## Chehalis Canoe Family 2013 Journey "Paddle to Quinault"

This is seventh year that the Chehalis Canoe Family participated in One Heart and One Mind on the Canoe Journey with tuulop tit wit (Tu-lap ti weah), a twentyseven foot ocean canoe. The Canoe Journey is a traditional and spiritual journey on the ancestral waters by the First Peoples of the Northwest Coast, and is a feat requiring mental, physical and spiritual readiness. The Canoe Journey creates opportunities for tribal members to re-learn, strengthen, and reinforce their canoe traditions. There are many cultural values that are learned from the canoeing, including pride, cultural knowledge, learning how to paddle, respect, and sense of achievement. This year was the Paddle to Quinault, who previously hosted in 2002. The Chehalis Canoe Family joined the journey in Lower Elwha and ended at the beach in Quinault at Point



The Chehalis Canoe Family arrive at Makah and wait to ask permission to come ashore.

Grenville.

The Chehalis Canoe Family worked together throughout

the year in preparation for the Canoe Journey. Fundraisers are instrumental to a successful

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## Chehalis River Dugout Canoe Finds a New Home at the Community Center

Friday, July 25 was a day to remember as our Tribe's river dugout canoe was moved from the Business Committee office to the Gathering Room at the Community Center. Before that it was on display for a period of time above the old trophy and bookcase in the main tribal center lobby. A piece of Chehalis tribal history can now be viewed at the Gathering Room for everyone to enjoy.

The shovel nose dugout canoe was discovered in a slough in what is referred to as the Old Channel on the Chehalis River. The Fisheries Technicians Albert Ortivez, Dennis Cayenne, Bill



The dugout canoe being carried off the trailer and into the Gathering Room.

Secena, Maynard Starr, and Jerry Youckton were able to rescover the canoe and bring it to the Tribal Center in the mid-1980's. The canoe was water logged and very heavy and many people helped carry it into the Tribal Center.

The art of making dugout canoes stretches back into history. The process of making a dugout canoe is different depending on the type of trees that were available and the purpose of the canoe. Carvers used different ways of hollowing the tree out with fire, stones and adze. River dugout canoes are one of the oldest forms of transportation that our ancestors used to travel up and down the rivers. Fishing weirs and dugout canoes were used to harvest fish providing food for the families.

# Great Wolf Lodge—Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Finds That Thurston County May Not Assess Property Taxes By David Burnett, Chairman

On July 30, 2013, the Federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals filed its decision in Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation v. Thurston County Board of Equalization, et al. That lawsuit was originally brought by the Tribe in 2008 against the Thurston County Board of Equalization and various Thurston County officials to dispute the County's property taxes on the Great Wolf Lodge. The Tribe has refused to pay these property taxes since the original tax assessment in 2007. In 2010, the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington, which heard the original lawsuit, found that the County had the authority to assess property taxes on the Great Wolf Lodge. With no intention of ever paying a tax to the County, The Tribe then appealed that ruling to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Ninth Circuit considered the impact of federal law on the property tax assessment. That law **Continued on Page 3** 

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The rough ocean surf created challenges as canoe familes landed on the south beach in Queets. Tulap and her crew arrived safely, but a few canoes tipped over as they came ashore.

journey, supplying necessary resources to achieve this goal. There was also some practice pulling sessions in the Sound, and surf training on the Quinault beach. This was the first time the Canoe Family had travelled on the ocean, as it is well known to be quite dangerous and unpredictable. Fortunately, Vern Ward Sr. came forward and was selected as the skipper for this year's journey. Vern provided some much-needed experience as he is Quileute/ Muckleshoot and has worked on the ocean, where he primarily fishes and goes crabbing.

There was singing, drumming and dancing practice before the journey began, as well as in camp while travelling to each hosting tribe along the coast. It was a good time to gather and gain strength from each other. It is a cultural experience, with each member required to donate ten items for the giveaway during final protocol in Quinault. Some were seen beading their regalia, or working on some handmade gifts. Others could be found at the protocol tents either in a jam session or protocol, listening to the words of the elders as they shared their wisdom.

Communication is crucial for a successful journey. Chehalis Canoe Family "Circle Up" would echo across camp. Family members would cease what they were doing to discuss the activities for the day, establish safety rules for the children, and keep the camp clean. Skippers would select their pullers for the next day and they were required to ensure they had food, drinks and snacks ready. Staying hydrated is essential for safety and strength.

