



# CHEHALIS TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation

“People of the Sands”

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## Governor Inslee Tours the Chehalis Reservation to Discuss Tribal Issues

By Jeff Warnke, Director of Government Public Relations

On April 17, Governor Jay Inslee became the first Governor in recent memory to visit the Chehalis Reservation for the sole purpose of meeting with the Business Committee to discuss issues with the Tribe and tour the Reservation.

Governor Inslee was touring in Lewis County and on his way back to Olympia for a meeting on the Oso mud slide relief, but he made time to stop at the Tribal Center where he met with Tribal Leaders for more than two hours. The meeting started with a dialogue between the Governor and the Chairman discussing how the State and Tribe can work together on common issues such as tax policy, hunting and flood mitigation projects.



**During his visit to the Chehalis Reservation, Governor Jay Inslee discuss flooding issues on the Chehalis River with Chairman David Burnett.**

Governor Inslee was especially interested in hearing about state funded projects on the Reservation such as the Sickman Ford Overflow Bridge. Through a grant from

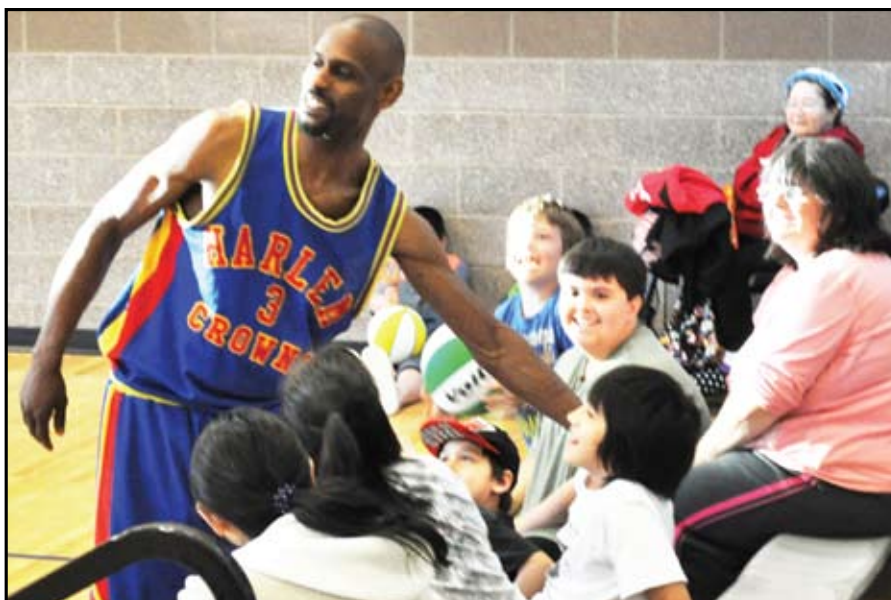
the Legislature, Washington State provided more than two million dollars to construct the bridge which several months after the

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## Family Night Brings Laughter and Comedy with the Harlem Crowns

On Saturday, April 12 the Chehalis Tribe hosted the Harlem Crowns basketball team at the Community Center gym. They demonstrated their individual basketball skills and teamwork against our very own Chehalis Stars. It was a night of dazzling displays of passing, dribbling, dunks and superb shooting. The Crowns provided their style of “clownball” as the night was filled with a running line of chatter throughout the game, along with assorted gags and comic routines. The masters of ad-lib brought tears of joy, cheers and laughter to the audience.

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**Harlem Crown Herbie Scaife, Jr. selects a youth from the bleachers to demonstrate some basketball fundamentals.**

## Roundtable Discussion Improve Small Business Growth in Indian Country

The Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund was invited to a Roundtable with Senator Maria Cantwell and newly presidential appointed Small Business Administration Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet

The Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund was one of three Native CDFI's invited to participate with Washington State Community Development Financial Institutes (CDFI) in a roundtable discussion. The CDFI Program is under the Department of the Treasury. The vision of the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund is to economically empower America's under-served and distressed communities.

President Obama recently appointed Maria Contreras Sweet as Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA). Senator Maria Cantwell's office organized the Round Table, and invited Ms. Contreras-Sweet to an open discussion on how the SBA is functioning with Washington State CDFI's.

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bridge opened allowed for water passage that would have caused flooding on the Reservation before.

