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Teaching traditions

Educational powwow encourages participation

Powwows are an important part of our rich heritage. They bring people together to dance, drum, sing and visit as well as renew friendships and create new ones.

The Heritage & Culture Program invited Gary Smith Jr. and his drum and dance group from the Yakama Nation to introduce the powwow culture to our community Aug. 17. This was something new this year. It wasn't a real powwow,

but rather an educational experience for those who aren't familiar with the traditions behind a powwow.

The sound of the drums and singers echoed all around the Legends Field complex. It also was a chance to encourage the young to become

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Drummers and dancers perform during a powwow primer at the Legends Field complex on Aug. 17.



Vocational Rehabilitation Parade is a big success

Chehalis tribal departments reach out to community

The third annual Vocational Rehabilitation Outreach Parade was held Aug. 12 on Anderson Road/Howanut Road. It was a sunny day, unlike last year's thunderstorm. Train whistles, laughter and music

could be heard from the floats and crowd.

The parade was established to show off our tribal departments to the community. We would like to say thank you to all of the departments

that participated. They did a great job designing floats and making sure everyone was involved. This event would not be such a success

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The 2016 summer youth workers were assigned to different programs within the tribe. The experience prepared them for choosing a career after high school. Top row (from left): Chavez Secena, Roberta Youckton, Kelsey Bray, Elijah Quilt, Sam Starr-Wright, Jaceb Hoyle, Nate Boyd, Cameron Snell and Kamryn Couillard. Middle row: Shyann Ortiz, Kenedy Adams, Farley Youckton II, Jasmine Klatush, Mya Ortiz, Kirsten Secena, Grace Quilt and Chayse Bonifer. Front row: Savanna Bird and Cole Fulton.

Youth workers gain valuable career skills

Program lets students experience work world

Contributed by Farley Youckton II, Summer Youth Worker

The summer youth program provides a great start for young adults. It's a time for them to learn how to drive, get a license and experience having a job.

It offers an idea of how to land and maintain a job as an adult. Youth workers had to

make their own decisions and be as responsible as an adult. This included waking up and being at work on time and behaving responsibly.

Like most jobs, certain skills were required to get the training for the career they wish to pursue. One important thing the youth program showed participants was how to create a resume. This skill will help them find employment in the future. Without this, it will

make it difficult to land a job.

The program showed the importance of having a resume and how much it can help.

Youth also had to take classes before starting their jobs. This enabled them to get a food handler permit and to become certified in CPR. Some had to have more training depending on which program they chose work with. For example, the Department of Natural Resources required an online

test to get a boater permit.

Operating a boat was necessary for youth workers to be able to perform and complete some of their assignments.

This year's youth program included 19 workers hired for the summer to intern with various tribal programs. They learned skills that can help them all in the future. Hopefully, they can return the favor by using their new skills to enhance tribal programs.

WSDOT asks for thoughts on intersection plans

The Chehalis Tribal Transportation Planning Department hosted an open house Aug. 4 to unveil the state's possible improvement plans for the intersections of Moon Road, Anderson Road and Highway 12.

Many local community members from Rochester and Oakville were in attendance. Project Engineer John Romero of the Washington State Department of Transportation's Aberdeen Project Office said, "WSDOT was pleased with the turnout at the open house and to hear from the public their comments about the conceptual designs at Anderson Road and Moon Road. Since the open house, we have been reviewing

and evaluating the comments received so far and are taking the public's comments into consideration as we continue analyzing all alternatives."

WSDOT had many representatives on hand to answer concerns based on the displayed conceptual boards made available to attendees.

Guests were asked to fill out a survey to assist WSDOT in answering community questions.

The surveys will be reviewed and answers will be made available to the public. These will be viewable on the WSDOT website at wsdot.wa.gov/projects/us12/andersontomoonrdsafety.

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Kids build confidence at Bike Rodeo

Children instructed on how to become better bicyclists

Contributed by Mike McNair, Community Resource Officer

Chehalis Tribal Law Enforcement sponsored a Bike Rodeo on Aug. 17 with a safety course established by police vehicles in the Community Center's driveway.

