Dinner Honors the 2013 High School Graduates

Thursday, June 13, the Chehalis Tribe hosted their annual senior recognition dinner at the Lucky Eagle Casino for the 2013 high school graduates. The Chehalis community came together to celebrate this milestone in each graduate’s life.

Dan Bones Gleason provided a heartfelt prayer to start the night’s activities. Bill Thoms served as the MC for the event, and also gave the welcoming speech. The Lucky Eagle Casino provided a splendid and delicious meal.

Keynote Speaker - Helen Sanders

Helen shared some of her life experiences, focusing on moments from around the time of her own graduation, with the new graduates. When Helen was young, there were not many opportunities for a young Native American woman, especially during the Depression. She took an interest in her Tribe and focused on protecting tribal lands against the unfair business practices of the forestry industry on the Quinault Reservation. Helen never backed down from a fight and achieved her goal of becoming a successful businesswoman.

Helen offered some sound advice to the graduating seniors:

- Take advantage of the resources available to become successful in whatever you choose to do with your life.
- Take interest in your Tribe and

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Fireworks Show Celebrate the Season with a Heartfelt Salute!

In the middle of June, eighty-six fireworks stands began popping up throughout the Reservation in preparation of the 2013 fireworks season. Stand owners placed hand-painted signs along the roads advertising that fireworks were available to customers. The fireworks season had begun!

Customers traveled great distances to purchase fireworks in preparation for Fourth of July celebrations, continuing annual family traditions to purchase their fireworks, getting their inner pyro fix to “blow things up!” Many carefully planned their fireworks shows with safety in mind as they gathered at family barbeques to celebrate Independence Day. Even with the added pressure from cities that have banned fireworks, customers continue to celebrate with their own fireworks shows. A few customers commented that they’ve selected spots where there isn’t as much pressure from law enforcement to stop them from lighting fireworks. Others received permits, providing a safe environment for those coming to their shows.

At the end of the day on the Fourth, tribal and community members looked forward to another fireworks show at the ball

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The Chehalis Canoe Family dressed in their regalia with their canoe "tulap tit wi\textsuperscript{a}" (Tu-lap ti weah) in the Oakville 4th of July Parade. Youth sat in the canoe and threw candy to the crowd as Elders and adults followed singing and drumming.

Photo by Mike McNair

The Chehalis Canoe Family Earns First Prize in Oakville Parade

The Chehalis Canoe Family participated in Oakville’s Fourth of July parade, sharing an important Chehalis tradition with the wider Oakville community. The Canoe Family hasn’t participated in the parade since 2008 due to conflicting schedules with firework season, but this year the parade was planned for Saturday, July 6. It was an honor to be invited to join the celebration. Wakisa Wittwer freshly painted the canoe, "tulap" for the event, making her shine in the parade lineup.

The parade started on the east side of Oakville with participants lining up to travel down Main Street. It was a beautiful procession with marching bands, old hot rods, motorcycles, horses and much, much more. Floats moved along with participants waving and smiling to the crowd.

All the Canoe Family members came decked out in their regalia. Haley Parkinson, Miss Tribal Days Princess, and the younger children rode in the canoe. Elders and adults followed on foot. Singing and drumming echoed throughout the street as the children in the canoe threw candy to the onlookers. It was a great day for a parade!

When the parade was finished, the Chehalis Canoe Family was awarded first prize. Yes, it was a good day to celebrate our freedom!

Git-Hoan Dancers brought a delightful Coastal Salish performance to the community at the Senior Recognition Dinner

- protecting your people and their cultural values.
- You are only as smart as what you know. If you don’t have the knowledge, go find someone who does.
- Your first line of defense is your parents, so never hesitate to ask for help.
- Learn to save money.
- Pay your bills in a timely manner.
- Further your education through college.

Tony Medina’s presentation was surreal at the ceremony, having witnessed his son graduate this year. Tony held his son’s graduation dear to his heart and he toned down his presentation of the gift certificates he handed to each graduate.