#### On the Water

Safety is critical while travelling on the water. This year Muckleshoot provided their support boat while travelling in the Straits of Juan de Fuca. After leaving Makah the Quinault Tribe provided support for all the canoes travelling south along the coast. The ocean is less predictable than the rivers, and Quinault requested that all canoes travel at the same speed for safety. The tall ships Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain were invited by the Quinault Nation to escort

the Quinault Nation to escort the ocean going canoes from Neah Bay to Quinault.

Landing was a different challenge for many canoes as they came ashore. Pullers power-pulled around rocks, waves, and wind as they landed on the beach at each hosting location. A few mishaps occurred, as a few canoes flipped in the rough surf, but thankfully everyone arrived safely. Safety is always a key focus

at this event. It is an exhilarating experience and pullers agreed they were tired, but it was rewarding to feel the power of the ocean. Families of the hosting tribes, sang and drummed before the visiting canoes requested to come ashore.

#### Final Day on the Water

As the traditional ocean-going canoes came in from both the north and south a large crowd came to witness this momentous occasion and greeted them. One by one the canoes were welcomed ashore by Quinault Nation leaders, dancers, and singers as they rode the Pacific waves in, completing their journey. Sixty-nine canoes landed on Thursday, August 1 on the Quinault Tribal Beach.

After a few hours of traditional welcoming and landings, it was time for the host to feed the Canoe Families and the thousands of guests that came to enjoy potlatch activities. This was a week long activity for Canoe Families to thank, share songs and dance with each other honoring the Quinault Nation. The theme this year was "Honoring our Warriors!" Recognizing and honoring our Native Veterans for their patriotism.

#### **Formal Protocol**

Each of the Canoe Families was dressed in their regalia and

shared their Canoe Family songs, drumming, and dancing. Gift giving and special recognition honored council members, veterans, support boats, skippers, and youth for all their hard work and commitment in preparation to host this year's Canoe Journey. All of this was livestreamed online for those who had prior commitments and could not attend these activities.

A protocol list was available at the protocol tent and on Monday morning the Chehalis Canoe Family's turn came. They practiced every night in preparation for this moment to take the floor and honor the Quinault Nation for their hard work in hosting this year's Canoe Journey. At times we could hear our youth, from the youngest to the oldest, singing amongst themselves, which was phenomenal. Our performance was small in comparison to the task they took on. Drumming, singing, and dancing the Canoe Family's songs is a cultural experience that is hard to explain. But it was exhilarating knowing that when we finished, we had represented the Chehalis Tribe with honor and respect. It was a great morning!

Our hands go up to the Quinault Nation for hosting this year's event. Next year's journey is to Bella Bella!

#### More Photos on page 12....



The royalty and leaders of the Quinault Nation greeted each Canoe Family as they came ashore at Point Grenville and over 10,000 spectators to witness this aweinspiring event.

#### GWL Tax Case continued from page 1....

was passed in 1934 as part of a group of laws commonly referred to as the "Indian Reorganization Act," which authorized the Bureau of Indian Affairs to acquire land on behalf of Indians and hold that land or land rights in trust for the benefit of Indians, commonly referred to as "taking land into Trust." The land on which the Great Wolf Lodge was built is land held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the Chehalis Tribe, and in 2010 was declared to be part of the Chehalis Reservation. Therefore, the Tribe argued that the lodge was exempt from local property taxes. Thurston County argued that the property tax assessment was allowed under Section 465 because the County did not assess a tax on the land itself, and instead only assessed a tax on the permanent improvements

attached to that land—in this case, the Great Wolf Lodge facility. The County also argued that these buildings could be taxed because they did not belong to the Tribe, but to a Limited Liability Company called CTGW, LLC (the Chehalis Tribe is the majority owner of CTGW, LLC).

After reviewing applicable federal law, the new leasing regulations that were signed by President Obama late last year and the Supreme Court case, *Mescalero Apache Tribe v. Jones*, 411 U.S. 145 (1973), the Court concluded, "where the United States owns land covered by § 465, and holds it in trust for the use of a tribe, (regardless of the "particular form in which the [t]ribe chooses to conduct its business"), § 465 exempts permanent improvements

on that land from state and local taxation." Therefore, the Court found that Thurston County does not have the authority to assess property taxes on the Great Wolf Lodge. The Court did not decide whether other types of state or local taxes may apply. Should this be the final ruling in this case, the Tribe will not be required to pay any of the property taxes assessed on the Great Wolf Lodge by Thurston County since assessment of these taxes began in 2007.