Participants were encouraged to sign in for a chance to win a bike and helmet donated by tribal departments.

The safety course emphasized bike safety and general maneuvers. It gave kids the opportunity to become better bicyclists while avoiding typical crashes. The event assisted all levels of bicyclists, from beginning to advanced riders.

Children selected a bicycle and were escorted and encouraged through the course with assistance from public safety officers and Chehalis tribal



youth workers. If a child had difficulty with a particular part of the lesson, they were given tips on how to improve and instructed to keep practicing.

With determination, the children wanted to gain their freedom on a bicycle and most importantly to learn,

practice and demonstrate their bicycle handling skills in a fun, safe and noncompetitive atmosphere.

After the parents and their child signed in, they received a raffle ticket to qualify for the bike and helmet drawing.

When the rodeo was finished,

winners were announced and they claimed their prize. Some of the children were seen riding home. Wow, the kids were thrilled to win a new bike, which reflected on their smiling faces!

Congratulations to all of the bicycle winners and everyone for learning how to be safe riders.

Community Resource Officer Mike McNair hands Shayna McCloud a pamphlet that encourages kids to use hand signals while operating a bike.

BIG THANKS

The Chehalis Tribal Police Department would like to say thank you to the departments that donated a bike and helmet, and the youth workers who helped to make this event a success.

All dressed up for pet fair

Contributed by Animal Control Officer Brennan Stoelb

I am excited to announce that there will be a Pet Resource Fair on Oct. 22 at the Community Center.

Informational booths from area animal organizations, free food and prizes for costume contests for you and your pets will be provided.

Good Neighbor Vet will be at the fair from 10 a.m.-noon for vaccinations. The first 40 pets to be signed up will receive free rabies vaccinations, so come early! After pets are vaccinated, they will get a Chehalis Tribal pet license for free.

A few key things about the fair and clinic:

- The clinic is open to pets that reside within the Chehalis Reservation boundaries.

- All pets must be on a leash at the fair and clinic.

- The first 40 pets to be signed up will receive a free rabies vaccination, which is typically good for one year. If your pet has been vaccinated within the past year, they are not eligible. If you are unsure when your pet was last vaccinated for rabies or if you have other health concerns, ask at the clinic.

- Good Neighbor Vet is a low-cost service and has additional vaccinations at the clinic, including parvo. Good Neighbor Vet also has other pet health items, such as flea/tick medication and micro chipping. Additional services are available for a reduced fee.

- Win prizes for Best Cat Costume, Best Dog Costume and Best Person Costume.

So dress yourself and your pet in your best Halloween costumes and head over to the fair!

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HEALTH/FITNESS

Innovative jail program honored

Offender re-entry work recognized for positively addressing inmates' mental, behavioral health

The National Criminal Justice Association is proud to honor the Chehalis Tribal Jail's Offender Re-entry Program with its Outstanding Criminal Justice Program Tribal Award. Inmates receive vital mental and behavioral health services through the program.

The award was presented at the National Forum on Criminal Justice on Aug. 9 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation established the Offender Re-entry Program in 2013 under Tsapowum Chehalis Tribal Behavioral Health Services.

The goal was to bring on an offender re-entry manager to conduct chemical dependency assessments and weekly outpatient treatment for inmates at the jail.

Services include mental health and chemical dependency counseling, domestic violence perpetrator treatment, financial literacy classes, life skills classes and getting benefits and treatment beds for inmates who want inpatient substance



The Chehalis Tribal Jail's Offender Re-entry Program was recognized for its work improving inmates' lives.

INFORMATION

For more about the National Criminal Justice Association, go to ncja.org.

To learn about the NCJA Outstanding Criminal Justice Program Awards and to see previous winners, go to ncja.org/outstanding-criminal-justice-program-awards.

abuse treatment. The re-entry program promotes better life choices and helps reduce recidivism.

Since 2013, Chehalis Tribal Probation Services reports a

25 percent drop in recidivism between 2014-15 among individuals who actively participated in program services.

In addition, data on Chehalis Tribal members who went to residential treatment show that none have returned to jail on their original charges after treatment.