After the meeting, the Governor toured several areas of the Reservation. First, touring the Tribal Head Start, Governor Inslee met several of the children and heard from Tracy Bray about Early Learning on the Reservation and how the efforts of the Tribe would make the kids ready for elementary school.

The Governor also toured the Wellness Center.

Jhon Valencia gave the Governor a tour of both the Health and Dental facility. Governor Inslee was impressed with the size of the clinic and scope of services available to the Tribal community. Valencia and the Governor also talked about the Tribe's efforts to enroll Tribal members in the State Health Exchange created as a part of the Affordable Health Care Act.

Finally, Governor Inslee toured the Sickman Ford Bridge. The Bridge is the largest local flood mitigation project completed to date with funding from the 2012 Jobs Act.



**Pictured are Washington State Governor Jay Inslee and his advisors with the Chehalis Business Committee and tribal representatives.**



**During Governor Inslee tour of the Early Learning Programs he learned about floam during a classroom activities.**

The Early Learning Program had some special guests this month as we were visited by our Business Committee and Governor Jay Inslee. They were given a small tour and information about our comprehensive Early Learning Program.

While on the tour the Governor talked and played with some of the children, sharing with us that he had grandchildren the same age. Governor Inslee was particularly interested in the Floam that the children were using at one of the tables and he had to try it out himself!

We were honored to be able to represent our Community by "showing off" what we do every day to our Tribal and State elected officials and invite you to stop by and visit us also.

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**Harlem Crown players sign autographs for youth after the game.**

**The Crowns tell it how it is...growing up and advice to youth**

Half time was surreal and a moment for the players to share with Elders, adults and youth alike. Each player talked about where they were

raised and how they were able to escape the drugs, alcohol and gang violence the inner city brings. The choices to pursue basketball gave them the opportunity to pursue a career, all the while having some fun and chasing their dreams. There are many good athletes who had the talent but not the discipline, which didn't allow them to achieve their goals. They used basketball as an example, but there are many other sports and education available to everyone to place their energy into to be successful throughout life.

Their leader and mentor Herb Scaife, Sr., is the first to admit that basketball helped him get where he is today. Keeping him physically fit and in good health brings a feeling of a natural high. Being disciplined in order to stay sharp with a focused mind and strong principles are required. School is a major asset, learning from teachers and coaches along the way. There are many things that he didn't understand until he got older and wiser and he gave them the respect for making him a better person. Being stubborn,

he started smoking. He confessed it hurt his game so he decided to quit and hasn't smoked for over 25 years.

Youth Center Director Tony Medina gave out basketballs to all the children who came that evening. He encouraged them to have the Harlem Crowns sign them.



**The Harlem Crowns helped Daniel Gitchell with a slam dunk during the game.**





**Pictured are (L to R) Maria Contreras-Sweet, Julie Burnett, Executive Director of the Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund, Senator Maria Cantwell, and Natalie Charley, Executive Director of the Taala Fund (Quinault)**

Ms. Contreras was very open to hearing CDFI's points of view, questions, and concerns. Senator Maria Cantwell is the Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. She and her staff took into consideration everything that transpired at the meeting and promised to look into what was discussed at the meeting. Both Executive Director's of CTLF and the Taala Fund also were invited to attend a US Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship Field Hearing on Driving Growth: Small Business Innovation and Research. This meeting was held at the Museum of History and Industry in Seattle, Washington.

Our CTLF Program continues to strive to discover more resources that will contribute to the growth of small businesses.

## Other News

We are still accepting loan applications for the following:

- Fireworks
- Small Business
- Debt Consolidation
- Home Improvement

We can assist customers with Credit Building and boosting your credit scores.

Come see us, or contact us at:

**Julie Burnett, Executive Director**  
360-709-1831, [jburnett@chehalistribe.org](mailto:jburnett@chehalistribe.org)

**Diana Pickernell, Loan Coordinator**  
360-709-1631, [dpickernell@chehalistribe.org](mailto:dpickernell@chehalistribe.org)

## Staff Profile: Chehalis Tribal Projects Manager

Chehalis Tribal Projects Manager, Dave Hinkson, has been with the tribe for a short six months, but he's managed to facilitate many times that worth of work around the Tribal Center, Community Center and new ball fields. Many of these projects increase safety and comfort for the community and are highly visible, and some of them are helping to secure our culture and keep us safe behind the scenes.

