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Walk for the cure

Hundreds step up to support fight against cancer

By Orinda Goddard,
Cancer Walk Coordinator

I would like to thank everyone who came out to show their support during the ninth annual Chehalis Tribe Cancer Walk on May 29 at the Legends Field picnic area.

Our motto is #WeWalkasOne, and every step we take is a prayer we share for the fight against cancer. We all have loved ones that have been fighting or have lost their great battle to cancer. This amazing walk demonstrates that we all

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The Chehalis Tribe Cancer Walk had a great turnout.



During the co-ed slow pitch softball championships, a player makes a dusty slide into base.

Home-run weekend

Memorial Day extravaganza delivers baseball, food and fun

The Chehalis Tribe was batting a thousand during the annual Tribal Days Memorial Baseball Tournament. Good ol' Indian baseball was played throughout the Chehalis Reservation. Both the Tomahawk Stadium and Legends Baseball Fields were busy hosting baseball games.

Young and old gathered to enjoy the weekend either by watching or playing a sport they love. Many took the opportunity to demonstrate their baseball skills in one of the three different divisions offered by the Chehalis Tribe: men's hardball, women's slow-pitch softball and co-ed slow-pitch softball.

The parking lots were filled with cars, and people lined up along the ball fields

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Families line ball fields to watch the action.



Put your hands together for walkers who took part in the ninth annual Chehalis Tribe Cancer Walk on May 29. More than 300 people signed up.



WALK

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can come together for an important cause and help raise awareness.

We had 303 walkers registered for the big day! There were 170 Chehalis tribal members and 20 different other tribes represented during our walk. We had 99 raffle prizes donated and gifts provided for all children that participated. Each walker was given a T-shirt, coffee cup, car charger and Band-Aid buddy.

Thank you

I would like to thank the



following businesses and programs for their donations: Chehalis Tribe Business Committee, Great Wolf Lodge, Lucky Eagle Casino, Chehalis Tribal Enterprises, Nelson's Furniture, L&E Pepsi Bottling Co., SPIPA Cancer Control Programs, SPIPA-Christina Hicks, Chehalis Tribe Administration, Tribal Accounting, Tribal Law Enforcement, Tribal Behavioral Health/Chemical



Dependency/DV Program, Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Events Program, Culture/Heritage Program, Eagles Landing Hotel, End of the Trail gas station, Tribal Housing and Burger Claim.

A special thank you goes out to Joyce Thomas, Dan "Bones" Gleason, Daniel Gleason, Boo Thomas, Fred Shortman, Don Secena, Rocky Watts "Cedar Creek Healing Circle," Raven Bryson, Ole Obi



and all of the volunteers that help every year for this walk (Pam Youckton, Talisa Baker, Brenna Youckton, Russ Baker, Tammy Boyd, Erika Pickernell, Meja Handlen, Bones, Mike McNair, Officer Johnny, Fau Boyd, Joyleen McCrory and Gloria Jones).

Next year will be our 10th annual event. I hope everyone will be able to attend and make a great impact on Cancer Awareness.

Planning Department seeks community input

The Planning Department is coordinating the annual update of the Tribal Transportation Improvement Program.

The TTIP is a publically reviewed document that guides how transportation funds received by the tribe will be spent over the next four years.

A copy of the draft TTIP is available for public review at the Chehalis Tribal Center

at 420 Howanut Road in Oakville. Comments and questions can be directed to Transportation Planner Jesse Gleason at 360-709-1767, or stop by the Planning Department.

Projects include:

- Secena Road sidewalk: Phase 2 (sidewalk and full reconstruct)
- South Anderson widening: South Anderson

Road widening and sidewalk (0.5 mi)

- Vosper-Tribal Center Trail: New trail from Vosper to Tribal Center
- Moon Road reconstruction: Restrict access to local residential use only
- South Bank Road sidewalk: South Bank Road/ State Street sidewalk
- State Route 12 safety improvements

■ Intersections: Blockhouse, Sickman-Ford, Anderson, Forstrom and Moon

■ School Street sidewalk: School Street and Oak Street sidewalk

■ Roundabout on US HWY12/Sargent Road

■ Construction of roadway and intersection on 93rd and Lathrop Industrial Drive

The 30-day public review period concludes July 1.

Employee recognition

Program rewards commitment to excellence

The Chehalis Tribe has started a new reward incentive program for their employees.

There are two parts of this recognition program – Employee of the Quarter and Employee of the Year.

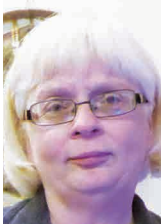
This is a chance for supervisors to nominate and recognize a full-time employee who makes a significant contribution to the Tribal Government.

The Employee of the Year will be selected from the four quarterly employee winners.