The NCJA Outstanding Criminal Justice Program Awards are given out annually to five criminal justice programs for providing effective services to address crime-related issues in their communities. The winning programs are

innovative and can document concrete results. Programs are evaluated on the following dimensions:

- Address an important criminal justice issue.
- Demonstrate collaboration among criminal justice and allied agencies and disciplines.
- Provide quantitative evidence of accomplishing program goals.
- Is a good example of using federal funds to initiate the program that is subsequently supported through state and local funds or is self-sustaining.
- Can be easily replicated in other jurisdictions.

Don't believe the hype – flossing does work

Contributed by the Chehalis Tribal Dental Clinic

Recently, news outlets announced that "there is no scientific evidence that flossing is beneficial."

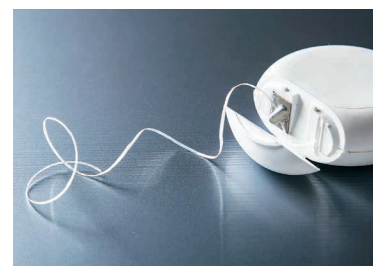
As a dental professional, I can tell you without a shadow of a doubt, it works. Not cleaning in-between the teeth is the same as not brushing the smooth outer surfaces.

Millions of bacteria live in our mouth; they eat the food that we eat, they spill acid (bacteria poop) onto our teeth. This acid eats away at our hard enamel layer. If left undisturbed, these bacteria eat a hole into the tooth that is a cavity. Bacteria living in between teeth also can cause periodontal disease, which attacks the bone that supports teeth. Without good

bone support, teeth can become mobile and eventually might need to be removed.

Flossing removes bacteria, thereby decreasing the chance of cavities developing and periodontal disease.

It doesn't take a scientific study to know that toilet paper works, and it doesn't take a scientific study to know that dental floss works too.



Flossing helps remove bacteria that can cause cavities and bone loss.



The Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center encourages all diabetic patients to visit the clinic for labs, exams and useful information.

Diabetes wellness clinics

The Special Diabetes Program for Indians has been offering diabetes wellness clinics on a monthly basis. SDPI will focus solely on the care of the diabetic patient from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 21 and Oct. 19 at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center.

We will have healthy snacks, diabetes information and a diabetes meter exchange if you need a new one.

Patients will:

- Have labs done and get vitals taken.
- See their health care provider and the registered dietician.
- Renew dilated diabetes eye exams, foot exams, dental exams, immunizations and medications.

SIGN UP

To schedule an appointment, call Pat Odiorne at 360-709-1884 or the clinic front desk at 360-273-5504.

These are all things that should be done on an annual basis to keep you healthy! Self-care is very important.

If you are diabetic and have not been seen for your regular diabetes care, we want to see you.

All diabetic patients who schedule an appointment and complete all screenings during their visit will receive a special gift.

Learn how to decipher why your baby is crying

Because they can't talk, babies must cry to get their needs met. The average 6-week-old infant cries for about two hours per day. Babies cry less often as they get older.

They are hard to understand at first, but it gets easier!

Be a detective to figure out what your baby wants to tell you.

Here are some ideas:

Babies will do many things to tell you they are hungry. Sometimes they cry, but not always.

If babies are crying but not doing other things that mean they are hungry, look for something else to make the baby feel more comfortable.

When babies are hungry, they:

- Bring their hands to their face
 - Suck on things
 - Flex their arms and legs
 - Root
 - Make sucking motions and noises
 - Make tight fists over their tummies
 - Are awake and alert
- Babies cry for many reasons other than hunger. They might



In the early months of your infant's life, it can be difficult to know exactly what's causing your baby to cry.

LEARN MORE

For additional baby behavior information, contact Women, Infants and Children with the South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency at 360-462-3224.

want something to be different and are:

- Too hot or cold
- Lonely or tired
- Upset by noise, too many people or bright lights
- Uncomfortable with a wet or dirty diaper or clothes that fit too tightly
- Tired of being in the car seat
- Needing a break from activity

in brief

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 helpful information.

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

USDA Food Program

To sign up for the USDA Food Distribution 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.

Chehalis Tribal community members can pick up an application from Deb Shortman at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center.