If you've been to the Tribal Center lately you may have noticed that the front doors are now equipped with automatic door operators. Those front doors can be heavy, especially if you're handicapped, a small person, or your hands are full, so they're a welcome upgrade. One has also been installed at the entrance of the Business Committee Room and other locations are being considered, as well. Another new addition for safety in the Tribal Center complex is exterior lighting for the Elder's Center. The new LED lighting was put in last week and will be properly positioned in the next week for maximum coverage in the previously poorly lit parking and entrance to the Elder's Center.

Dave is getting the exterior lighting at the Community Center upgraded to LED lights, also. LED lights are brighter, cover greater distances, are energy savers and last longer. This project is expected to be completed this summer. Other projects moving along under Dave's management at the Community Center include the recent rock removal and sidewalk additions for access to secondary doors (the Tribal grounds crew will be landscaping soon); the table and chair storage addition to the backside of the gym, the

area of which has been increased to allow for storage for the tribe's Emergency Management Supplies, and is scheduled to be completed in June; and getting to the bottom of the mysterious leak issues plaguing the building during the rainy season, which is all seasons. Dave assures us they have found some pretty specific problems already and the problem will continue to be addressed. This summer, a dry chemical fire suppression system for the Tribal Archives, housed in the Community Center, will begin installation and be finished by years end. This is vitally important for the protection of the artifacts contained in the archives to escape both fire and water damage.

And, of course, the new ball fields continue to be improved upon. Pathways have been added and concrete has been poured in certain areas to increase ADA compliance. Additional sod has been laid for more comfortable spectator lounging and improvements have been made to the concession stand, such as a windscreen and food prep area. Legends Fields continues to grow into a source of pride for the Chehalis Tribe. Currently, Dave is gearing up to make it grow even more by completing a third field this year. Thanks, Dave Hinkson!



**Dave Hinkson, Chehalis Tribal Projects Manager, Planning Department**



# Tribal Health and Wellness News

## Children Learn About the Joy of Gardening



The kids at Head Start are participating in their own gardening project sponsored by the Community Transformation Grant (CTG) and the Diabetes Prevention Grant.

The kids were given 15 Cherry Tomato plants, containers, tomato cages and soil for the gardening project. They planted one plant per container, adding the soil with “scooping” bowls, trowels or just their hands. The tomato “cage” was set up in each pot to protect and support the tomato plants. The children are tending to their plants by watering and setting them outside when it is sunny and warm.

In one classroom, the kids are even measuring the height of each plant to see how much they grow each week.

After 2 weeks of the project, the tomato plants are already “putting on blooms.” With the care and special attention the kids will have cherry tomatoes to enjoy with their lunches or snacks before school is out for the summer. This planting experience will help these kids understand where the cherry tomatoes come from and they even might be more willing to taste one—because they grew it.



### WIC Program

**Thursday, June 5  
9:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

The WIC Program will be handing out June, July, and August Vouchers. For more information contact Deb Shortman at 306-709-1689

### USDA Food

**Thursday June 19**

Pick up is at the Community Center from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

For more information contact Lynn or Shirley at 360-438-4216

SPIPA Colon Health Program  
Presents the Fourth Annual

### “The Shining Light” Walk to Prevention

at the Shoalwater Bay Tribe



**Saturday, June 14  
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

For any information on the SPIPA Colon Health Program please call

Trisha Shipp Chehalis Patient Navigator  
at 360-709-1742

or Bobbie Bush, SPIPA Program Coordinator,  
at 360-462-3235.

### 2014 Breast Cancer Awareness Walk



**Saturday, October 18**



*Hosted by:*

Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe

Please be advised and mark your calendars for the 2014 Breast Cancer Awareness Walk. The Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe is hosting the Walk this year.

SPIPA’s Native Women’s Wellness Program

### Do you need Medicaid or Medical Insurance?

Assistance Available at the Wellness Center  
Every Other Wednesday **9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**  
James Craig, SPIPA Tribal Assister Program

To set up appointments contact the Clinic at  
360-273-5504





## CTG Community Garden Workshop Series

Join us in learning how to plant, grow, and harvest good foods.