Presentation of senior gifts is a time honored tradition of the Education Program. These gifts are a reward for the students commitment to their education and the achievements of each graduate. Not only was there a roar of applause for the graduates, but also for their parents who stood behind them and shared in this moment.

The Lucky Eagle Casino awarded the Honor Roll Student of the Year for the 2013 Graduation Class. This year’s recipient is Halle Colson with a GPA above 3.7. Congratulations on striving to do your best Halle.

This years’ entertainment was the Git-Hoan Dancers (The People of the Salmon), who proudly represented the Tsimshian tribes who live on the Northwest Coast of North America and trace their ancestry to the village of Metlakatla in Southeast Alaska. Their performance was stunning and awe-inspiring as they danced, drummed, and sang with hand-carved masks, authentic skin and wood drums, and colorful hand-made regalia emblazoned with symbols of their culture. Git-Hoan’s included a ceremonial procession and storytelling dances which tell the history of the Tsimshian First Nations People. It was a stunning performance!

Halle Colson received the Lucky Eagle Casino Honor Roll Student of the Year. Halle is pictured with her father, Mark Colson.
The Chehalis Tribe’s Domestic Violence Response Program and tribal youth at the Oakville School participated in the clothesline project for those suffering some form of abuse. The clothesline project is crafted t-shirts displayed in the community, bringing awareness so others can gain knowledge and learn there is no excuse for abuse. T-shirts are made by those abused wishing to stop the secrecy that violence occurs behind closed doors, in family homes, and in the community. Youth at the Oakville School and the Chehalis Tribes’ youth program shared experiences families suffer in—hope that these vivid descriptions of trauma affecting lives will make people ask more questions and seek help.

Even the youngest of the children making their t-shirts could easily share a story of someone they knew that had been hit or bullied. The youth were incredible, sharing the need to treat people with respect and with dignity. I was truly honored to be in their presence and share with them their exhibition of heartfelt experiences.

The project was displayed at Tribal Days this year and will be repeated each year, building the clothesline longer and longer with empowered voices wishing to have your help to end the violence in our blessed community. We are all the keepers of good work. These youth are watching us, so let us all set good examples to our upcoming generations.

If you know someone experiencing abuse, please encourage them to speak to a professional for help. Even if you say it several times, it may one day result in the change they need.

Domestic Violence Advocate
360-709-1874
Thank you to everyone who signed up for the Walking Tall with CTG walking program. For the first 30 days, the winner for logging the most steps is Chehalis Tribe employee Debbie Barker. The winner of the Participant Door Prize Drawing is Virginia Garrity. Congratulations, Ladies and keep logging those steps.

If you would like to join Walking Tall with CTG, please contact Leroy Boyd or Cindy Gamble at 360-273-5504 or e mail us at CTG@chehalistribe.org. We will get you a pedometer and a log. Start walking and keep a log of your steps every day. That is all there is to it.

We will be running Walking Tall with CTG throughout the summer. Come join us. The weather is great for walking.

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**Recipe of the Month**

**Shrimp Okra Gumbo**

**Ingredients:**

- ½ cup oil
- ½ cup flour
- 1 cup onion, diced
- 1 cup celery, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 pound okra, (trimmed and cut into ¼ inch slices)
- 4 cups shrimp stock
- 1 (14 ounce) can whole tomatoes (chopped)
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper (or to taste)
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 2 bay leaves
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 pound shrimp (shelled and deveined, save those shells to make shrimp stock)
- 4 cups cooked rice
- 1 bunch green onions (sliced)
- 1 handful parsley, (chopped)

**Directions:**

Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Mix in the flour and cook until it turns a dark golden brown while stirring constantly, about 4-6 minutes. Add the onions, celery and green pepper and cook until tender, about 7-10 minutes. Add the garlic and cook until fragrant, about a minute. Add the okra and cook for 10 minutes. Add the shrimp stock. Tomatoes, paprika, cayenne, oregano thyme, bay leaves, salt and pepper and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer for 1-3 hours. Add the shrimp and cook until pink, about 3-5 minutes. Serve with rice and garnish with green onions and parsley.