Distribution dates are Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 22 and Dec. 20. Pickup is at the Chehalis Tribal Community

Center from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Podiatrist visits

Podiatrist Deborah Behre will be at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 11, Nov. 15 and Dec. 13.

To make an appointment, please call 360-273-5504 and ask to speak to Outreach Specialist Gloria Jones, Diabetes Educator Pat Odiorne or Diabetes Nurse Sandra Dickenson.

Womens' wellness

Women can schedule their annual

exams for Oct. 27 at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center. Clinic providers will handle Women Health Exams only from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Assured Imaging also will perform mammograms from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

To schedule your exam and/or mammogram, call the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center at 360-273-5504 or call Community Wellness Manager Christina Hicks at 360-709-1741.

Disclaimer

Information displayed on flyers, in email or on our website calendar is subject to change without notice.

Tribal business license ordinance approved

Changes include lower cost for Native owners and operators, newly defined rules

On Aug. 25, the Chehalis Tribal Business Committee approved the new Business License Ordinance.

The proposal was open for public comment for three months because of summer schedules and brought to the General Council twice for discussion.

The changes go into effect Jan. 1.

The new ordinance reflects a more equal rate with local and other tribal municipalities for businesses that do for-profit business on the reservation.

It features a less-taxing rate for Native businesses, chore workers and businesses that come to the reservation for tribally sponsored events.

Changes to the ordinance also more clearly define what requires a business permit and what does not.

For instance, in the past there has been confusion as to whether a license was needed for yard sales.

Though a business license has never been required for a yard sale, that fact is now stated in the ordinance.

APPLICATIONS

Contact Permit Technician Marla Medina at 360-709-1807 or mmedina@chehalistribe.org. Applications are available at chehalistribe.org, or stop by the office to pick one up.

Also, restrictions and penalties are clearly defined for businesses and the tribal entity conducting transactions with a business that is not licensed.

Starting Jan. 1, annual Chehalis tribal business licenses will no longer be \$25.

■ For most businesses, licenses will increase to \$50 per year. Renewals between Dec. 15 and Jan. 31 of the following year are reduced to \$30.

■ For businesses with documentation showing it is owned and operated by a federally recognized tribe or enrolled member of a tribe, any chore worker and businesses that comes to the reservation for tribally sponsored events (not tied to or benefiting any of the tribal enterprises), the new fee will be \$20.

■ Businesses that are operating without a tribal business license will be fined \$25 per day until the violation is rectified.

6TH ANNUAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WALK

10 A.M. SEPT. 25, COMMUNITY CENTER

- Guest speakers
- Food, refreshments
- Short film featuring community members that were a part of the We R Native Suicide Awareness campaign.

CONTACT: Steven Dorland, 360-709-1652



SAVE THE DATE

The 2016 Intertribal Breast Cancer Awareness Walk is Oct. 15 at the Squaxin Island Community Kitchen
10 A.M. REGISTRATION / 11 A.M. WALK

WIC through SPIPA

Checks to buy food, health education, breastfeeding help, services referral

NEXT DATE: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 6 at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center



WIC SERVICES ELIGIBILITY

- Getting food stamps/basic foods
- Pregnant or have a child under the age of 5
- Dad, grandparent, foster family or other caregiver of children
- Under the age of 5
- On Medicaid or TANF



CONTACT

Debbie Gardipee-Reyes,
360-462-3227
or Patty Suskin,
360-462-3224

For Chehalis:
Debra Shortman,
360-709-1689

Many working families are on WIC. Is your income within the following guidelines?

People in your household	Maximum annual income	Maximum monthly income
2	\$29,471	\$2,456
3	\$37,167	\$3,098
4	\$44,863	\$3,739
5	\$52,559	\$4,380

BURN BAN

BECAUSE OF DRY CONDITIONS, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

- No burning yard debris
- No open flames
- No fireworks allowed

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PARADE

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all of you. And thanks to the Chehalis tribal community for coming out to support the event.

