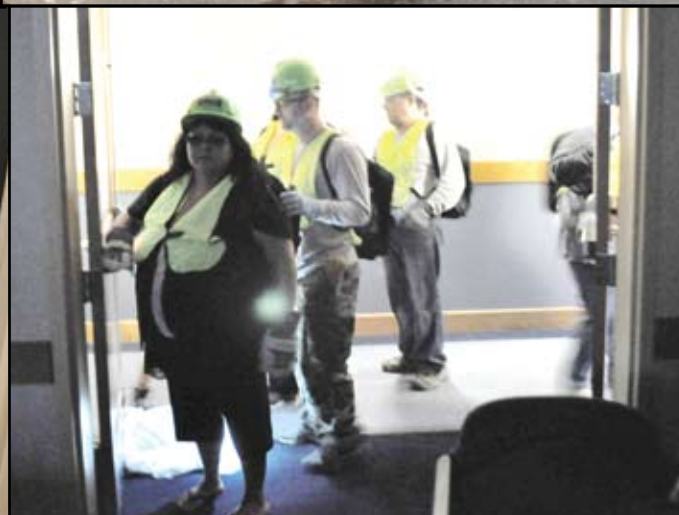
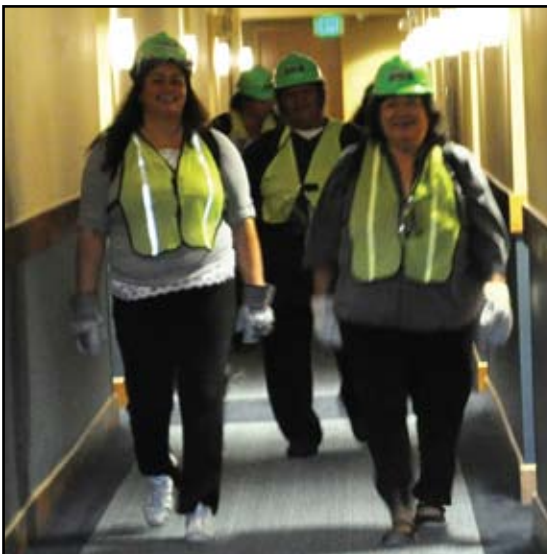


Volunteers attended the three day Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training. Creating trained personnel to assist their neighborhood following a disaster while professional responders are not immediately available to help.

response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects for their community.

For some of the volunteers this was their first time being initiated to this type of training. They admitted it is pretty intense and gratifying gaining the skills to help in case of an emergency. Emergency kits are going to be made available to those who have completed the course. Also there will be monthly meetings to coordinate efforts in preparation of an emergency.

If you interested in getting the CERT Training contact Ralph Wyman, Director of Public Safety at 360-709-1607.



Emergency Management Plan

Emergency Information Phone Line:
1-866-623-8883

When do I call the Emergency Phone Line? Any time you are concerned about adverse weather, power outages or other emergency situations.

For power outages call: Grays Harbor PUD: 1-888-541-5923; Thurston County PSE: 1-888-225-5773

If your interested in learning more about the emergency management plan. Please contact Ralph Wyman, Director of Public Safety at 360-273-7051 or stop by the Public Safety Building.

Early Warning System Link

Check out the new link on our website - Chehalistribe.org. Click on Resources and follow the directions to the Early Warning System Link. This link provides current and up-to-date information.



Chehalis Tribal Emergency Operation Center gives updates on Emergencies through facebook.

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Chehalis Tribal Christmas Carnival



Saturday, December 22
At the Community Center
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Tribal ID is required to be entered in the tribal raffles (No exceptions)



Lunch: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Carnival: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Carnival is for everyone
Games, Elder's crafts, pictures with Santa and
much, much more is still in the works

**Bring a dessert or salad to be entered in a
special raffle! Also needed: Cookies and
cakes for the Cake Walk**



Community Transformation Grant Meeting (CTG)

All Tribal Members Are Welcome!



Available On
Facebook: Chehalis Tribe
Community Transformation Grant
Twitter: ChehalisCTG



Email: CTG@chehalistribe.org

Wednesday, January 9
2:00-3:30 PM

Eagles Landing Hotel
Conference Room, 5th Floor

For additional information contact: Shannon Sullivan at 360-709-1771 or
email: ssullivan@chehalistribe.org.

COMMUNITY

Togetherness Nite

JANUARY 4th Evening Begins at **7pm**
Oakville Middle School Gym

Participants for the evening will be, Youth Dancers from the Tribe led by Elaine McCloud, Harvest Moon Native Story Teller, High School Band & Choir

This event is presented to bring the Communities of the Chehalis Tribe and the Community of Oakville together



Chehalis Tribal Newsletter

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"People of the Sands"

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**Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!**
From the Chehalis Tribe