The impact on the Tribe will not be felt immediately. Assured in its position in the case the Tribe has not paid the County any taxes so there will be no refund, nor has the Tribe saved those funds elsewhere. Therefore the impact will be a sure taxing structure for the Great Wolf Property and future business development.

Moving forward the Tribe will also be able to decrease attorney fees paid to outside council. The total cost of legal fees to uphold the Tribes sovereignty and defending against an unjustified tax by Thurston County was \$1.5 million dollars. Expensive as that was it represents only one year of what Thurston County was assessing on the Lodge.

Thurston County has the right to petition the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to rehear the case, or to appeal the decision to the United States Supreme Court. Neither court is required to grant those requests. As of the date this article was written, County officials have not publicly announced whether they plan to appeal or request a rehearing.

## **"We Walk as One" at the 2013 Chehalis Tribal Days Cancer Walk**



The 2013 Cancer Awareness Walk was a success. People "Walked as One" bringing attention to find a cure and to honor the past, present and future.

By Orinda Goddard, Cancer Walk Coordinator

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Chehalis Tribal Days Cancer Walk "We Walk as One" was held May 26, 2013. Thank you to all the 145 people who came out to show their support. We walked over 350 miles for cancer awareness. Out of the 145 people there were 75 Chehalis Tribal members representing the Chehalis Tribe, but we also had 14 other tribes being

represented this year, an increase from the showing last year. There were 96 gifts donated for the raffle, which was held after the walk. Each participant had to walk the cancer loop that was marked off with pink ribbon signs, starting at the Tribal Center, going past the 4-way, down to the Community Center, and back to the Tribal Center. Each walker

had to finish in order to receive a raffle ticket. This year each walker received a cancer t-shirt, sunglasses, small cooler, lip balm, and sun block.

This walk was a success! I would like to thank all the supporters who came out walking through the heavy rain and finishing the walk. Your efforts mean so much. I would like to take the time to thank these companies, departments and individuals for donating items for the cancer walk: Chehalis Tribe Business Committee, Tribal Administration, Planning Department, Vocational Rehabilitation, Family Services, Loan Department, Wellness Center, Behavioral Health, Chehalis Tribe Enterprises, Lucky Eagle Casino, SPIPA, Great Wolf Lodge, Glenco, Depo Gifts, Fred Shortman, Jodie Smith, Terry Youckton, Cold Stone, McDonalds, The Junction, Applebee's, and Just Wood Furniture. Special thank

Bubba Boyd give a big thumbs up after completing the cancer walk with his family.

you to the following: Meja Handle, Heather Youckton, Sheila Bray, Russ and Talisa Baker, Pam and Scott Youckton, Stacy Youckton, Jamie Smith, Christina Hicks, Ray Secena Jr., Bones, spring cleanup crew, Kathy from Glenco, Cheryle Starr, Philip Youckton and Brenna Youckton. These individuals sure show their support each year to make this walk happen. We are looking forward to next year's walk and hope that more people come out and support cancer awareness.

If anyone is interested in buying a cancer walk sweatshirt please contact Orinda Goddard at the Tribe.



## **Tribal Health and Wellness News**

## Clinic Staff Profiles: Colon Health and Diabetes Program and Chehalis Transformation Grant



Trisha Shipp
Patient Navigator
Colon Health and Diabetes
Programs

Trisha Shipp is an LPN who received her degree at Centralia Community College. She is new to the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center and works as a patient navigator for the Colon Health Program and the Diabetes Program.

Prior to coming to the CTWC Trisha worked as a hospice nurse for 5 years. Prior to hospice Trisha was a

Director of Nurses at a local assisted living facility.

Trisha lives in Onalaska WA with her husband Troy and her 3 children Ariauna 16, and her 7 year old twins Kaitlyn and Dawson. Trisha's family loves animals and they have 3 dogs, 5 cats, 3 hamsters, and a 55 gallon fish aquarium.

Trisha's life revolves around her family but coming in a close second are the Seattle Mariners and Seattle Seahawks. She loves watching sports, scrapbooking, gardening, and spending time with her family.

My name is Shannon
Sullivan and I am
currently working
for the Community
Transformation Grant
here at the Tribal
Wellness Center. My
current job title is
Coalition Coordinator.
I have been working on
the grant for a year and
a half.