We had 16 floats this year – five more than in the past. We also had 220 participants stay for lunch, a raffle and vendor tables. Thanks to Big T BBQ from Centralia for cooking the lunch, Chehalis Tribal Enterprises/End of the Trail 2 for donating drinks and Lucky Eagle Casino for supplying a dessert of delicious cookies and brownies. Seventeen departments donated more than 40 prizes used for the raffle.

Eight youths participated in the Superhero Costume Contest. They all received a medal provided by the Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program and a Walmart gift card provided by the Chehalis Tribal Youth Center. The contest was held to promote our community's anti-bullying program.

As the event grows, we welcome feedback to make sure it continues to be a success. Thank you again and we look forward to next year's parade!

FROM TOP: Eagles Landing Hotel delighted kids with its Thomas & Friends float at the Vocational Rehabilitation Outreach Parade. The Chehalis Tribal Planning Department brought Alice in Wonderland to life. Accounting staff dressed up in Charlie & the Chocolate Factory outfits.



PARTICIPATING DEPARTMENTS

Tribal Events: Pilot car

Eagles Landing Hotel: Thomas & Friends

Casino Human Resources: 101 Dalmatians

Social Services: Finding Dory

Stamping: Bad Santa

Natural Resources: Bad News Bears

Casino Marketing: Toy Story

Tribal HR: Ghost Busters

Behavioral Health: Harry Potter

Law Enforcement: Avengers

Chehalis Tribal Enterprises: Pirates of the Caribbean

Youth Center: Naked and Afraid

Education: Youth Superheroes

Accounting: Charlie & the Chocolate Factory

Planning: Alice in Wonderland

Head start: Minions

Fisheries: Jaws

Great Wolf Lodge: Wolf Violet

State and Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation: Paparazzi

JUDGES FOR THE PARADE

Teresa Braykovich from Rochester Farmers Insurance, Barbara Churchill and Meja Handlen from Lewis County.

THIS YEAR'S WINNING FLOATS

1st place: Alice in Wonderland (Planning)

2nd place: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Accounting)

3rd place: Thomas & Friends (Eagles Landing Hotel)

Honorable mention: Ghost Busters (Tribal Human Resources)



HERE TO HELP

For more information, please contact Orinda Goddard at 360-709-1735 or ogoddard@chehalistribes.org or Erika Pickernell at 360-709-1572 or epickernell@chehalistribes.org at the Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

Constitution Committee seeks member opinion

Contributed by the Constitution Committee

The Constitution Committee is once again trying to get tribal member involvement in amending our 1973 constitution and bylaws.

Meetings are from noon-1 p.m. every second Tuesday of the month and 5-6 p.m. every fourth Tuesday in the Gathering Room of the Community Center.

The Business Committee has agreed to allow tribal employees the full hour to participate as long as they are at the meeting. Sign-ins will be used to verify attendance.

Why are we conducting meetings?

The tribe finds itself at a difficult and critical crossroad. Being able to govern ourselves well is the best defense of our sovereignty. This means making and enforcing our own laws, defining who we are as a people, what and who we value, where we want to go as a tribe, how we get things done and how we preserve our future as a tribal nation.

The Chehalis Constitution is the document we use to set out all of these important values and goals.

On Oct. 29, 2015, the Chehalis Tribal Court of Appeals issued its decision and order in *Marcellay vs. The Chehalis Tribe*.

The court found that although the tribe had adopted Resolution 2014-025 to define "children" to mean persons under the age of 18 this definition of children conflicted with other tribal code provisions and the intent of the 1973 constitutional amendments.

The court reasoned that if the framers meant to enroll only those younger than 18, then they would have written the amendment to read "minor" children as other code provisions do.

The court's conclusion

"We are compelled to find Resolution 2014-025 is not a reasonable interpretation of the meaning of 'children' as used in Constitution, Article III, Section 1(b). We interpret 'children' as used in Constitution, Article III 1(b) to mean the direct descendants of an enrolled tribal member, regardless of age. While there is no evidence of the tribe's customary or traditional meaning for the word 'children,' the historical context argues for a broader meaning of 'children.' Additionally, this interpretation is consistent with and harmonizes all provisions of the Enrollment Code with the constitution and by adopting the broader definition, we can harmonize the tribe's enrollment code with its constitution giving effect to both. ..."