Submitted by Deborah Baker, Oakville Library

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**Community Transformation Grant Meeting (CTG)**

All Tribal Members Are Welcome!

If you are a community member interested being part of the “Communities Transformation to Make Healthy Living Easier” contact Shannon Sullivan at 360-709-1771 or email ssullivan@chehalistribe.org.

Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month:

- Wednesday, August 17
  - 2:00-3:30 PM
  - Eagles Landing Hotel Conference Room, 5th Floor

Available On
- Facebook: Chehalis Tribe Community Transformation Grant
- Twitter: ChehalisCTG
- Email: CTG@chehalistribe.org

We are still collecting favorite recipes from folks on the Chehalis Reservation and in the Oakville Community.

We will get our drop boxes out again at the Chehalis Tribal Center and the Oakville Timberland Library. Or you can e mail us at: CTG@chehalistribe.org

Thank you for sharing you recipes!
Tribal Health and Wellness News

Mammogram Clinic

Tuesday, Sept. 24
from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
at the CTWC

Tuesday, Oct. 8
from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
at the CTWC

Assured Imaging will be here for the Mammogram Clinic. If you are due for your mammogram please call the clinic at 360-273-5504 to schedule your appointment.

You will need to have your yearly Clinical Breast Exam before your mammogram, so you can call the clinic at 360-273-5504 to make an appointment with one of the providers.

Chris Knutson, the Women’s Wellness Provider, is here every Thursday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

WIC Program

Thursday, August 8
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

For more information contact
Deb Shortman at 306-709-1689

DSHS Program

Every Tuesday
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

A representative from DSHS will be available. Contact the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center at 360-273-5504 to schedule an appointment.

Community Walk

Every third Thursday of the month, the Diabetes Prevention Program has a community walk in competition with the other tribes Diabetes Prevention programs. Any physical activity can count as long as you sign up and do at least 30 minutes of physical activity on the day of the walk.

Sign up sheets in the work out area for those who chose to be active independently or in the work out center. Raffle for all participants (drawing will be next day at noon).

For additional information, or to sign up in advance please contact Mary Weber at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center 360-273-5504 EXT 1744 or mweber@chehalistribe.org

Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center

Contract Health Services

Notification requirement for IHS/CHS Health Care Payment

1. Call/notify the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center CHS before any non-emergency services are rendered to determine patient eligibility, medical priority, and to set aside funds for payment.

2. In true emergencies, notify Contract Health Services within 72 hours after the beginning of treatment.

3. Prior notification does not guarantee payment for services, unless all CHS requirements are met.

4. Pre-authorization is mandatory and failure to comply is reason for denial of payment.

For further information contact Joyce Thomas at 360-273-5504.

Living Well with Chronic Conditions Classes

Mark your calendars. We plan to start having “Living Well with Chronic Conditions” classes beginning on

Thursday, August 8, 2013
from 2:00 to 4:00 PM
at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center PT Room

This will be a 2 hour class held every week for 6 weeks. You must attend all 6 weeks. The sign up sheet will be available starting in July. This is a Self Management class based on the Stanford University Chronic Disease Self-Management Study.

Watch for more information coming next month.

Attention: Chehalis Tribal Members

Indian Wills and Estate Planning Services are now being offered to all Chehalis Tribal Members who are 18 years and older.

This service is without cost to Chehalis Tribal members who currently do not have a Will.

Please call Christina Hicks at 360-709-1741 to set up an appointment and get the paperwork needed to get started.

USDA Foods - Delivery Dates

Friday, August 16
Pick up is at the Community Center main lobby on the dates listed above.