The Chehalis Tribe garden site will be at the Community Center and the City of Oakville garden bed site is located at the Oakville school. Most workshops will happen at each community's garden site (rain or shine).

**COST: FREE**

**TIME:** All events will be open from 4 PM - 8PM

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| <b>JUNE 2 - 6</b> | Garden bed construction for Chehalis Tribe and the City of Oakville |
| <b>JUNE 20</b>    | Basic Planting workshop (the Chehalis Tribe)                        |
| <b>JUNE 26</b>    | Basic Planting workshop (the City of Oakville)                      |
| <b>JULY 8</b>     | Get to Know Your Weeds (the Chehalis Tribe)                         |
| <b>JULY 17</b>    | Get to Know Your Weeds (the City of Oakville)                       |
| <b>JULY 22</b>    | Pest Management (the Chehalis Tribe)                                |
| <b>JULY 23</b>    | Pest Management (the City of Oakville)                              |

Questions? Chehalis Tribe contact: Cassey Jankowiak at 360-709-1771 or [cjankowiak@chehalis-tribe.org](mailto:cjankowiak@chehalis-tribe.org)

OR

Oakville community contact: Ken Erickson at 956-372-8026 or [kerickson@oakvilleschools.org](mailto:kerickson@oakvilleschools.org)

## Chehalis Community Walk

**6:00 - 7:00 PM**

Every Thursday evening thereafter

**Meet in front of the Community Center**

The walk is open to ALL community members.

Accommodating to the beginner, moderate and experienced walkers.

Join us to enjoy friendship, sunshine (hopefully!), raffles, giveaways, and fun!

Event is prepared for rain or shine. Water and snacks will be provided after the walk.

Look forward to seeing you all there!

## SPIPA CCCP Native Men's Wellness Council Roundable

June 3 & 4th, 2014 (starts the evening of June 3rd)

Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound

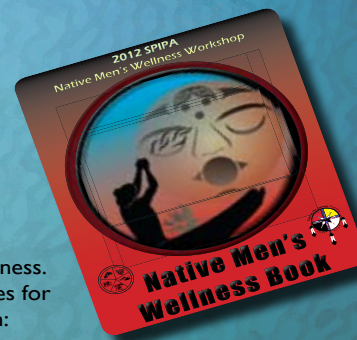
Native Men from the SPIPA Tribes are invited to attend this Roundtable event on Native Men's Wellness. During this Native Men's Council Roundtable, participants will be tasked with designing key messages for the SPIPA Native Men's Wellness Campaign. The Roundtable will provide informational sessions on:

- Hepatitis C Prevention, Early Detection and Treatment
- Prostate Cancer Prevention, Early Detection and Treatment

This Council will also be asked to provide input on topics covered for the Native Men's/ JourneyMan book. By the end of this Roundable session, the SPIPA CCCP will have clear direction on messages, graphic designs and topics to address for Native Men's Health. Participants may also be tasked with helping to hold mini-Native Men's Wellness roundtable sessions at their Tribe.

**Lodging provided.**

Register by May 23rd:  
call Heidi at 360-462-3226



South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency  
Comprehensive Cancer Control Program



## Low-impact Resistance Band and Stretching

**Where: Behavioral Health Conference Room**

**When: Mondays from 12:15 - 1:00 PM**



Lunchtime resistance band classes in the Behavioral Health building.

Take a break from the office and join us in this low impact activity that will strengthen our bodies and minds. Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Cassey Jankowiak at 360-273-5504 or email [cjankowiak@chehalis-tribe.org](mailto:cjankowiak@chehalis-tribe.org)





# Annual Charity Dinner & Auction

**5:00 Saturday,  
May 31, 2014  
Lucky Eagle Casino  
Rochester**

Silent Auction & Raffle items include:



**\$45 Individuals (includes \$5 in raffle tickets)**  
**\$425 Table of Ten (includes \$50 in raffle tickets)**

Please register by May 16, 2014  
Call 360-273-6375 or email us at  
[Info@ROOFCommunityServices.org](mailto:Info@ROOFCommunityServices.org)

Event Sponsor **lucky eagle**  
CASINO & HOTEL

## Skokomish Journey To Potlatch

Saturday, June 21, 2014 paddle begins at 9:00 a.m.