Those who receive the award should model behaviors of a good employee.

They should have a positive and professional attitude, be respectful of tribal culture and policies, be helpful to co-workers, go the extra mile, exhibit good customer service and people skills and have a good attendance record.

Selection of the Employee of the Quarter will be made by Human Resources and the General Manager with a Business Committee endorsement.



**DEB
SHORTMAN**

First quarter winner

Please congratulate Tribal Healthcare Facilitator Deb Shortman as Employee of the Quarter. Deb will receive a cash award and enter the pool for Employee of the Year!

From Deb's nomination: "Deb consistently on a daily basis give 100 percent at everything she does. When asked to do a task, she jumps right on it without complaining and does so with a quick response or turnaround. You will often find her in her office on a weekend working on a project that she knows is important, and makes sure her work is accurate. She is responsible for a lot of our financial records and success. Deb always has the tribe or the patients in mind behind all of her actions. She strives for perfection and wants a positive outcome. She runs a tight ship."

Thanks from Deb: I would like to say thank you to everyone. It is the best honor to be nominated, let alone win! I enjoy my job. Stress is my fuel. ... I appreciate the fact that you believe in me. And I will continue to strive to do my best on a daily basis. Again, it's a fantastic honor to be selected for the Employee of the Quarter. You all are appreciated by me!



Chehalis cemeteries are cleaned, weeded and mowed during Cemetery Cleanup Day on May 20. Memories of loved ones were shared while folks worked.

Cemetery Cleanup Day a big success

Elders, employees, adults, children and community members took time from their busy schedules to tidy up the four cemeteries on the Chehalis Reservation on May 20.

Cemetery Cleanup Day has been observed for many, many moons to honor our ancestors that have gone before us.

Those who perform the annual cleanup help keep the cemeteries in good shape for traveling families who stop by and leave flowers and say prayers for loved ones.

After a short meeting at the Community Center Gathering Room, people split up in their respective groups to work on family plots and other areas in

need of cleaning, weeding and mowing. In an oral tradition, Elders and adults alike took the time to share special memories of loved ones with those working around them. Their dedication and energy in beautifying loved ones' gravesites was wonderful to witness.

The sun came out and smiled down on those working that day! With so many people contributing, they made short work of cleaning the cemeteries. All of the cemeteries looked awesome. Thank you to everyone who helped make the time-honored Cemetery Cleanup Day a success!

Grab-and-go employee fare

In late May, Great Wolf Lodge partnered with the Chehalis Tribe to provide the Lucky Eagle Casino food truck as an option for employee lunch breaks.

The food truck offers a variety of low-cost and quick sandwiches, burgers and salads that GWL Pack Members can purchase to enjoy during their lunch or dinner break.

The truck is now available three days a week, but if it is as successful as we hope, the frequency could increase.

Providing this option to our Pack Members ensures guests will come first at the GWL restaurant and food service facilities. It's a win-win solution for guests and Pack Members, and the food truck will profit from employee business.

HEALTH/ WELLNESS

Chehalis tribal health care evolves

*Contributed by Denise Walker,
Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center
Health Director*

I completed my one-year employment in March, and I am honored to serve as Health Director for the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center. What a beautiful facility and community you have. I have had such a warm welcome from all tribal departments and the community. Here is a follow-up on my year and plans for the future.

Meetings

Upon arriving, one of the concerns from the community and your leaders was patients having difficulty getting appointments. I felt there were too many meetings during the week on different days. We changed the meeting to 1-2 p.m. every Monday. We also have a one-hour meeting every other Thursday with the Behavioral Health Staff for collaboration. Medical staff will not be available during those times.

In 2015, the Wellness Center increased patient visits with 1,537 more visits than in 2014.

The tradeoff for fewer meetings during the week is once per quarter, we will have all-day staff meeting away from the clinic. The clinic will be closed that day. We will conduct required staff trainings, such as HIPAA, infection and safety control, etc.

This also will be a time for staff to discuss issues and seek resolutions as a team.

Electronic records

We have been focusing efforts toward enhancing the electronic health records process.

The first two goals I gave the staff when I started were to implement the scanning process and the electronic

referral package. This was accomplished during the past year. We are now able to move forward with phasing out paper charts.

Formulary implemented

Another area of concern was the high cost of pharmaceuticals. When I arrived, there wasn't a formulary being utilized for prescribing medications.

Without a formulary, a provider can write for all of the name brands, which are quite expensive compared to other brands.

To contain costs, we implemented a formulary and cut back on expensive name-brand drugs.

Also, we do not pay for over-the-counter medications yet local pharmacies were putting them in patient bags and billing the Wellness Center.

We changed the way we order patient medications. To contain costs, we have to set financial boundaries.