Application and for more information please contact Deb Shortman at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center or call 360-709-1689

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Apple Health for Kids: Cost Effective Health Insurance for Working Families Contributed by Apple Health for Kids

Success Story

As a hardworking mother of five children, Nina George’s life is busy. From running her kids around to their various activities, helping her son with special needs get stronger every day, and working full time, Nina has her hands full.

Like any good mother, Nina works hard to keep her kids healthy too. It’s no question; expenses add up quickly. That’s why a year and a half ago Nina re-enrolled her kids in Apple Health for Kids, a free or low-cost health insurance program for kids and teens in Washington State.

Four of Nina’s children receive coverage under Apple Health for Kids. Not only is it a relatively quick and easy process to apply, but it has also had a positive impact on her budget. “It covers two pairs of eyeglasses a year, immunizations which I was paying out of pocket for before, I qualified for a free cell phone, and AHFK recently paid for my daughters’ braces,” says Nina. “It has been very helpful.” Nina also appreciates the reminders she receives from the Apple Health for Kids service provider letting her know it’s time for her kid’s immunizations and medical, dental and vision check-ups, all of which are covered by the program. Needless to say, Apple Health for Kids has been a great solution for otherwise stressful situations that come with being a mother of five young children.

Apple Health for Kids has three levels of eligibility depending on a family’s income: no premium, a $20 monthly premium per child, and a $30 premium per child. The program provides health insurance for children whose families are at or below 300% of the federal poverty level, which means that a family of four earning $5,700 per month would likely qualify for the program. No family pays more than two premiums per household a month, and all levels of Apple Health for Kids provide the same coverage and do not require co-pays or deductibles.

As an enrolled tribal member of the Spokane Tribe of Indians, her kids are also covered under Indian Health Services. Nina wishes more tribal members understood they can have secondary coverage through Apple Health for Kids.

While four of her children receive coverage through Apple Health for Kids, her son with special needs became eligible for fee-for-service coverage through DSHS, providing him with access to services that were not available to him before. Over the years, access to statewide health insurance programs and resources has become much easier, beginning with Apple Health for Kids.

Apple Health for Kids is exclusively for kids and teens in Washington and covers medical, dental, vision and prescriptions. It also provides a network of doctors, hospitals and clinics. It even covers things like x-rays, lab work, maternity care, immunizations, well-child checks, and a 24-hour nurse hotline. “In the midst of my busy life, it’s nice to know that I can rest a little easier and use the time with my children not worrying about them receiving their health care needs.”

HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM NOW COVERS MORE KIDS AND TEENS

Apple Health for Kids offers Native American families a quality, free or low-cost insurance option

More kids and teens in Washington State qualify for health insurance through Apple Health for Kids than ever before. Apple Health for Kids, a free or low-cost health insurance program for kids and teens in Washington State, seeks to provide an affordable health insurance option to families across the state. With Apple Health for Kids, kids and teens under the age of 19 receive quality medical, dental, vision and prescription coverage.

In addition to having access to a network of doctors, hospitals and clinics, families will have no copays or deductibles. New federal guidelines mean most families that make up to 300% of the federal poverty level qualify.

Premiums range from free to $30 per child, depending upon a family’s household income. No family will pay more than two premiums. For example, a family of four that makes $5,700 per month likely qualifies for $30 per child, per month health insurance premiums.

About one third of the 83,000 uninsured children in Washington live in Pierce, King, Yakima, and Clark counties. While the Apple Health for Kids campaign will include statewide outreach, specifically reaching target audiences in those four counties will be a priority. Special attention will be given to American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Hispanic/Latino populations that currently have lower levels of enrollment. Several partners are assisting with outreach efforts, including Community-Minded Enterprises, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Yakima, Kauffman and Associates, Inc. and Desautel Hege Communications.