### CANOE PADDLE CHALLENGE

We will launch from Twanoh State Park, 12190 E State Route 106, Union, WA 98592 9:00 am  
with journey end at Potlatch State Park, 21020 N. US Highway 101 Shelton, WA 98584  
(approximately 10 mile canoe journey of 2-3 hours)

**Get your canoes ready and come pull against cancer!!**

Skokomish invites you to our **1ST Annual CANOE PULL FOR LIFE!** Join us in inspiring others to raise awareness and honor our ancestors and cancer survivors. Proceeds go to the SPIPA cancer programs to assist in patient needs.

This event is open to all who want to join us in fighting back against cancer

We will have a celebration lunch at Potlatch State Park with the arrival of the canoes. Each canoe will be asked to introduce their pull team and if available have someone who is a survivor or touched by cancer give a brief talk on their experience.

**ENTRY FEE:** A challenge of \$500.00 per sponsored canoe (checks or money orders made payable to PADDLE FOR LIFE) Individuals who raise the most money by pledges will receive a prize. Challenge each other to raise more than the other canoes.

**REGISTRATION:** send entries to Annette Smith at N. 101 Twana Court, Shelton, WA 98584 or you can email them to [dwalker@skokomish.org](mailto:dwalker@skokomish.org)

**QUESTIONS:** Contact:  
**Annette Smith 360-463-2844**  
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Northwest Justice Project

## FREE LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC

For low-income SPIPA community members

An attorney from the Northwest Justice Project will be coming to the South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency's (SPIPA) Squaxin Island Office the third Friday of each month to provide legal consultations to eligible tribal members on civil legal matters (not criminal). Legal issues include (among other things): Consumer - payday loans, debt collection, repossessions, Driver license reinstatement; Education - suspensions, expulsions, special education; Employment issues; Family Law - child custody, child support; Health Care and Welfare Benefits; Housing evictions, foreclosures; Indian Wills and Estate Planning.

**Next Clinic will be held: Friday, June 20**

**10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**SPIPA's Squaxin Island Office**

**3104 Se Old Olympic Hwy.**

Please make sure to bring all the paperwork related to your legal problem.

No RSVP required.

For more information please call Janel Riley at  
888-201-1012 EXT. 631



**Second Wednesday  
of Every Month  
1:00 to 3:00 PM**

**Division of Child Support**

Have questions? Need help with paperwork?

Mark your Calendar for the second Wednesday of every month. We will have a state representative from Support Enforcement here to help! She will be available to answer questions and assist with any paperwork you might have.

No appointment needed. Just show up between 1:00-3:00 PM.

**Not sure how to get started?**

**Don't be shy**

**We are here to help!**

**Lori Webb**

**Support Enforcement Officer, Tribal  
Liaison**

**Department of Social & Health  
Services**

**Division of Child Support  
Olympia Field Office**

**webblla@dshs.wa.gov  
360-664-6924**

**Child Support  
Enforcement**

**30 Niederman Road  
Oakville, WA 98568**

**Public Safety Building  
Conference Room**

**Second Wednesday of  
every month**

**1:00 - 3:00 PM**



## ART CLASSES

**Wednesdays and Thursdays  
5:00 - & PM**

**At the Community Center  
Cultural Classrooms**

The Heritage and Cultural Programs are starting beginning art/drawing classes. The instructors are Jesse Gleason and Fred Shortman. Both are talented Chehalis tribal members who are committed to sharing what they have learned. Both Instructors are part of the first Chehalis Tribal Calendar "K'ah tuK'ee Tachee."

We encourage families to attend these classes and bring out their creative juices to learn together. Make it a family night and enjoy the activities. Challenge yourself! No matter your age!