This resulted in \$260,000 savings in pharmacy costs.

In-house lab, pharmacy

Two exciting additions the Health Board supported and the Business Committee has approved are to implement an in-house laboratory and a pharmacy.

We recently hired a laboratory technician who also will serve as a computer applications coordinator to enhance and maintain the medical part of the electronic health records.

With the in-house lab, we will have machines to spin blood tests at the clinic and get quick results. This will eliminate the need for an emergency room visit.

The new lab tech started June 6, and we are working to have the lab up and running.

The pharmacy process will take a little longer. I have been working with Indian Health Service to obtain approval to add a pharmacy to the Chehalis Tribe's funding agreement and obtain access to use the Government Prime Vendor account to purchase medications at a reduced price.

As soon as I have these approvals, we will start the process by hiring a pharmacist and a pharmacy technician. My hope would be there is a Chehalis tribal member interested in becoming a pharmacy tech and train into the position. Please contact me at the Wellness Center if you have any questions. We will use an advertisement and application process.

Narcotics check

Narcotic prescribing continues to be an issue and is not limited to the Chehalis Tribe. This is a global concern. I am pleased with the low amount of narcotics prescribed out of the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center. As DEA rules and laws change, providers have to get tighter with their prescribing practices.

Patients are required to

submit to regular/random urinalysis if they are on long-term narcotics. This is not to single anyone out.

It is important to check your liver and kidney functions on a regular basis, and it also will ensure narcotics are taken as prescribed. It is easy to take more than prescribed when you are hurting, but it is our provider's job to ensure your health and safety.

Future goals

Another area we are working on is to become accredited with the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, which is an organization that holds health care facilities to specific standards and inspects our delivery of health care. Our goal is to pass accreditation in spring 2017.

I also want to start an urgent care clinic for after hours and weekends. The laboratory and pharmacy will be instrumental in this process.

Another interest I have is a wing to provide wellness care, where we see you for health prevention or nontraditional medicine such as acupuncture, herbs, cultural medicines, etc.

I am pleased with the support I have received from the Health Board, Business Committee and General Managers to bring these two beneficial programs to the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center.

Please feel free to stop and see me any time at the center to discuss your ideas or concerns.

There is a lot of potential growth for the health care services provided on the Chehalis Reservation, and I am always open to suggestions.

Again, I am honored to serve as the Health Director for the Chehalis Tribe.



in brief



Cedar Bow classes

If you'd like your Northwest Native American Basketweavers Association registration fee paid for, you must participate in the Cedar Bow classes provided by the Heritage and Culture program leading up to the conference. You also must make a minimum of 10 bows for the conference.

Contact Philip Youckton at 360-709-1752 at least 24 hours in advance of when you want to take the class. Classes are offered Tuesday through Thursday until 6 p.m. The NNABA conference will be at Great Wolf Lodge on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

Gathering permits

Ready to start harvesting cedar bark? The Chehalis Tribe Heritage and Culture Program has gathering permits available! If you plan to collect cedar bark, make sure to get a permit. There are a few guidelines to follow that will be discussed when you receive your permit.

Contact Heritage Coordinator Lynn Hoheisel at 360-709-1784 or Community Services Manager Joyleen McCrory at 360-709-1573.

Get feet checked

Podiatrist Deborah Behre will be at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness



Center from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. July 19 and Aug. 24. To schedule an appointment, call 360-273-5504 and ask to speak to Outreach Specialist Gloria Jones or Pat Ordine.

Save the date: Summer Outreach Parade

The Summer Outreach Parade will begin at 10 a.m. Aug. 12 at Howanut Road and end at the Tribal

Center. Participants will enjoy food, vendors and fun! Contact Orinda Goddard or Ericka Pickernell at the Vocation Rehabilitation office. You also may send an email to ogoddard@chehalis-tribe.org or epickernell@chehalis-tribe.org.

Share your thoughts

Here's your chance to give feedback on the community-driven Chehalis Tribal Community Health Assessment recommendations at 5 p.m. July 28 in the Chehalis Tribal Community Center Gathering Room.

Dinner will be provided.

"We feel it is essential that this plan continues to be informed by you, the community. Therefore, we would like tribal members to review the recommendations and offer any suggestions or ideas for programs to improve the health of our community. These recommendations will go into the plan and will be what the tribe will use to guide future planning and help guide future grant funding applications."

Contact Jenee Burnett with the Chehalis Tribal Planning Department at 360-709-1620.

Health fair

The Chehalis Tribal Health Fair runs from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Chehalis Tribal Community Center gym. Everyone is welcome to attend! The event will feature vendors from tribal and state programs, lunch at noon and a lot of information.

For more information, contact Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center Community Wellness Manager Christina Hicks at 360-709-1741 or email chicks@chehalis-tribe.org.