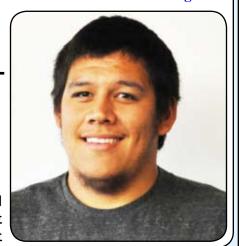
The grant gives me the opportunity to hear the voices of the communities of

Oakville and the Chehalis Reservation, which is something that I look forward to in my job every day. I love that

Shannon Sullivan
Community Transformation
Grant Coalition Coordinator

this grant gives the communities a chance to speak about their "own" and be able to have funds to make a positive change for the future.

If you are interested on hearing more about the grant or would like to participate in our coalition meetings please call 360-273-5504 or e-mail ssullivan@ chehalistribe.org



Hello world! My name is Leroy Boyd; I am 25 years of age. I have been working here at the Chehalis Wellness Center for about three months now. I plan on trying to transform our community into a healthy community.

Leroy Boyd Community Transformation Grant Outreach Specialist

## 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 tenatively the second Wednesday of each month, next month's meeting is the first wednesday.

Wednesday, September 4 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

## Favorite Family Recipes

The Community Transformation Community Coalition invites to share your favorite family recipes.

We would like to compile the favorite recipes of our area into a community cookbook. While we are compiling enough recipes for a cookbook, we would like to share the recipes. Some of the recipes may be published in community newspapers and/or used in local cooking demonstrations. Please have your name and contact information on your recipe. Feel free to submit as many family favorites as you like.

Look for our Community
Transformation (CTG) drop boxes
at the Oakville School Elementary
Office and Secondary Office, the
Timberland Regional Library Oakville Branch, the Oakville
Methodist Church and the Chehalis
Tribal Center. (The drop boxes
are also being used to drop off
CTG surveys). You can also bring
your recipes to the Chehalis Tribal
Wellness Center.

We look forward to seeing all of your delicious recipes, and eventually a local flavor cookbook!

Thank you for your participation.

## **Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center Guidelines for Medical Transports**

POLICY STATEMENT

A **Medical Transport** is defined as a transport provided to patients of the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center for a medical appointment when no other transportation resource is available. Patients must reside in a 10 mile radius of the clinic to access transportation services.

## TRANSPORTATION TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

The outreach specialist will only be available for transports to medical appointments off the Reservation to **Olympia**, **Lacey**, **Centralia or Chehalis**.

The request for transportation to a medical appointment **MUST** be made at least 72 hours before the appointment. (The Request must be made on a "Transportation Request Slip"). Transportation scheduling is based on the emergency of the appointment and availability of scheduling times.

The CTWC outreach specialist will call the patient to confirm the transportation request.

When less than 72 hours notice is given, the request must be accompanied by appropriate clinic staff. (Such as Nurse, CHS, Doctor). Even though a direct referral is provided, it <u>does not always mean the Outreach Specialist</u> will be available to provide transportation. EACH request will be screened by appropriate supervisor.

Transportation will be provided <u>only when no other transportation resource</u> <u>is available</u>. A person or family with their own vehicle is expected to provide their own transportation.

#### A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST ACCOMPANY ALL CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS OLD. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Transportation will only be provided for Medical appointments only. **NO SIDE TRIPS will be allowed**. (personal shopping, visiting, or other personal business). Transportation is provided from individuals' home to medical appointment and back to their home. The outreach specialist will not provide transportation if the individual is Intoxicated or High.

Transportation may include more than one person being transported simultaneously, if there are more request to the same area, and the same time. The outreach specialist does not provide meals for the patient.

Transportation will only be provided for the person and parent/guardian (if person is under age 18).

Persons needing transportation need to report appointment verbally to outreach specialist and fill out a Transportation Request Slip to the outreach specialist supervisor, to ensure it does not conflict with other transportation appointments.

- Outreach specialist will not provide transportation for Medically Invasive Procedures.
- Medical transports apply to routine visits, no major medical issues.
- Medical appointments must include a referral from CTWC.
- Patient must read and sign the transportation guidelines.

## Mammogram Clinic

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

Tuesday, October 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 Tuesday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

## 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 lease 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 the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center 360-273-5504.

### 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.

## **WIC Program**

September 5 October 3 November 7 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.

The Lucky Eagle Casino is currently offering this program in 2013-2014









Earn college credits on-site at the Lucky Eagle Casino!

## Lucky Eagle Casino's Tribal Enterprise and Gaming Management (TEGM) Certification Description

**What:** Lucky Eagle Casino and Tacoma Community College are considering offering an on-site Tribal Gaming and Tribal Enterprise Certificate with 14 transferable college credits in business management.