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



## 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*

### **Business Committee**


David Burnett, Chairman  
Ray "Barnaby" Canales, Vice Chairman  
Farley Youckton, Treasurer  
Cheryle Starr, Secretary  
Dan Gleason, Sr., 5th Council Member

### **Chehalis Tribal Newsletter Staff:**

Fred Shortman,  
Communications  
Coordinator





Happy Birthday to Tribal Members Born in May						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Tein Meas Raymond Roff Robert Smith	2 Sasha Penn-Rocco Destiny Zaidy	3
4 Roger Goldman Alex Shortman Jaimie Smith Eli Snell	5 Lori Lund William Pressnall	6 Ashlea Parkinson	7 Brandon Canales Mable Cooper Lucy Cush Lela Pulsifer	8 Christian Hoheisel Georgia Meier	9 Joseph DuPuis Jessie Goddard Harry Pickernell, Sr.	10 Beth Hofstetter
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Happy Birthday to my beautiful daughter  
Jamie Smith, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Birthday to my nephew little Eli  
Snell, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Birthday to my beautiful  
Aunt Mable Cooper  
and my beautiful sister  
Lucy Cush May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Birthday to my really goofy nephew  
Johnny Atkins, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Happy Birthday to my beautiful niece  
Cyrena Ortivez May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Happy Birthday to my awesome nephew  
Shawn Ortivez May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Birthday to my goofy nephew  
Damius Hansen (DJ) May 28<sup>th</sup>

Happy Birthday to my beautiful niece  
Savannah Bird May 31<sup>st</sup>.

I love you all so much! I am blessed with  
such a wonderful family!!!!


Chris O

**HAPPY 10TH BIRTHDAY**  
**EMILY MORDHORST**  
**FROM YOUR**  
**AUNTIE**  
**SUSIE SANCHEZ**  
**LOVE U VERY MUCH**

*Happy Birthday*  
*Alex Shortman*


*Love You!!!*  
*Mom, Dad,*  
*Grandma, Uncles,*  
*Aunties & Your*  
*Whole Family!*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR**  
**BEAUTIFUL MAMA**  
**LUCY CUSH**



**WITH LOVE, ANNA**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**  
**JAMIE SMITH**




**WITH LOVE, ANNA**

Happy Birthday  
Robert Smith

Love & Miss Ya!!  
Auntie Jodate,  
Mercedes, & All  
Your Family

**Happy 19<sup>th</sup> Birthday to**  
**Jonathan Atkins**  
**on May 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Happy 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday to**  
**Savanna Bird**  
**on May 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**We love you bunches!!!**  
**Love you Mom, Jordan,**  
**and LeeAnna**  
**Jennifer Bird**





# Why do we refer to the Chehalis Tribe as “People of the Sands”?

## History of the River

The **Chehalis River** originates in several forks in southwestern Washington, flowing east, then north, then west, making a large curve before emptying into Grays harbor , and estuary of the Pacific Ocean.

“The Chehalis River begins at the confluence of the West Fork Chehalis River and East Fork Chehalis River, in southwestern Lewis County. From there the Chehalis flows north and east, collecting tributary streams that drain the Willapa Hills and other low mountains of southwestern Washington. The South Fork Chehalis River joins the main river a few miles west of the city of Chehalis. The Newaukum River joins the Chehalis River at Chehalis, after which the river turns north, flowing by the city of Centralia, where the Skookumchuck River joins. After Centralia, the Chehalis River flows north and west, collecting tributaries such as the Black River, which drains the Black Hills to the north, the Satsop River and Wynoochee River, which drain the southern part of the Olympic Mountains.

The Wynoochee River joins the Chehalis near Montesano, after which the Chehalis River becomes increasingly affected by tides and widens into Grays Harbor estuary. The city of Aberdeen lies at the mouth of the Chehalis River. Just east of Aberdeen, the Wishkah River joins the Chehalis, and just west, between Aberdeen and Hoquiam, the Hoquiam River joins. At this point the river has become Grays Harbor. Before the estuary of Grays Harbor empties into the Pacific Ocean, the Humptulips River joins.” See <http://wa.water.usgs.gov/projects/chehalis/>

This Chehalis River is the second largest watershed within Washington, covering over 124 miles. Although the river is primarily spring-fed, there is one dam that was built near Centralia on the Skookumchuck River in 1970.

Historically, our ancestors used the waterways as highways to travel to and from villages and to trade with other tribes and white settlers. They used shallow shovel-nose canoes to harvest, travel, and to sustain their families. The river provided a major source of food, with several species of salmon, steelhead, and eels migrating upstream and back to the ocean. In addition, there was an abundance of freshwater clams and crayfish.

The Upper and Lower Chehalis people resided along the rivers to harvest fish, wild game, plants, and berries to provide for their families. Some families built summer camps along the creeks, though they had larger long houses for the winter months. Our ancestors knew where the high ground was and were able to avoid the annual floods that have occurred on the Chehalis River for generations.