“The more families than ever are looking for ways to save money, but still provide quality health care to their children, and Apple Health for Kids is the perfect solution,” said Jo Ann Kauffman, MPH, President and CEO of Kauffman and Associates, Inc. “Families, including those who use Indian Health Services, can easily enroll to have access to things like x-rays, immunizations, well-child checks and maternity care.”

The campaign is using an innovative, research-based model to promote easy enrollment and offer one-to-one support for people going through the enrollment process.

A new website, myapplehealth.org, has been developed which simplifies the application and links enrollees with representatives who can help fill out the forms and answer questions you may have. Phone interpreting is available in 240 languages.

Hot Line: 1-877-543-7669
IN THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE COEUR D’ALENE TRIBE
OF THE COEUR D’ALENE RESERVATION
PLUMMER, IDAHO

In the Matter of:   )   No. CV-GS-2013-0050
D.S.W- DOB: 09-06-09 ) SUMMONS
)
) Petitioners,
) And
) MARY WILSON and
MARY WILSON and ANTHONY COMBS Respondents.

TO: MARY WILSON, and ANTHONY COMBS
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a complaint has been filed against
you in the Coeur d’Alene Tribal Court, Sub-Agency, Plummer, Idaho by the
above-named Petitioners and you are hereby directed to file a written Answer
or written Motion in defense of said Complaint no more than twenty (20)
days after the publication of this notice. You are further notified that unless
you do so within the time herein specified, the Petitioners may take judgment
against you as prayed for in the Petition. You may contact the Tribal Court at:
Coeur d’Alene Tribal Court, 29 Route 32, Plummer, Idaho; (208) 686-1777.
The nature of the claim against you is: Petition filed for Recognition of
Foreign Judgment Re: D.S.W., a minor Indian child.
DATED this 9th day of July, 2013.

Chehalis Tribal Law Enforcement
Vehicle Auction

These seized vehicles are being made available for bid to tribal members.
They can be viewed in the impound yard at the Department of Natural
Resources.
The silent auction will be open for bid for a week. All sealed bids need to
be placed at the Public Safety Building. The auction will start Monday, July
22 at 8:00 AM. The auction closes at the end of the business day on the
Friday, July 26 at 4:30 PM.
After notification of the winning bid, the new owners must pick up the
vehicle within two days.

Rules:
■ The bids must include the bidding tribal member’s name, phone number,
bid amount and vehicle they are bidding on.
■ Winning bidder has 48 hours to pay and remove vehicle or it gets
defaulted to the next highest bidder.
■ Minimum bids are available below.

Vehicles available for auction
1998 Plymouth Voyager VIN: 2P4FP2534WR736163
starting bid: $250.00
(Chehalis Tribal members ONLY)
1992 Lincoln Town Car VIN: 1LNLN81W5NY701026
starting bid: $250.00
(This vehicle is open to general community for bidding)

Please contact Akeisha Rainbolt, Administrative Assistance for Law
Enforcement, to view the vehicles at 360-709-1607. Business hours are
weekdays, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Chehalis Tribal Law Enforcement
Vehicle Auction

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; Chehalis Tribal Education Department at
360-709-1627 or by email: bdodge@chehalistribe.org

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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**Congratulations Ladies Gail, Diana and Frances**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**HALEY PARKINSON**

**WE LOVE YOU!**

**YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS**

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**Happy Birthday Christina Hicks**

**We Love You!**

**Mom, Brothers Payton & Family**

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**Happy Birthday**

**Shyann Ortiz**

**We Love You!**

**Mom, Dad & Family**

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**Happy Birthday**

**Gary Ortiz, III**

**You make us so proud! Keep up the good work.**

**Love Mom, Dad & Family**

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**Happy Birthday**

**Jodie Smith**

**You make us proud!**

**Love Fred, Cedes, & Tony**

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**Congratulations**

**Ladies Gail, Diana and Frances**

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The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation (Chehalis Tribe) is moving Indian Child Welfare forward by exercising its right to sovereignty. Instead of placing native children who are in out of home care into Washington state licensed foster homes, when necessary, we will place our children into foster homes certified by the Chehalis Tribe Foster Care Licensing Program. In a government to government agreement with Washington state and in meeting United States federal minimum requirements for foster care licensing, the Chehalis tribe will hold jurisdiction over its own foster homes. This is good for the tribe, for ensuring culture, and protecting our children.