When: The classes meet for three hours one day a week, beginning **September 2013.** There are seven modules (each lasting seven weeks) for a total of 49 weeks plus a two week College Success Course.

**Where:** The classes meet in the Casino Training Module at Lucky Eagle Casino. Snacks and beverages are provided.

**Who can attend:** Chehalis Tribal members and casino associates, employees of Chehalis Tribal Enterprises, and employees of the Great Wolf Lodge.

Who are the instructors: Tacoma Community College recruits highly qualified instructors with expertise in gaming and/or the specific topic of each module.

**Why:** The purpose of offering management level courses at Lucky Eagle Casino is to a) build management skills within the workforce; b) offer college level courses at a convenient location for associates and Chehalis Tribal Members; and c) create a learning environment where skills are transferable within the casino and the community. This is an opportunity for potential career advancement and intellectual challenge for those who participate.

**Cost:** Each module costs \$514 and earns the participant two (2) college credits. All 7 modules cost a total of \$3,598.00 and earn the participant fourteen (14) college credits. For more specific funding questions please contact Vanessa Youckton or Stephanie Pickernell.

**Background:** Collaboration with Tacoma Community College (TCC), now Invista Performance Solutions, began in the spring of 2008 with the idea of developing a certificate program similar to the one already offered at Red Wind Casino. The course content is tailored to reflect topics identified by Casino directors and managers who provided expertise in their areas. The courses are interactive and geared to adult learners. **The Lucky Eagle Casino is currently offering this class for 18 participants.** 

**How to apply:** Applications will be available August 1. Please contact Vanessa Youckton or Stephanie Pickernell.

## Great Wolf Lodge Clarifies Chehalis Tribal Member Discount Process

The Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound offers a room discount to Chehalis tribal members in recognition of the Tribe's ownership of this beautiful destination. This generous discount is designed for **Chehalis Tribal members only** and their guests. Over 1000 Tribal member reservations have been made in the past year. This is a very popular program!

**To make a room reservation**: Call 360- 273-7718. Tribal members are encouraged to book a reservation in advance since the benefit is limited to available rooms. If you need three or more rooms on any night, these can only be booked through Cammi Wittwer, Extension 4920.

The Tribal member must be physically present upon arrival at the front desk with a valid tribal member ID to check in. Due to liability concerns, the Tribal member room discount is not available for non-Tribal member family and friends.

There have been some cases in which a Tribal member has tried to book a room for someone who is not a tribal member. If the Tribal member is not actually staying in the room, the full room rate will be applied.

Water Park Passes: Each Tribal member may receive up to six Water Park passes per day. You will receive one FREE, and you must pay \$10 each, plus tax, for any additional passes you purchase, for a total of six per day. You must be at the Lodge, in person, with a valid Tribal Member ID in order to pick up the passes and enjoy the Water Park with your family.

25% Discount in all Outlets: Chehalis Tribal members must show their tribal ID card at the time of purchase. This does not include any add on packages to rooms, Paw Passes, Spa Packages, or Alcohol.

We encourage all Chehalis Tribal members to understand this discount program so it can continue to be offered in its current form.

If you have questions please call Tribal Liaison Trudy Marcellay at 360-273-7718, Ext. 4981



## At the Chehalis Tribe Community Center Hardball and Softball Fields

Would you like to honor a Chehalis tribal member or community member hardball or softball legend? Create a lasting memory by purchasing a personalized paver. Each engraved paver becomes a permanent part of the walkway at the ball fields, to be viewed for years to come.

The pavers are 18" X 18" and are engraved using state of the art laser technology, ensuring long lasting strength and durability of the engraving. Please choose your own special message and

use the block grid below to enter your message information. If ordering more than one paver, please complete a separate order form with the engraving information for each.

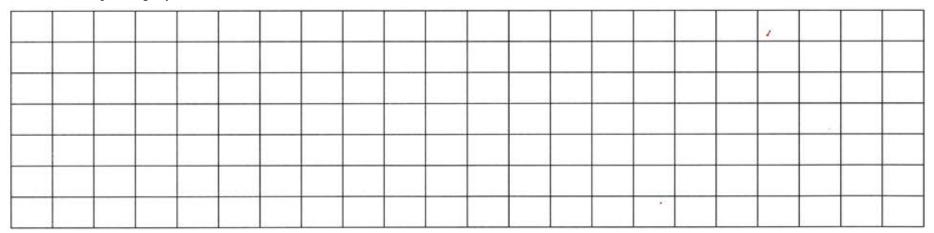
#### **Engraving Information**

Name: \_

PO Box 536

Oakville, WA 98568

- Pavers may contain up to 7 lines of 22 characters per line.
- Characters include all letters, numbers, and punctuation marks. Price for each character is \$1. There is also a \$50 set-up fee for each paver.
- Please print legibly.