**A photo of a sand bar on the Chehalis River. Sand is lighter than rocks and gravel which is easily moved when the river floods.**

## History of the People

Why do the Chehalis People refer to ourselves as “People of the Sands”? “Sands” has several meanings, with one referring to the sandbars that come and go with the floods that occur on the river. Many villages were built along the bank where sandbars appeared. It was good place to fish as the water became shallow and weirs could be set up to harvest the upcoming fish runs. Another explanation is that sand is gritty. Our ancestors had a lot of grit to overcome and survive whatever came their way.

The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation is made of five different bands (Upper and Lower Chehalis, Upper and Lower Cowlitz

and Athapaskans bands of the Kwalhioqua (Willapas) of the Pe Ell, Doty, Dryad area). Our ancestors fished, gathered, and hunted from the Columbia River to Mud Bay, returning to permanent villages along the Chehalis River once they had secured food and the materials they needed. One large village, known as the Westports, was located along the Lower Chehalis basin in Grays Harbor. This is where tidal sands were located and the true reference to the name “People of the Sands.”

## Community History of the City of Chehalis

The City of Chehalis’s beginnings can be traced back to the summer of 1851. The Saunders family staked out a 640-acre land claim, which is now downtown Chehalis. On May 8, 1859, Saunders established the first post office in the community he had named Saundersville.

In 1870, the name was changed to “Chehalis,” an Indian word meaning “shifting and shining sands.” However, the name change was not recognized by the territorial legislature until 1879. See History of Chehalis, Washington. City of Chehalis. <http://ci.chehalis.wa.us/cityclerk/history-chehalis-0>

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# Chehalis Tribe Students of the Month



## Devin Boyd (9-12)

Devin Boyd is in the 9th grade at Oakville High School. He is currently holding a 2.48 GPA.

Devin likes that he can see his friends at school.

His advice for others is not to get into trouble. Devin feels he is successful, because he doesn't get into trouble now.

When Devin graduates from high school, he wants to open up a firework business.

## Kamryn Couillard (6-8)

Kamryn Couillard is in the 7th grade at Rochester Middle School. He is currently holding a 2.38 GPA.

Kamryn likes doing math at school.

His advice for others is to turn in your work. Kamryn feels successful, because he turns his work in on time.

Kamryn enjoys playing baseball. When Kamryn graduates high school, he wants to go to college and he also wants to play in the MLB as a pitcher for the Seattle Mariners.



## Hunter Ortivez (K-5)

Hunter Ortivez is in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Oakville Elementary.

He enjoys reading.

His advice for other students is to listen to the teacher, and never do what you're not supposed to do.

Hunter feels that he is a successful, because he does his homework and listens to his teacher.

Hunter enjoys playing baseball. When Hunter graduates high school, he wants to go to culinary school to become a chef.



## 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.

Congratulations. Keep up the good work!

## Attention Tribal Members!!

If you feel that your child should be nominated for student of the month, please contact Jodie Smith at [jsmith@chehalistribe.org](mailto:jsmith@chehalistribe.org) or 360-709-1897. State the reason why your child should be considered. Deadline is the last Friday of each month.

# Education Program Seeking Information For 2014 High School GRADUATES

The Chehalis Education Program is currently seeking information regarding all High School Seniors on-track to get their high school diploma in 2014.

Graduating seniors who are Tribal Members and/or members of the Tribal Community will be recognized at a dinner and celebration to be held in their honor on

**Thursday, June 12**  
**Starts at 5:00 PM**  
**Lucky Eagle Casino**

The Education Department wants to make sure that nobody misses out on this special moment, especially Tribal Member students that may live outside the Oakville/Rochester area.