“We know from research that American Indian children in the child welfare system who are connected to native culture thrive and do much better than those who are not.” The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978, requires that every state court dependency case involving an American Indian/Alaska Native child adhere to specific requirements. The act generally requires that Native children, once removed, be placed whenever possible in homes that reflect their unique cultures and values and that tribes be involved in placement decisions. These requirements are intended to protect the integrity and future of tribal communities by protecting their children’s cultural identity and tribal citizenship (National CASA, The Connection, Winter 2009). Culture matters.

The Chehalis Tribe Foster Care Licensing Program is underway in its development and will begin implementation in the coming month. Kim Burdick, who comes to Chehalis from the Quinault Indian Nation is the program’s Foster Care Recruiter and Licensor. Her office is located in the Chehalis Tribe Resource Center and office phone number is 360-709-1782.

We can help you help a child! Through the Chehalis Tribe Foster Care Licensing Program available at no cost is:
- Assistance and follow through with the application process
- Foster Parent Pre-service Training
- Home safety assistance
- Continuing education/training
- Resources and referrals
- Respite care

Foster care is many things. Whether you are in it for the long haul or are just interested in becoming licensed to be available as an emergency placement or as a respite home to give other foster parents a break, you are needed! Our children, parents, and community need you. Please drop by for a chat to find out how you can help.

Kim’s office phone number is 360-709-1782.

### Staff Profile: ICW Foster Care Recruiter

It is good to be here. My name is Kim Burdick and I am the Foster Care Recruiter and Licensor with Chehalis Tribe ICW. This is a new and exciting program for the Chehalis Tribe. We will be licensing our own foster homes!

Just a little about who I am... I am a mommy of two beautiful children. My daughter, Aubrey is 9 years old and my son, Beau is 7 years old. They are the best of who I am. My husband’s name is Hank. He works for the Westport Shipyards. We’ve shared the last fifteen years together. I am an auntie, a sister, and a daughter. My mama, Terry is a strong and beautiful woman. She works as a Chemical Dependency Professional for the Quinault Indian Nation.

I come to the Chehalis Tribe from the Quinault Indian Nation. I was employed as their Domestic Violence Prevention Program Coordinator.

Before that I spent 7 years with the Children’s Advocacy Center of Grays Harbor in Montesano as their Family Educator (and other titles as needed). This is where I found my niche and place. Advocating for and supporting children and families is where my heart is.

Currently I am completing my Bachelor of Arts Degree with The Evergreen State College, Reservation Based Community Determined Program at the Quinault site. I will graduate Spring, 2014. This is so exciting! It has been a long journey with my education and I will be the first in my family to receive a BA. I am honored to teach my children that education is a valuable part of who they can become.

My office is located in the Resource Center. Please stop by for a chat! I look forward to getting to know our community. I’ll be seeing you!

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**CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE CHEHALIS RESERVATION**

**FOSTER CARE LICENSING PROGRAM**

**CONTACT:**
Kim Burdick, Foster Care Licensor
360-709-1782
kburdick@chehalistribe.org

**FOSTER PARENT TRAINING**
“EXTENDING OUR FAMILIES THROUGH UNITY”

“Extending our Families through Unity” is based on traditions and cultures of Indian people. It is designed to address issues Native American foster parents have identified as important. In Native cultures, children are considered sacred beings. The underlying philosophy of this training is to help children grow to meet their potential in mind, body, spirit and emotions.