USDA Food Program

If you'd like to sign up for the USDA Food Program, call the South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency Food Distribution Warehouse at 360-438-4216 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Our staff will be happy to assist you in applying for the program.

Distribution dates are June 27 and July 26. Pickup is at the Chehalis Tribal Community Center from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Practice a safe Fourth

Fireworks are an exciting and fun way to celebrate our nation's freedom, but they can be harmful or even deadly if not used properly.

There are more than 10,000 injuries every year with more than 65 percent of those occurring during the month of July.

More than half of the injuries are to hands, fingers and eyes.

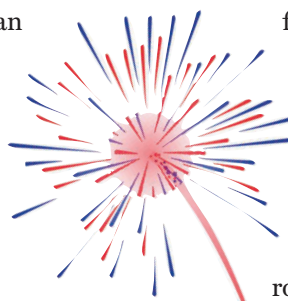
The most common fireworks that cause injury are firecrackers, bottle rockets, Roman candles, fountains and sparklers.

Remember to make smart decisions when using fireworks.

If someone you know is hurt or injured from fireworks, call 911 immediately.

Here are some useful tips for fireworks and fire safety during fire season:

- Use fireworks outdoors only on flat, well-cleared areas.
- Always have water or a bucket of water on hand.
- Never use homemade



fireworks of illegal explosives. They can seriously hurt or kill you!

■ Kids should never play with fireworks, especially firecrackers and rockets.

■ Alcohol and fireworks do not mix.

Have a "designated lighter."

■ Steer clear of others. Fireworks have been known to backfire and shoot off in the wrong direction.

■ Never throw or point fireworks at someone even joking around.

■ Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait several minutes and soak it in a bucket of water.

■ Only use fireworks outside.

■ Keep sparklers outside and away from your face, clothing and hair. Sparklers can reach 1,800 degrees F – hot enough to melt gold!

■ Obey local laws. If they are not legal where you live, do not use them.

■ Brace all aerial cakes to avoid tipping.

Be safe, enjoy friends and family and have a wonderful Fourth of July!



Oakville Parade

SATURDAY, JULY 2

**SEEKING PARTICIPANTS/VENDORS
FOR OAKVILLE'S INDEPENDENCE DAY
PARADE AND CELEBRATION**

Entry forms are available at Oakville
Umpqua Bank or at the city of Oakville
website, oakvillecityhall.com.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CALL 360-347-0100.**

FAMILY

Another year comes to an end

Wishing you a great summer vacation

Summer is upon us, which means we have reached the end of the school year for Head Start. This year, classes ended May 16 while Early Head Start classes continue until July 6.

Fishing Day

On May 13, we invited all of our parents and families to enjoy a morning of fishing hosted by the Chehalis Tribal Fisheries Department. Also included was an afternoon picnic at the Chehalis Tribal Community Center Playground with a barbecue lunch donated by Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel.

We had a great time and loved seeing how much fun everyone had catching fish together!

Head Start graduation

The Chehalis Tribal Head Start Class of 2016 graduated May 17 and celebrated at



Families fish at Chehalis Tribal Fisheries Department on May 13.

Great Wolf Lodge. Lucky Eagle donated and delivered a wonderful meal for graduates and their families. Parents set everything up and held many fundraisers to be able to host such a memorable event.

We will miss all the children that graduated, but we know they are going to be awesome kindergarten students!

Enrollment applications

Early Learning is accepting applications for the 2016-17 school year. Our program serves children from age 6 weeks to 5 years in a classroom setting, and our home-based program serves expecting mothers and children from birth to age 3. If you are

interested in having your child considered for a slot in one of our programs, please pick up an application packet and return it with all of the necessary documentation.

For more information, contact Mary Sanders at msanders@chehalistribe.org or 360-273-5514, ext. 1629.

Father's Day Luncheon

It's time to celebrate all of the important men in our children's lives.

Early Learning's EHS & Child Care program will host games, family fun and a barbecue Father's Day Luncheon for our Early Learning Center families from 11 a.m.-noon June 17 at Building 2.

For questions, please contact your child's teacher or call our center at 360-273-5514.

Have a terrific summer vacation from all of us at Chehalis Tribal Early Learning. We hope to see you again when school starts next fall!



2016 HEAD START GRADUATING CLASS – Front row from left: Madison Alleman, Rebecca Youckton-Legg, Kaiden Delgado, Vincent Sanchez, Julianna Charles, Aiden Secena Sanders, Joseph Delamater, Raven Blackwell, Hero Born. Middle row from left: teacher Amanda Jennings, Noah Snell, Jace Ristvet, Libby Penn, Taryn Baker, Frankie Brown, Taylor Pettit, Lakota Blackwell, Sawyer

Terry, Konner Klatush, Dawson Slighte and teacher Sharon Kuneki. Back row from left: teacher Mireya Arellano, teacher Marilynn Ybarra, Zuriyah Filitaula, Zane Edwards, Joel Pease, Lykaios Bracero-Rosbaugh, Tyler Norenso, Tyson Canales, Dallas Youckton, Forrest Kenney, Dreama Secena-Ferguson, teacher Sara Ziady and director Mary DuPuis.