At this time we are seeking information on the following students that may be graduating this year; we have been unable to contact:



**Chase Perez**  
**Adam Lower**  
**Tyler Beckwith**  
**Ostyn Farrier**  
**Rose Williams**

If you or someone you know has contact information for any of these individuals, or any other high schoolers that are on track to graduate this year, please contact

Taaffe Wyatt at 360-709-1759  
Jodie Smith at 360-709-1897

# Contacting the Youth Center

**360-273-9674**  
**Director: Tony Medina**

**Monthly Activities Calendar**  
**Available**



# Healthy Eating Demonstration Taught During Spring Break

One our missions in the SDPI Prevention Program is to have Healthy Eating Demonstrations, so while our kids were off on their spring break (first week, April 2nd the Oakville youth, and the second week, April 9th the Rochester youth) at the Youth Center the SDPI Staff, Sandra Burnett, Gloria Jones, Pat Odiorne, Trisha Shipp along with Bridgette Brittain from Behavioral Health went over and conducted a demo of healthy pizza. The kids had a hands-on learning class on how to prepare the pizza crust and put their toppings on – the only rule was that they had to put at least one vegetable on it – lo and behold most of them put two or more vegetables. Yeah kids!!

Pat Odiorne, Dietician gave a short

demonstration on “Clean, Separate, Cook, and Chill” to the youth. Our program is very proud of our youth as they listened closely learning on what and how to do the four things taught during this class.

All in all it was a nice experience, not only for our youth but our Prevention Program Staff.

Thank you, Youth Center - Tony Medina and Crew; Education Program - Nate, Jason and Jodie for letting/and assisting the Prevention Program staff come over and spend time teaching out youth. Also, thanks for your help and participation Bridgett, DV Advocate, and Gloria Jones, SDPI Prevention Program Staff.



## Community Safety

**When:** Wednesday, May 28 at 5:00 PM

**Where:** The Gathering Room at the Community Center

**What:** We need your help to identify safety needs in the community.

IT'S **UP** TO ALL of US

We will be serving dinner.

If you have questions please call Janet or Jenee at 360-273-5911

The month of May is

## National Foster Care Month

[www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth](http://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth)



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## Youth Programs Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Children were seen running onto the field to pick up their treats during the annual Easter egg hunt.

The Youth Center hosted its annual Easter egg hunt at the girls softball field on Thursday, April 17. Rain or shine, the children showed up to gather these delicious treats. The youth center staff and youth helped prepare for this well attended event.

Mother nature provided a break in the weather and the children were released to gather eggs by ages and it was over in a blink of an eye. Afterward there was an opportunity to earn even more treats as they lined up for a photo with the Easter Bunny. Children were beaming and some were a little shy, but it was really a family fun evening, especially for the child who was able to find the golden egg and received a special prize.

Tony Medina, Youth Director would like to thank the youth center staff, education staff and all the volunteers for making this a success event. Especially special thanks to the one and only Easter bunny, the tons of youth, parents and grandparents who came out to brave the elements. There were many youth who worked their hearts out coloring eggs in the previous days.



## WELCOME TO FOSTER PARENTING!

What do you teach in foster care classes? The Foster Family Licensing Program utilizes foster parent training curricula uniquely developed for families fostering Native American children. Culture matters and keeping children connected to their culture is at the heart of these trainings. Both training programs focus on these core topics:

- ❖ Growth and child development
- ❖ Human needs and attachment
- ❖ Loss and grief
- ❖ Teaching, observing, and learning
- ❖ Impacts of child abuse, neglect, and addictions
- ❖ Family and culture
- ❖ Promoting permanency
- ❖ Resiliency and self-esteem

*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.

*Circle Of Keepers: Voices Of Native American Foster Care Warriors* is designed to prepare, develop and enhance skills, and assist foster families who are parenting Native American children and youth. Native teaching, values and practices inform the core of the curriculum addressing key concepts of child development, attachment, grief and loss, behavior management, impact of abuse and neglect, strengthening families and cultural connections, resiliency and foster families as team members.

Why should I take the training? If you are even just a little bit curious about foster parenting and want to learn more about the role foster families and communities have in meeting the needs of foster children - this training is for you!

All potential foster family applicants are required to complete a pre-service foster care training to become licensed by the Chehalis Tribe.

How do I sign-up? Meet your Licensor. Drop-in to the Chehalis Tribe Resource Center and get to know the program. Find out which training and schedule best fits you.

Give your Licensor a call and have a chat about the trainings available and upcoming schedule.

Who is my Licensor? I'm Kim Burdick and I am your Foster Family Licensor. I'd love to sit down and talk with you about foster parenting and our foster care classes. Come on over to the Resource Center and see me or give me a call at 360-709-1782. Thank you for caring about our youth!

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