**Cost** Price for each engraved paver is \$50 + \$1 for each character (letter, number, punctuation). This is the cost for the engraving only. The Chehalis Tribe has already purchased the pavers. Cost your paying is for the engraving only.

#### Pavers will be delivered and installed Fall 2013

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Phone:	_
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Payment is by cash, check or money to Chehalis Tribe. Mail or deliver the	<b>2 3</b>
Chehalis Tribe Planning Department	Questions?
Walk of Fame Pavers	Contact Amy Loudermilk

**Disclaimer:** All dates and times are subject to change. Please call the contact numbers to verify.

### Chehalis Tribal Newsletter

The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation...

"People of the Sands"

Articles and opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily the opinions of this publication or the Chehalis Tribal Business Committee.

The Chehalis Tribal Newsletter encourages tribal members to submit letters, articles, photographs, and drawings to be considered for publication. These are subject to editing.

Contributing writers, artists, and photographers include Chehalis tribal community members and staff. Submission deadline: 6th of each month Printed monthly

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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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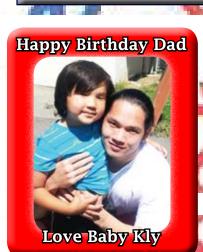
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Happy Birthday to Tribal Members Born in August									
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
				1	Allen Bush	Geraldine Youckton			
Ron Fanning Faith Hoheisel Makya Ortivez-Hicks Monica Sanchez Dalton Youckton	5 Alvin Boyd Paul Gibson	6 Sylvanna Bracero Jenee Penn	7 Adrian Brown Lon Burgess Kyle Fanning William Heck Lee Starr	8 Thomas Blacketer Jordan Bray Ares Wittwer	9 Leo Sanchez	Sarah Myer Riley Smith			
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Happy Birthday wishes
August 8<sup>th</sup> Jordie 16 years young
August 19<sup>th</sup> Ty Love Grandma



Happy Birthday Daddy Love, Fallisity





I would like to thank Curtis DuPuis for assisting me and outting my lawn Thanksl Pat Charles



Happy 5th Anniversary

Ron and Allysa Fanning August 23



**Happy 26th** Birthday

Love Mom œ Dad

### **Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund News**

Julie Burnett, Executive Director: 360-709-1831 Diana Pickernell, Loan Coordinator, 360-709-1631

#### IDA-Savings Match Program:

If you meet income guidelines, you may qualify for a savings match program with CTLF. You can use this program for:

- -A Business
- -A down payment on a home
- -Higher Education, including tuition, a computer, etc.

We now offer a savings match of 4:1. So if you save \$1000.00, we match it with \$4000.00. You must save for a minimum of 6 months, be employed, and be a Chehalis Tribal member.

#### We want to assist Small Businesses

Do you have an idea for a small business? Do you have a Business Plan? Do you need funds for a business? Come see us at the Loan Fund.

#### Do you need to open a Bank account?

We can assist you. We have a partnership with Sterling Bank in Oakville. You can open a savings account for as little as \$5.00. Plus you will get a free piggy bank from us!



#### **Our Loan Products:**

Business Loans
Debt Consolidation
Credit Builders
Home Improvement

The loan process can take several weeks to process once we receive all of the required documents.

## Region's Tribes Expand Bachelor's Degree Offerings

Lummi, Swinomish, Tulalip, Muckleshoot, Port Gamble S'Klallam and Nez Perce will offer bachelor's programs

Northwest Indian College's (NWIC) evolution from the Lummi Indian School of Aquaculture to a college that now offers more diverse educational opportunities mirrors a growing nationwide demand for post-secondary education in tribal communities. Now, as NWIC celebrates 30 years of serving both regional and other tribes, the college continues to evolve and grow to meet new demands in Indian Country.

One of NWIC's focuses in recent years has been on expanding its reach to more tribal communities and on providing students with the option to obtain culturally relevant fouryear degrees without leaving their communities.

This fall quarter, NWIC's growth will continue as the college begins offering a variety of bachelor's degrees at its extended campuses, located in tribal communities in Washington and Idaho.