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

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Helping protect our children

Advocate for Indian families attends national conference

Chehalis tribal member Yvonne Peterson attended the National Indian Child Welfare Association's 34th annual National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect in April in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

For the second year in a row, the conference drew more than 1,000 participants from all over the United States and Canada as well as representatives from state, federal, foundation and private social services agencies and funders.

Organized in 1982 and headquartered in Portland, Oregon, NICWA is a national advocacy organization for Indian children and families as well as a source of legal and social services information on implementation and protection of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

Donating her time as a volunteer, Yvonne served on the local planning committee for the conference last year in Portland, Oregon, assists with fundraising planning and events at the conference and conducts workshops at the conference and for NICWA staff.

This year, the annual "paddle raise" fundraiser she helped initiate raised about \$20,000 at the conference banquet.

About the issues facing Indian families, Yvonne said: "Most Indian families, including my own, have had experiences with state social service systems that have separated children from their families, extended families and tribes. In too many cases, the families are never reunited. The



Yvonne Peterson conducts Coyote Cast of Characters, a conference workshop that focused on participants' first drink of alcohol.

MORE INFORMATION

Contact Yvonne Peterson at 360-490-9659
or Lauren Shapiro at 503-222-4044.

Indian Child Welfare Act gives tribes and families the ability to keep their families together and, hopefully, reunite children and families who were removed before the act was passed. The money we raise enables NICWA to team with other organizations such as the National Congress of American Indians, the Native American Rights Fund, The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, other Indian organizations and the ICWA Appellate Project at Michigan State University College of Law, to resist ongoing efforts to undermine the Act and Tribal Sovereignty."

Memories made at movie night

Families gathered to enjoy the film "Father Hood" during dinner and a movie night May 11 in the Chehalis Tribal Community Center Gathering Room.

Events Coordinator Phillip Youckton and Heritage and Culture program staff hosted the event.

A simple dinner of pizza, salad and vegetables was served. After the blessing of the food, families sat down and visited as they anticipated the evening movie.

Later, desert and popcorn made the night even sweeter. Afterward, a raffle was held for everyone that signed up. It was a great time, and the air-conditioned room offered an awesome atmosphere to avoid the heat.

Dinner and a Movie Night is 5-7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month.



Dinner and a movie night featuring the film "Father Hood" kept all ages entertained and bellies full on May 11.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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Eric Beckwith
Mario Robles
Caiden Starr

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Payton Albert
Roberta Combs

3

Billy Uden

4

Suzanne Ortivez
Nikki Sanders

5

Zach Baker
Leroy Boyd

6

Allen Andrews
Tyson Hoheisel
Michael LeClaire
Dustin Sanchez
Vincent Sanchez

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Tyler Beckwith
Donna Waypetemahquah
Choke
Loyala Davis
David Dupuis
Lee Starr, Sr.
Winona Youckton

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June Jones
Emily Pickernell

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Jeffrey Klatush
Bryce Reynolds
Blaze Sanchez
Duane Williams, Jr.

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Malena Canales



EMILY PICKERNELL: Happy 13th birthday Emily. Love Dad, Mom and Piggy!

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Paul Klatush
Lindsey Shadle

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Leona Clary

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Jeremy Klatush
Rachael Mendez
Levi Sanchez, Jr.
Rick Sanchez, Jr.



STACY YOUCKTON. Happy birthday from Pam, Courtney, Conner, LJ and family.

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Keziah-Maray Gleason

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Warren Beckwith
Charles Blacketer
Latisha Boyd
Susan Sanchez
Brendon Torres
Raquel Wellman
Cael Youckton

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Marilyn Johnson

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Adam Lower
Anthony Youckton
Stacy Youckton

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Beverly Bishop
Kaylena Delgado
Sonya Sherman
Cheryl Stein

More wishes

JUNE "TINY" JONES: Happy birthday to our Great Gramma Tiny! We love you.

BRYCE DEWIN JACOB REYNOLDS: Happy birthday! We love you!

RICHIE DELGADO: Happy wedding anniversary to my husband. I love you with all my heart! – Erin

ROBERTA COMBS: Happy birthday from your family.

LOYALA JEAN KATHLEEN DAVIS: Happy birthday to one of many princesses in my life!