'We need to take the necessary steps to ensure the Chehalis Tribe not only survives all of our current-day challenges but we need to thrive as a tribe as our ancestors hoped we would.'

"We are cognizant of the unique position in which this panel of the Court of Appeals finds itself.

Courts should defer to the tribe and its legislative and executive body on issues involving enrollment and membership, but not if the result is inconsistent with the tribe's codes or the intent of the constitutional framers.

If the tribe decides to limit enrollment to those who are born after 1973 and under 18 years of age, it has the authority to do so through an amendment to the constitution."

Our tribal court does not define who we are but only tries to interpret our laws and resolve conflicts that come before it by applying our own laws to those conflicts.

What the court is saying here is they heard our arguments and looked at all of our codes, constitution and how we have acted in the past and found that we cannot change the enrollment criteria in the 1973 constitution by changing the interpretation of children in a way that is inconsistent with other tribal codes and with our past enrollment actions.

Moving forward

The court affirms the tribe's authority to change our enrollment eligibility if we want to, but only by changing the enrollment criteria in our 1973 constitution. We cannot legally do it any other way.

A motion or resolution in the General Council or even the Business Committee is not enough to meet the legal requirements set out in Article IX of the Chehalis Constitution.

Our ancestors made many choices and sacrifices to protect the tribe and it is worth remembering some of the important steps in our history that we might take for granted.

We must honor our grandfathers and grandmothers for all they did to make sure the tribe survived. We also need to act now. We need to take the necessary steps to ensure the Chehalis Tribe not only survives all of our current-day challenges, but we need to thrive as a tribe as our ancestors hoped we would.



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SUBMISSIONS

The Chehalis Tribal Newsletter encourages tribal members to submit letters, articles, photographs and drawings to be considered for publication (subject to editing). Contributing writers, artists and photographers include Chehalis tribal community members and staff. Submission deadline is the first of each month (printed monthly).

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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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Picnic gives big thanks to tribal employees

The Chehalis Tribe's annual picnic for tribal employees was held Aug. 19 at Columbus Park in Tumwater.

It was a scorching day, but employees looked forward to the event and prepared for the extreme temperatures by staying hydrated. The day was perfect for a swim or just sitting in the shade by the lake.

Individuals signed in to receive a raffle ticket and beach towel. Children scampered off to swim in Black Lake.

The volleyball tournament started earlier because of the heat. Many elders and adults stayed in the shade to visit with co-workers and family.

It was a relaxing day spent with friends and family enjoying each other's company, sharing in recognition of and appreciation for the hard work they do for our community.

A delicious meal was provided by Lucky Eagle Casino employees. They brought a dessert of their choosing and were entered into a raffle drawing to win an extra prize later in the day.

Awards

The picnic area was filled with elders, employees and



Ralph's Team (the Chehalis Tribe's Public Safety Department) was victorious during the volleyball tournament at the employee picnic.

their children who came to see their family members receive awards.

It is important to recognize employees' commitment to our tribe. Years of service awards were announced by name and what department the employee works in.

It was something to witness how much the tribe has grown during the past decades. From employees who recently started to those that have spent more than four decades with the tribe, we appreciate their dedication supporting the tribe.

Congratulations! Keep up the great work.

Volleyball tournament

There were six teams entered into the tournament with a special treat at the end for the winners. Players gave it their all on the sandy court. After each match, they found shade and kept hydrated for the next round.

In the end, Ralph's Team (the Chehalis Tribe's Public Safety Department) came out the winner, earning bragging rights and first place. Good job to everyone for participating.

Raffle

Cheers and applause could be heard as winners were announced. Everyone came out a winner though because they were able to spend quality time with friends and family.

There were special raffle items available for employees who brought desserts. It didn't matter if it was home-cooked or purchased at the store.

There are very talented bakers in our pool of employees who love to cook.

Vibrant classes celebrate our history, future



The Heritage & Culture program is seeking instructors to teach classes and suggestions for future projects.

Program encourages tribal members to enjoy arts, crafts

The Heritage & Culture Program is pleased to continue offering classes to the Chehalis tribal community.