**WHERE:** Chehalis Tribe Social Services Conference Room

**WHEN:** COMING SOON! TO BE ANNOUNCED

**BECOME A FOSTER PARENT**

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Youth Center News

Youth Center Staff Profiles

Hello, I’d like to introduce myself to the Chehalis community. My name is Melvin Samuel III. I am 28 years old. I am currently working at the youth center. I grew up in New Orleans, playing basketball at Renton High School, and college ball for Centralia. Life back when I was growing up was rough due to the violence back then. I have one three year old son and his name is Liam and his mother’s name is Stephanie Medina.

I want to be a role model for the kids so they can be successful in life. My goal is to try to get the kids off the street and put a basketball in their hands. I love the game of basketball. I want to teach and share with the youth about teamwork and life skills the game has to offer. One day I want to become a high school basketball coach. Maybe even try to coach in the NBA.

I encourage the kids to say, “I can do it! I will be successful in whatever I do.”

Hello, I’d like to introduce myself to the Chehalis community. My name is Brandon Canales. I am 20 years young. My parents are Alicia and Barnaby Canales. I have been working at the youth center since November 2012. I went to school at Rochester up until my senior year and I transferred to Oakville and graduated last year.

I enjoy playing basketball. I love the kids and the kids love me!

In the Spirit Contemporary Native American Art Exhibit and Northwest Native Arts Market and Festival

The Evergreen State College Longhouse and the Washington State Historical Society are hosting the seventh annual In the Spirit celebration of contemporary Native arts in the Northwest at the Washington State History Museum, 1911 Pacific Avenue in downtown Tacoma. The event includes a juried art exhibition that runs through August 18. The exhibition features the works of 21 artists whose art explores intersections between traditional and contemporary forms. In the Spirit culminates with an art market and festival from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Saturday, August 17. The event will showcase the talents of Native American performers and feature vendors selling an assortment of arts and craft items.

Visitors viewing the In the Spirit Contemporary Native American Art exhibit will see two-and three-dimensional artworks that draw upon concepts deeply rooted in indigenous philosophies and experiences. Both traditional and contemporary forms will be on display, including woven objects of adornment, paintings, beadwork, sculpture, prints and more. Awards are made each year to recognize outstanding works of art. This year, Best of Show was awarded to “Yeili daax’oonda heen taakw: Raven’s Fourth Winter” by Shaadoo’tlaa Tinaa’yeil (Tlingit). The Honoring the Northwest prize was awarded to “Wocus Gatherers” by Kaila Farrell-Smith (Klamath), Honoring Tradition went to “Chief’s Lightning Regalia” by Misty Kalama-Archer (Puyallup), Honoring Innovation was awarded to “Recycled Flying Head” by Linley Logan (Seneca), and the Legacy Gallery Print Prize was given to “Seaweed Gatherer” by Denise Emerson (Skokomish). The Peoples’ Choice Award will be announced during the afternoon of August 17, giving exhibit visitors the opportunity to cast a vote for their favorite work.

The In the Spirit Art Market & Festival on August 17 is a daylong event of cultural sharing located at the Washington State History Museum. The entertainment schedule includes the Haandei I Jin Dance Group and Alaska Kuteeya Dancers, musicians Vince Redhouse (Navajo) and acclaimed rock band, Scatter Their Own, as well as the Puyallup Canoe Family and others. The In the Spirit Arts Market offers one-of-a-kind gifts and art from some of the finest Native artists and craftspeople in our region. Baskets and weavings, clothing, jewelry, prints and carvings are just some of the items that will be on sale. The festival will take place indoors, and all performances will be in the auditorium. For directions to the museum, visit www.washingtonhistory.org/page.aspx?=85.

The Longhouse Education and Cultural Center, “House of Welcome,” is a public service center located at The Evergreen State College. Its mission is to promote indigenous arts and cultures through education, cultural preservation, creative expression and economic development. For more information about the Longhouse, visit www.evergreen.edu/longhouse.