JEREMY WILLIAM KLATUSH: Happy birthday to my one and only son. Mom loves you very much!



KAYLENA DELGADO: Happy birthday Kaylena! We love you so much! Love Mom, Dad, Bubby and Kaiden.

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Jeannette Boyd
Jordan Hutchinson-Albert
Erica Esselstrom
Tanner McCloud
Joshua Phillips

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Robert Dupuy
Aaron Myer
Heather Youckton

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Soryn Davidson
Janet Sanchez

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Rena Hernandez-Klatush

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Brian Benda
Janessa Bumgarner
Filiberto Sanchez

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Elaine Myer
Brooke Stein



JORDAN HUTCHINSON-ALBERT: Happy birthday to our beautiful Jordan. The 24th is a day that makes us appreciate the ones we love. Always know we are here for you! Love you always, Gramma Joyleen, Uncle Eli, Uncle Kevin, Vernon and all your little cousins.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Madoleen Goddard

Rochester Primary Second grade

Madoleen Goddard is in second grade at Rochester Primary. She is the daughter of Orinda Goddard and Joe Boyd. She loves her whole family; her favorite person is her uncle Chops.

Madoleen enjoys math and reading and solving problems by herself. Her favorite stories are "Bear Man," a Native American Indian folk tale, and a book on how girls couldn't play baseball.

She feels she is a successful student because of her perseverance and respect



for her teacher. Her advice for other students is to pay attention to the teacher so they are ready for third grade and listen to learn a lot about science and history.

Outside of school, Madoleen enjoys playing on her baseball team the Astros.

After she graduates from high school, Madoleen wants to go to the Husky school (University of Washington) or college in Oregon – but mainly the Husky school because it is her favorite team as well as her mommy's.

Madoleen wants to become a doctor

and work at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center because they get to use special equipment and supplies. She plans to get a house close to college, then move back home. After she has worked at the clinic for a while and saved money, she will go to college in Oregon to become a surgeon.

Madoleen says if she was chairman of the Chehalis Tribe, she would make more baseball teams for the kids on the reservation to play, build a hospital to make sure if someone gets hurt they don't have to travel all the way to Centralia or Olympia and bring in a Wal-Mart or Safeway so people don't have to drive too far to get food and things they need.

Jeremiah Baker

Rochester Middle School Sixth grade

Jeremiah Baker, a sixth-grade student at Rochester Middle School, is holding a 3.11 GPA. He is the son of Talisa and Russ Baker.

Jeremiah enjoys hanging out with his family, even his siblings. He likes physical education because he gets to do different sports and run around.

Jeremiah says he is a successful student because he is always learning new things. His advice for other students is to do your work and turn it in on time.



He enjoys basketball and playing outside.

When Jeremiah graduates from high school, he wants to go to college to play baseball. He would like to attend Washington State

University and major in math. After attending college, he wants to come back to our community and make bigger baseball fields.

If Jeremiah was chairman of the Chehalis Tribe, he would make it a better place for us to live by not letting people litter.



Higher education opportunities

For young students first entering higher education, picking a degree and career to pursue is a daunting and complex challenge. A degree in medical assisting presents an even greater challenge because of the number of specializations and certifications available.

To help students find their way, the Center for Online Education has created a medical assistant degree and career guide to help answer tough questions such as:

- Which degree should I get?
- How should I specialize in medical assisting?
- How long will it take?
- How much will it cost?

For more information, go to onlinecolleges.net/degrees/medical-assistant or call 202-367-9383.

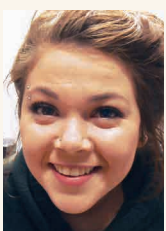
Grants available

Interested in attending college after graduation but struggling to find the funding? There is hope! Check out cobellscholar.org and apply. There are qualifications and guidelines to follow. Your future career is awaiting you!

Faith Hoheisel

River Ridge High School Eleventh grade

Faith Hoheisel is in the 11th grade at River Ridge High School. She has a 3.6 GPA and is the daughter of Jacob Hoheisel and Kristy McIntry.



Faith likes going on adventures with her family. She also appreciates having the chance to meet new people in school and enjoys the various class options.

She says perseverance is key to her success in school. "Always try your best and never give up," Faith says.

Faith also is involved with Skills USA for Automotive.

When she graduates from high

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FAITH HOHEISEL, WHAT SHE WOULD DO IF SHE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE CHEHALIS TRIBE

school, Faith wants to be a social worker and help children. She plans to attend Gonzaga University or Washington State University to study psychology.

Faith wants to give back to her community through education and hands-on work with the youth.

If Faith was chairman of the Chehalis Tribe, she says: "I would be involved with the youth and let them go and experience new and exciting things and activities."