We have an open-door policy for all tribal members to drop in for sewing, basket-making and art projects. You are welcome to come in anytime!

We also can bring in instructors to teach classes. If you know folks who would be willing to share their talents, please contact us. We are searching for carvers, bead makers, fishing specialists, regalia instructors, leatherwork artists, fishing pole makers and others who can teach arts and crafts to our tribal people.

You also can sign up for a beading class and a fishing pole class that will be

scheduled very soon. And don't forget to offer your suggestions so we can plan projects and activities.

Culture rooms are open from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Monday and Friday and 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Please contact the community center to let us know if you want to participate in any project we are working on. Call Joyleen McCrory at 360-709-1873 or Lynn Hoheisel at 360-709-1748.

Lynn is available to work on family trees with tribal member families and is still looking for pictures to add to our collection. Her hours are 8 a.m.-noon Monday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and 8 a.m.-noon Friday.

This year has been a huge success with more than 150 tribal members coming to our program to learn, socialize and work together.

The Heritage & Culture program's educational powwow at Legends Field complex featured traditional dancing, drumming and singing.



POWWOW

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interested and train to become dancers. Male and female dancers were dressed in full regalia and performed different styles of dance.

Young and old came to see the time-honored tradition. It brought back memories of participating in powwow dancing when they were young. Seeing the dancers in their ensembles was breathtaking. They were decorated with bright colors, feathers and beadwork depending on the style of dance they were going to demonstrate.

Spokane tribal member David Browneagle was the master of ceremonies. He described the type of dance that was being performed and what the colors in the traditional outfits represented. Within various categories, men and women demonstrated dances that featured tribal and regional differences.

Drummers

The Indian Nations from the Yakama Reservation did an outstanding job singing and drumming. Our whole culture centers on the drum, and it is one of the most important things in the life of a Native American. It brings the heartbeat of our Earth Mother to the powwow for all to feel and hear. The sound helps everyone get back in balance. Whether dancing, singing or just listening, people around the drum can connect with the spirit.



More on powwows

Most dances seen at powwows today are social dances that might have had different meanings in earlier days. Although dance styles and content have changed, their meaning and importance



Spokane tribal member David Browneagle served as master of ceremonies.

have not. Outfits worn by the dancers – like the styles of clothing today – evolve over time. They symbolize not a stagnant culture, but a vibrant and changing way of life.

Powwow singers are very important figures in Native American culture. Without them, there would be no dancing. The songs are of many varieties, from religious to war to social. They still hold special meaning to those who know the

BEFORE YOU GO

If you decide to attend a powwow and are uncertain of procedure or etiquette, please check with the master of ceremonies, arena director or head singer. They will be glad to answer your questions.

Please make sure to be very respectful and allow time for them to inform you.

songs, and many are still sung in Native American languages either newly composed or revivals of old songs. They are reminders to the Indian people of their old ways.

The day ended with the round dance. The Chehalis community was invited to participate. As the drumming and singing continued, it brought smiles to the faces of tribal community members. It was a great addition to a fun-filled day!

FAMILY

Keep in contact with kids

Now that school has started, the Chehalis Tribal Early Learning Program wants to make sure you have all the necessary contact information for those in charge of your children.

Head Start and Early Head Start hours: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday
Child care hours: 3-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday
Center main line: 360-273-5514
Director: 360-709-1871

HEAD START CLASSROOMS

Chehalis River Room: 360-709-1883
Satsop River Room: 360-709-1885
Black River Room: 360-709-1882

EARLY HEAD START CLASSROOMS

Davis Creek Room: 360-709-1625
Harris Creek Room: 360-709-1765
Scatter Creek Room: 360-709-1626

Expectant Mothers/Home-Based Coordinator: 360-709-1887

Health & Disabilities Coordinator: 360-709-1886
 Bus No. 1 - 360-489-5139

Family Services Coordinator: 360-709-1629
 Bus No. 2 - 360-480-8045



LEFT: The Chehalis tribal Education Department and Youth Center helped families prepare for school with supplies and information Aug. 17. **BELOW:** Behavioral Health Department staff provided services on relationships, teen dating violence, chemical dependency and mental health.

