Frights delight kids at community party

Pet fair draws a big crowd

Furry friends get vaccinations, treats

Contributed by Animal Control Officer Brennan Stoelb

Thank you to everyone who came to the Pet Resource Fair on Oct. 22!

More than 50 people and their pets attended the Community Center event. A big thank you goes to Good Neighbor Vet. Through funding provided by Head Start and The Youth Center, they were able to vaccinate 29 pets against rabies. Pets that were vaccinated also received an official Chehalis Tribe License. The license confirms pets are

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Natives share rich wisdom and talent at NNABA gathering

The Chehalis Tribe hosted the 2016 Northwest Native American Basketweavers Association Gathering at Great Wolf Lodge from Sept. 30-Oct. 1. The conference continues to preserve, promote and perpetuate the traditional art of Northwest Native American Basketry.

Master Weavers brought their talent, weaving kits, patience and wisdom to teach those who attended the annual gathering. They truly blessed this event with a commitment to pass on their weaving knowledge to future generations.

This event isn’t easy to pull off. Master Weavers took months to gather, prepare and have kits available to those who wanted to learn their weaving style.

It’s a great trade as one might say – not only sharing their weaving style, but the wisdom that comes with the learning process.

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NEW LPN HERE TO HELP

Hi, my name is Genevieve Herbrand. I am your new licensed practical nurse at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center. I started in August.

I was born and raised in our beautiful Washington state. The Pacific Northwest has so much to offer. I enjoy the outdoors and love to go hiking in the Northwest.

I'm happy to be part of the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center team and I'm looking forward to giving great care to tribal members.

Genevieve Herbrand

CTWC PHARMACIST READY TO MEET COMMUNITY

Registered pharmacist Jeremy Brown has been hired as our new pharmacist at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center. He graduated from Washington State University College of Pharmacy in 1997. His professional experience includes work in retail pharmacy at Safeway, Costco, Longs Drug and Drug Emporium. He also has worked at Northwest Remedies compounding pharmacy and Pacific Northwest Specialty Pharmacy.

Jeremy grew up in Oakville and graduated from Oakville High School in 1992. He enjoys spending most of his free time outdoors with his wife and daughter hiking, running and bicycling. He looks forward to working in our community. This great addition will enhance what the clinic can offer to the Chehalis Tribe.

Jeremy looks forward to meeting everyone who comes to the clinic!

Pharmacy technician embraces different path

Hello, my name is Harold Pickernell Jr. I will be working as the new pharmacy technician at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center. I am a Chehalis tribal member and was raised on the reservation.

My grandparents are Janice Latch and Lorilee Pickernell. Both are elders and Chehalis tribal members. My grandfathers are Wayne Bray and Gerald “Gunny” Pickernell Sr., who was a member of the Quinault Indian Nation. My parents are Harold Sr. and Stephanie Pickernell, both Chehalis tribal members. I am a father to twin girls Alexis and Kiara, 4, and Collin, 2, with my girlfriend Jessica Hill.

I graduated from Oakville High School and took a year off to figure out what my career path would be. I spent four years with the Chehalis Early Learning Program. I learned so much from the children. Working with them was a memorable experience.

As part of my job, I will help with prescriptions. I also am responsible for getting the pharmacy up and running. I look forward to my career shift with the Wellness Center and working with our new pharmacist Jeremy Brown.

Harold Pickernell Jr.

Sign up for Tribal Police Explorer program

Are you interested in becoming a Tribal Police Explorer? Would you like to be a mentor to our people and make a positive impact in the Chehalis tribal community?

If so, take the next step in becoming a positive influence by joining this worthwhile training program. There are various programs involved with the Public Safety Program.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Mike McNair or Jake Dickerson at 360-273-7051.

There are requirements and testing, but don't let that deter you. Stop by the Chehalis Tribal Law Enforcement Department at 30 Niederman Road in Oakville to fill out an application.

We look forward to visiting with you and answering any questions you may have.

Watch for flyers on an upcoming meeting.

Chehalis Tribal Law Enforcement places strong emphasis on community-oriented policing for all residents and visitors to the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation. The department consists of a director, 10 commissioned officers and supervisors.

Grants to provide essential community services

Youth support, public safety among areas that will benefit

In September, the United States Department of Justice announced recipients of the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation. The Chehalis Tribe received more than 2.1 million dollars. Funds were awarded in five different grants.

- The first grant in the Public Safety and Community Policing purpose area will provide funding for dash cams for law enforcement officers and tactile firearm training. Training will be shared with other jurisdictions, including Grays Harbor and Thurston counties, and aid in lethal force decision-making.

- The second award is in the Justice Systems and Alcohol and Substance Abuse grant, which will continue the tribe’s national award-winning offender re-entry program to reduce recidivism.