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE:

The Chehalis Braves landed first in the men's hardball tournament, Fire and Ice were No. 1 in women's slow pitch softball and Hot Dogs & Tacos came out on top in co-ed slow pitch softball during the Tribal Days Memorial Baseball Tournament Weekend.



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Men's hardball tournament

- 1st: Chehalis Braves
- 2nd: Little Boston
- 3rd: NDN'z
- 4th: Rebels

Women's slow pitch softball:

- 1st: Fire and Ice
- 2nd: Come Back With Attitude
- 3rd: Skokomish
- 4th: Cal-Horz

Co-ed slow pitch softball:

- 1st place: Hot Dogs & Tacos
- 2nd place: Skokomish
- 3rd place: Lucky Eagle
- 4th place: Tomanamus

SPECIAL AWARDS

Men's hardball

- MVP: Martin Brown (Chehalis Braves)
- Best Bat: Sonny Youckton (Chehalis Braves)
- Best Glove: Kyle (Little Boston)
- Best Catcher: Gary Ortivez III (Chehalis Braves)

Women's softball

- MVP: Tillie (Fire and Ice)
- Best Bat: Chubz (Fire and Ice)
- Best Pitcher: Vickie (Come Back With Attitude)

Co-ed softball

- MVP (men): Javi (Hot Dogs & Tacos)
- MVP (women): Jo (Hot Dogs & Tacos)
- Best Glove: Jen (Skokomish)
- Best Bat: Ollie (Hot Dogs & Tacos)

WEEKEND

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in bleachers and chairs to watch the high-energy games. It was a grand slam weekend of baseball.

Tournament directors were busy as they scheduled games and made sure they were played in a timely manner. Directors made themselves available to answer questions and clarify protests or official rules.

It is normal during the first tournament of the season for the weather to be a little unpredictable. It was overcast most of the tournament with some showers Saturday.

Once folks worked up an appetite, they sought out a variety of treats offered by food vendors in different areas of the tribal complex. Mmmm, an assortment of delicious aromas filled the air. Long lines proved a challenging wait for the hungry.

Other vendors displayed their

talent with clothing, native crafts and an assortment of goodies for sale. It's always more fun when you can take a souvenir home to commemorate the weekend.

The weekend was the perfect time to visit with good friends and family. You could hear voices ringing across the field as they sat together rooting for their family or team.

The baseball teams played at a highly competitive level as players were determined to bring home the championship jackets. It was a spirited and good-natured competition between teams, and they left it all on the field.

Salmon, clams, oysters

The Chehalis tribal fish pit offered salmon, clam and oyster plates Saturday and Sunday during the tournament. The lines were long, and many awaited a fresh spring Chinook plate with potato/macaroni salad, baked beans and Ritz

crackers. The steamer clam plates went fast. If folks didn't get there early enough, they missed out on this delicious treat. The oyster plates didn't last very long either. The lucky ones purchased orders and walked away with smiling faces anticipating a delightful dish.

Youth activities

Youth Center Director Tony Medina made sure to keep children busy with exciting activities and prizes. The loud siren echoed across the tribal complex to signal all the kids that the games were about to begin. Children were seen running toward the basketball court to participate in the fun. Winners were able to pick out an assortment of goodies from the wagon. Everyone came out a winner because they had a blast!

Thank you

Our tournament directors, umpires, announcers and

scorekeepers did an outstanding job. Their hard work, dedication and continued support create a well-run and successful event!

Thanks for everyone who traveled here to participate in the 2016 Tribal Days Memorial Baseball Tournament.

We pray everyone got home safely and hope to see you next year!

Chehalis Tribal Days royalty selected

Youngsters shine during pageant

A huge audience came out to see the Youth Center-sponsored Chehalis Tribal Days Pageant on May 25. The large crowd required more tables than usual to accommodate everyone. Youth Center Director Tony Medina announced there was a new development – the addition of a Mr. Chehalis Tribal Days category to the selection.

After the blessing of the food, Elders were invited to be served first. While in line waiting to get their dinner, some of the children were heard excitedly talking about their presentations.

Tribal Elders were there to vote on whom should represent the Chehalis Tribe at



future events. Several children submitted to be participants for this year's royalty selection. Presentations were well thought out. Older kids put their best foot forward and took the time to write speeches

on why they should be selected as the 2016 Chehalis Tribal Royalty. The younger ones were cute, and some were very bashful. It was a great evening watching the children shine as they gave their presentations.

2016 CHEHALIS TRIBAL ROYALTY – Back row from left: Mr. Chehalis Tristan Smith, Miss Chehalis Tribal Days Mia Ortiz, Little Miss Chehalis Riley Smith, Junior Miss Chehalis Taylena Klatush, Youth Center Director Tony Medina. Front row from left: Little Mr. Chehalis Tyson Canales, Head Start Mr. Chehalis Quinten Canales, Head Start Miss Chehalis Jude Ortiz and Junior Mr. Chehalis Michah McNair.