For more information:
Phone: 1-888 BE THERE
Website: WashingtonHistory.org
Annual Picnic

Even with the rain, families came out to take part in the fun and games scheduled for the day.

On Friday, June 14 we held our Annual Picnic at the covered area and playground at the Community Center. Families came out (even though it was raining) to take part in the fun and games provided by our Early Learning staff. Children were seen laughing and enjoying the day.

We want to thank the Lucky Eagle Casino for their volunteered hours donated to the grill and for serving all of our families a wonderful lunch.


2013 Head Start Graduation

Friday evening was all about reflecting and making memories as 27 Head Start graduates walked down the aisle to celebrate a great year filled with growing, learning, and playing at Chehalis Tribal Early Learning. A special thank you to the Lucky Eagle Casino for the dinner provided for our families in celebration of our 2013 graduating class.

Marie Bird gave the opening prayer and Curtis DuPuis gave the dinner blessing. Best wishes for our graduates as they start kindergarten this upcoming September. We will miss your smiles! It was a busy two days for our program but seeing everyone together was awesome to witness.

Thank you to all of our volunteers, kitchen staff, and our wonderful teachers for making our 2012-2013 program year a great one!

Chehalis Tribal Head Start 2013

Head Start children walking in line during the graduation ceremony at the Community Center

Chehalis Tribal Early Learning Programs

Now Accepting Applications!!!

Ages 6 weeks to 5 years old and expectant mothers too! Childcare is also available! Highly qualified staff and a wonderful program for families!

Applications for Early Head Start, Head Start and our Expectant Mother’s/Home Based Program

Please call for more information 360-273-5514 or stop by for an application!
7th Annual Chehalis Canoe Family Journey
2013 Paddle to Quinault

Come join the Chehalis Canoe Family along our journey. This is the schedule for the Chehalis Canoe Family. Feel free to join in anywhere along the canoe journey, learning to share with the canoe families, and travel with “One Heart, One Mind” through the Puget Sound waterways. Community support is greatly appreciated as we practice our culture with the Elders, youth, and other canoe families. This is a Drug/Alcohol and Violence Free Journey! Everyone is welcome!

Itinerary
Blessing of the Canoe – tuulap tit wiA (Tu-lap ti weah)
at Sylvia Cayenne’s – Tuesday, July 23 at 8:00 AM
Travel to Elwha
The Journey on the Water Begins
July 23 Leave for Elwha
July 24 Elwha
July 25 Pillar Point
July 26 Neah Bay
July 27 Ozette
July 28 La Push
July 29 La Push
July 30 Hoh River
July 31 Queets
August 1 Quinault

For more information regarding the journey see paddletoquinault.org

Potlatch Protocol begins August 1

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

Parks and Recreation Planning Meeting
Come discuss the future of parks and outdoor recreation! We want your input.

What do you want to do outside? Would you ever use a bike path? Do you want to see more classes or activities for families? Are you interested in seeing a quad trail built? Or maybe you want to have more playground or park equipment for our kids. Come to a community meeting and let the Planning Department know!

The Chehalis Planning Department is currently working on a parks and recreation plan, and we are counting on you to help us plan new outdoor recreation activities. You can help plan future parks just by letting us know about your favorite activities. The parks plan will help the Tribe decide what types of activities people want to do and what types of parks we could invest in. We want the parks and recreation plan to meet the needs of you and your families, both now and in the future.

If you are interested in exploring the future of parks, playgrounds, quads, bikes, sports, and other fun outdoor activities, please come to a community planning meeting to share your ideas. The parks and recreation planning meeting will be on Thursday, August 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room at the Community Center. Food and drinks will be provided. Stop by on the August 20, and tell us what you think. Your comments and suggestions will help the Planning Department know what the community needs. The parks plan can only be successful if we know what you want.

For more information, contact:

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