"We have put a lot of effort into meeting requests from the tribes we serve to offer our bachelor's degrees in their communities," NWIC President Justin Guillory said. "There is high demand in tribal communities throughout the U.S. for four-year degrees. Education, sovereignty and economic prosperity are goals for tribes, and they all go hand-in-hand."

NWIC currently offers three bachelor's degrees: a Bachelor of Science in Native Environmental Science; a Bachelor of Arts in Native Studies Leadership; and a Bachelor of Arts in Tribal Governance and Business Management.

"All of our bachelor's degrees are designed to meet the needs of tribal communities, and to equip our students with the knowledge and skills needed to become leaders in their communities and obtain family-wage jobs," Guillory said.

Beginning this fall quarter, the college will offer at least one of those bachelor's degrees at all but one of its seven campus locations:

At NWIC's Muckleshoot and

Tulalip reservation sites, the degree in Tribal Governance and Business Management will be the first bachelor's the college has offered at those campuses.

At its main campus on the Lummi Reservation, NWIC will offer all three bachelor's degrees.

The college's Port Gamble S'Klallam site, which already offers the Bachelor of Science degree, will begin offering the bachelor's in Tribal Governance and Business Management.

The college's Nez Perce site in Idaho, which already offers the Bachelor of Science degree, will begin offering the bachelor's in Native Studies Leadership.

NWIC will continue offering the Bachelor of Science degree at its Swinomish reservation campus, and associate degrees at all campuses, including Nisqually.

There is high demand at all NWIC sites for the bachelor's degrees, said Bernice Portervint, NWIC's dean of academics and distance learning.

"Members of the tribes we serve really want to help their communities develop and they really want to be involved with tribal nation building," Portervint said. "Our degrees promote the skills, values and knowledge they can utilize for the betterment of their communities."

NWIC was approved as a baccalaureate degree granting institution in 2010 and, in addition to current bachelor's degrees, the college is also developing a bachelor's degree in human services, which is expected to be completed by the 2013-2014 academic year. NWIC degrees are approved by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, which oversees regional accreditation for 162 institutions.

For more information on Northwest Indian College, visit **www.NWIC. edu** or call 360-676-2772.

Northwest Indian College is an accredited, tribally chartered institution headquartered on the Lummi Reservation at 2522 Kwina Road in Bellingham Washington, 98226, and can be reached by phone at toll free 866-676-2772 by email at info@nwic.edu.

## Youth Worker Program Gives Young People Opportunities to Prepare for Future



These are the 2013 Summer Youth Workers. Picture are back row (L-R) Dylan Gleason, Dewey Gleason-Wheeler, Thomas Trott Jr., Nathan Patterson, Geo Jack, Payton Albert, Sean Adams, Skyler Baker, Sid Cole. Picture front row (L-R) are Marcus Youckton, Laura Parent, Emily Ortivez, Arrielle Burnett, Gary Ortivez III, Ryan Burnett, Allyssa Albert. Not pictured is Makayla Ortivez

By Makayla Ortivez, Summer Youth Worker

Summer is here, firework season is over, your money is all spent, and you have nothing left to do. You want to hang out with friends, go to the movies, go out to eat, maybe even go to the lake and have a picnic. You want to make plans and do all of this incredible and crazy stuff, and then you realize you need money to do those things. You have two scenarios: sit around and do nothing for the rest of your summer, or sign up and interview for a youth worker position.

The youth worker positions give you the opportunity to make money, have a job for the summer, get some real experience with interviews, help you figure out what you like and don't like about a job, and possibly even help you figure out what you want to do for a career. This is a great opportunity to learn discipline in a workplace, to prepare you for future jobs and interviews,

and opens your eyes to what it takes to get and keep a job.

There are many different categories you can choose from to work with, all from typing up documents to taking care of children. With all these complex jobs to choose from you could mold and shape what you want to do when you're older. There are many responsibilities in all of the jobs, all from simply doing what's asked of you to making sure a child's life is not in danger. You must be able to listen and learn, be on time, and use common sense.

At the end of the program you will go through five to seven days of classes. These classes are simply to help you better understand and prepare for your future. Classes cover Youth Council, finances, sex education, college visits, work ethics, and a domestic violence prevention. As you can see all of these in some way have an effect on your future. Youth council helps

you learn how to be a leader and make your voice be heard. Financial classes help you to manage and keep your money, while putting it to good use. Visits to college help you decide what to look for in a college and what classes you will want to take. Work ethics helps you learn how you should be acting at work or elaborates on how you are acting.