Back to school in style

On Aug. 17, Chehalis tribal programs coordinated a huge back-to-school event filled with information for adults and fun activities for children. Programs shared resources to assist tribal family needs.

The Education Department and the Youth Center gave kids supplies for the upcoming school year and explained their program to parents. They assist children in achieving academic success and graduating.

Extra backpacks were donated by various programs to help non-tribal children that come from blended families. This made sure no children were left out.

The Youth Center and the Education Department handed out gift cards to help families purchase school supplies and clothing. Backpacks also were given to carry their supplies. Yes, it was a huge score. After finishing sign-ups, children scampered off to see what else was going on around the complex.

Merry Makers was hired to enhance the event. Their



staff manned obstacle courses, inflatable slides and other activities. They provided a safe and fun experience that both children and adults enjoyed.

What's better than a water slide on a hot day? The rock-climbing wall looked intimidating for those who are afraid of heights. However, some of the children shimmied right up to the top. They pushed the button for the siren that indicated they conquered the wall.

Kids munched on popcorn

and a delightful treat of cotton candy served by summer youth workers. It was a fantastic way to say goodbye to summer and hello to a new school year. Many thanks for all of the help!

Thanks to other programs involved:

- Vocation Rehabilitation Program staff
- Tsapowum (Behavioral Health) Program
- Heritage & Culture Program (powwow)
- Summer youth workers
- Public Safety (Bike Rodeo)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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Darrel Cayenne
Debra Cayenne
Karlea Youckton

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Autum Beckwith
David Gunnels
Julie Miller
Sean Shortman

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Alyssa Albert

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Cori Abell
Nathan Gomez
Elijah Quilt
John Secena
Roxanne Thompson

6

Jason Gillie
Kathy Jones
Billy Palmer
Robert Vigil

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Skyler Baker
Dennis Cayenne
Kelsey Potter



CHARLES LATCH JR.: Happy birthday! Love Dad, Olivia and Grandma.



ELI SNELL: Happy birthday to my son. I am so proud of you and your family. All of you give me the strength to be the best that I can be and keep me going everyday. I love you all, Mom. Happy Birthday from your family. We love you!

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Chris Ortivez
Walter Pickernell-Daniels
Jake Tanner

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Ruth Rogers

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Nancy Romero
Freddie Sanchez, Jr.
George Sanchez, Jr.

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Norita Comeaux
Joaquina Coty
Ethan Owens
Jason Slighte, Jr.

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Mason Combs

Gary Gunnels
Nick Purcell
Cody Revay

14

Billie Higheagle
Malikah McNair

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Trudy Marcellay
Aniyah Ortivez-Hicks

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Ruben Lopez

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Timothy Poling

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Jimmy Burnett
Dashawn Hernandez

Jon Jack, Sr.
Jason Medina
Eli Snell
Vanessa Youckton

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Allen Jones
Cammi Wittwer
Theresa Youckton

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Roger Shortman

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Sean Adams
Minetta Cayenne
Eugene Klatush

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Julia Higheagle
Eddie Klatush

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Sylvia Cayenne
Kayla Nyreen
Bryan Secena-Sanders
Ethan Wittwer

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Whitney Lewis
James Pickernell

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Linda Daniels
Andrew Starr

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Shanin Clancy
Karen Davis
Geo Jack
Samuel Wright

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Angelicia Canales

More wishes

ALYSSA ALBERT: Happy birthday. I love you granddaughter, Gramma.

CHRIS ORTIVEZ AND JORDAN BIRD: Happy birthday. Love you so much, Jenni and Family.

MARISSA DANIELS: We love you! Grandma Linda and your whole family.

SASHA AND DUSTIN KLATUSH: Happy, happy birthday to our twins. We love you bunches, from Mom, Dad and the rest of the family.

ROBERTA SECENA: Happy birthday to the best momma, grandma and great grandma in the world! From your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Dustin Klatush
Sasha Klatush

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Gerald Cayenne
Charles Latch III
Michael Romero
Richard Romo, Jr.
Bette "Sheena" Tanner



SYLVIA CAYENNE: Happy birthday. You make the world a better place! From your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and all of your cousins.