CATEGORIES

Female: Head Start Miss Chehalis, Little Miss Chehalis, Junior Miss Chehalis and Miss Chehalis Tribal Days

Male: Head Start Mr. Chehalis, Little Mr. Chehalis, Junior Mr. Chehalis and Mr. Chehalis

Green thumbs unite at Garden Party

Community coaxes out nature's bounty

The Chehalis Tribe held its first Garden Party at the Community Center garden May 12. It was a fun-filled day of cultivating and getting dirty in the soil. The event involved many different programs – the SDPI, Vocation Rehabilitation Program, Behavioral Health, Youth Center and the Chehalis community.

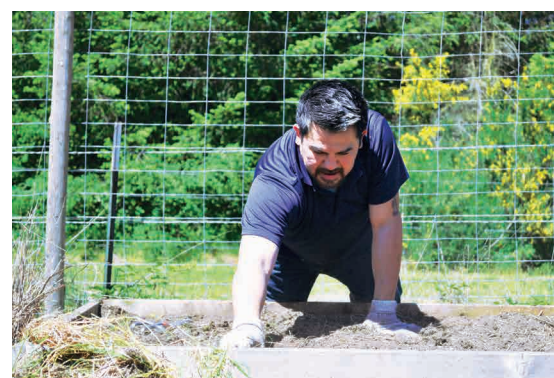
The raised garden beds were weeded and replanted with fruits and vegetables that will be harvested and used for various events. Many volunteers, adults and youth participated, making short work of prepping the garden.

Each worker was offered a pair of gloves and water to stay hydrated in the warm weather. It was the first time some of the volunteers tended the land. They demonstrated they were there to learn and work together to create a well-rounded garden. After all



the starts were tucked away in the ground, plants were given a much-needed drink. It was great!

Afterward, workers re-energized with water, snacks, fruits and vegetables before heading off to their next adventure. It's nice to know the good deed is done and everyone can look forward to munching on fresh, healthy food in the near future.



Workers weed and replant raised beds at the Chehalis Community Center garden May 12.

Salmon feast a time of renewal

Ceremony celebrates sacred fish, traditions

The Salmon Ceremony is very special day for the Chehalis Tribe. The annual event was held May 6 at the fish pit behind the Department of Natural Resources building. Honoring the salmon people has been recognized for many generations by the tribe. The celebration is a thank you to ancestors so that they are not forgotten.

The Fisheries Committee selected fishers to harvest fish for this ceremony. One of the challenges is that it's never certain when the salmon are going to show up. A target goal was set, and there were enough fish caught early in the week to announce a date for the ceremony. It was short notice, and oral traditional methods were used to spread the word.

Early in the morning, people met at the Chehalis Tribal Fish House and traveled to a selected place at the river. The first fish was kept separate for the ceremony. For some, this is the first time they have participated in the ceremony. It takes your breath away to be a part of or just to witness the beautiful and honorable way the Chehalis Tribe honors our salmon people.

The celebration

A simple way to pay respect to the salmon people was the making of gifts for those who came to the celebration. The Heritage and Culture Program provided awesome presents to be handed out at the feast. Witnesses received pillows, handmade leather pouches, key chains, carved paddle necklaces and other necklaces.

The ceremony opened with a prayer given by Roberta Secena. In our Chehalis tradition, elders were invited to be served first. The lines were long, but many agreed it was worth the wait.

Tribal Elder Mel Youckton was invited to speak about the current meeting with the state. He gave an



The Chehalis tribal community gathers to honor the salmon people, share stories and enjoy food during the traditional Salmon Ceremony.

update on the Satsop and Wynochee watershed. Another tribe requested to fish on the tributaries. The Chehalis Tribe and Quinault Nation combined to speak against this idea.

The issue isn't about sharing; traditionally, the number of fish can't support another tribe. Plus the Chehalis Tribe can only fish in our traditional areas within the boundaries of the Chehalis Reservation. It is not final, but after the review period, we hope to not have upstream effects of overfishing.

Glenda Delamater explained about the ceremony at the river. It is done in the morning with tribal people and witnesses the sharing of the salmon people with the Chehalis people. Glenda also discussed the traditional ways of gathering camas and eels.

The spring Chinook was cooked in the traditional Chehalis style. Along with the salmon were oysters, eels and camas that were provided to the community. People volunteered to cook in the kitchen, providing a feast to be remembered for years to come. Thank you to those who dedicated their time.

We look forward to next year!



Tribal Elder Mel Youckton (left), with Chairman Don Secena, gives attendees an update on the Satsop and Wynochee watershed meeting.