All of this being said, you should not be that couch potato all summer! These jobs create opportunities, and you can make money while preparing for your future. This experience gave my coworkers and me such a huge advantage in everything we want to do. It shows that we are trying to exceed expectations of what teenagers do during the summer.

So we got off the couches, we went to HR, now we have jobs. We're using our money wisely, and learning from a great experience.

## Program Available to Assist in Discovering Your Family Lineage

The Heritage Department is offering assistance in tracing your family tree. Bring the information you have and we can get started tracing as far back as we can in your lineage.

Also bring in your old photos and have them scanned and copied so we can document your family history.

To date we have been working on the Gleason, Klatush, and Penn family trees. It's so interesting to see how our families all connect to each other.

We are located in the Community Center in the Library area. For more information contact Lynn Hoheisel, Heritage Coordinator at 360-709-1748

#### **Blast from the Past!**





## Vivian R. Young Memorial Baseball Tournament Hosted at the New Baseball Complex

The family of Vivian R. Young would like to thank everyone who participated and donated their time to make this tournament successful. We had some very good games played over the weekend of August third and fourth.

The tournament was played on the new fields by the Community Center. The Tomahawks and Tomahawks II started the tournament off so now they are broke in and ready for some more baseball to be played on them.

In true potlatch style during the tournament a feast was served to feed the teams, families and umpires. The official umpires out of Tumwater that were hired for the tournament commented that they have never witnessed this before.

#### Congratulations to:

1<sup>st</sup> place – Lil' Boston 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Tomahawks 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – NDNZ-Nisqually Also to all the all stars, mvp, best bat, and best glove

Much love to you all from the children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren and the rest of the family.





1st Place - Lil' Boston



2nd Place - Tomahawks



3rd Place - NDNZ Indians (Nisqually)
All Photos submitted by Bev Starr

Ade from Lil'Boston received the MVP award. He had the first home run of the tournament hitting 2 more during the tournament.

> Best Glove went Mark who played for the Tomahawks. He was the youngest player of the tournament





#### Ken'wisiix nuunim titwaatit Weaving Our Stories

19th Annual Gathering of Northwest Native American Basketweavers Association Hosted by the Nez Perce Tribe at the Clearwater River Casino and Resort Event Center In Lewiston, Idaho

October 4-6, 2013

For more information call NNABA at 206-962-7248 or email: info.nnaba@yahoo.com Website: www.nnaba.org

Chehalis Tribal Planning Department In partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau, Los Angeles Region Invite You to Attend

#### **Data for Dollars**\$

**Using Census Data for Grant Writing** 

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Chehalis Tribal Community Center Computer Classroom Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Seating is limited and only 9 computers are provided, if you have your own taptop to use, please inform us at time of registration.

Registration is required by Friday, September 6th and space will be guaranteed to the first 15 registered participants.

For more information or to register contact Janet Stegall at 360-709-1622 or jstegall@chehalistribe.org

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## Ceremony Honors Tribal Member Who Commits to Serve and Protect Our County



A "Rights-Of-Passage Ceremony" was hosted for Stefanie Kornegay the daughter of Tribal Elder DeDe (Dianne) Devlin. The home grown Rez Girl, Stefanie requested that the Military allow her to re-enlist in the Army on the Chehalis Reservation.

A Rightsof-**Passage** Ceremony was performed by DeDe and Auntie Sally and Stefanie's brother Lance

On Friday, July 26, Bones Gleason made an opening Prayer under the flags at the Community Center, preceding a formal *Military* Swearing-In-Ceremony conducted by her Commander. In addition to invited community members

Dress were in attendance.

Guests were served lunch at the newly finished Baseball Field Park. During the luncheon "The Rights of Passage Ceremony" was performed by her Mother DeDe, Auntie Sally Pikutark and Brother Lance Jones. Give-a-way gifts were presented to each of her Unit Member, and all Elders present.

Stefanie Kornegay and the family wishes to thank Dolly and Joan for preparing the food, Bones for his gracious prayers, Barnaby for the salmon, Grant Shortman for cooking the Salmon, and Heather Hoyle who helped with the Give-a-way

Stefanie's Army Unit in full Military Ceremony. Stefanie is now stationed in Wisconsin for further training.



Stefanie Kornegay received a formal Military Swearing-In-Ceremony conducted by her commander re-inlisting her in the army.