- The third grant will fund the tribe’s domestic violence program to prevent violence against women.

- A fourth award through the Comprehensive Tribal Victim Assistance Program will provide an advocate to victims of any crime.

- The last grant is through the Tribal Youth Program, which will support youth engagement, prevent bullying and support high-risk youth.

The three-year grants will provide important services to our community.
The Chehalis Tribe recently elected its new Business Committee members. Back row from left: Treasurer Shoni Pannkuk and Vice Chairman Jessie Goddard. Front row: Secretary David Burnett, Chairman Don Secena and Fifth Council Member Leroy Boyd, Sr.

The Office of Tribal Attorney has moved back into the Tribal Center administration building at 420 Howanut Road. Our office is next to the Business Committee conference room. Visitors are welcome, but please keep in mind that OTA services are limited to tribal government and enterprises. We do not provide legal services to individual tribal or community members.

For questions, please contact Staff Attorney Devon Tiam at 360-709-1762.

HOLIDAY NATIVE ARTS FAIR

11 A.M.-5 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DEC. 9-10
at the Evergreen State College Longhouse, 2700 Evergreen Parkway, Olympia

For more information or to reserve a $75 vendor booth, contact Laura Grabhorn at GRABHORL@EVERGREEN.EDU or 360-867-6413

NEW BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Heritage classes and events spark creativity

Check out what the Chehalis Tribe's vibrant Heritage & Culture Program offers:

Beading classes: 5-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Come down to be a part of the fun, socialize and create new history for our tribe.

Sewing room: We continue our open-door policy to use the sewing room or make an item with material we have. Just call and set up a day and time. We will make accommodations to fit your schedule. We can have staff available to assist you. Our sewing club room has been used by many people. We continue to make items such as vests, bags, cushions, pillows and baby blankets.

Family trees: Lynn Hoheisel is available to work on family trees with tribal member families. She 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.

Movie night: This is a great opportunity to gather as a family. Enjoying dinner and watching a movie is time well spent.

Calendar of events: Look for our calendar of projects to see if you would like to take a class. Sign-ups sheets are available at the Tribal Center. We also distribute flyers to homes on the reservation and provide information to our tribal newsletter. We continue to look for people willing to teach classes in all areas of arts and crafts.

You also can fill out a survey in the center to suggest classes you'd like us to offer. Community members are welcome to visit anytime.

Our program continues to create old and new heritage and culture for our people.

For questions, contact Lynn Hoheisel with the Heritage & Culture Office in the Community Center at 360-709-1748.

ELDERS HOLIDAY BAZAAR

9 A.M.-5 P.M. SATURDAY, DEC. 3
Lucky Eagle Events Center

VENDORS, FOOD, RAFFLES, CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

CONTACT: TRUDY MARCELLAY, TRUDYMARCELLAY@COMCAST.NET.

INTERESTED VENDORS: CALL 360-888-5808 TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW. SPACES ARE LIMITED AND ON A FIRST-COME BASIS.
HEALTH/FITNESS

Sexual coercion and your rights

By National Domestic Violence Hotline/loveisrespect.org

It’s never too late (or too soon) to talk about sex and healthy relationships. In a healthy relationship, both partners feel comfortable with the level of physical activity, whether that means holding hands, kissing, touching or having intercourse.

One aspect of your life that you always have complete control over is how far you want to take it with your romantic partner, significant other, crush or someone you’re just hooking up with. When it comes to anything physical, you absolutely have a voice and do not have to do anything you don’t want to do.

If someone makes you feel obligated or forced to do something, you might be experiencing coercion. Sexual coercion is “the act of using pressure, alcohol or drugs or force to have sexual contact with someone against his or her will” and includes “persistent attempts to have sexual contact with someone who has already refused.”

Think of sexual coercion as a spectrum or a range. It can vary from someone verbally egging you on to someone forcing you to have contact. It can be verbal and emotional in the form of statements that make you feel pressure, guilt or shame. You can also be made to feel forced through more subtle actions.

Your partner might:

- Make you feel like you owe him or her because you’re in a relationship, you’ve had sex before, he or she spent money on you or you go home with him or her.
- Give you compliments that sound extreme or insincere as an attempt to get you to agree to something.
- Badger you, yell at you or hold you down.
- Give you drugs or alcohol to loosen up your inhibitions.
- React negatively (sadness, anger or resentment) if you say no or don’t agree to something.
- Make you feel threatened or afraid of what might happen if you say no.
- Try to normalize his or her sexual expectations: Example: “I need it, I’m a guy.”

What does consent mean?

In a relationship where sexual coercion is occurring, there is a lack of consent and the coercive partner doesn’t respect the boundaries or wishes of the other. Let’s review what consent means:

- Consent is not a given. Just because you’ve consented to an act before doesn’t mean you consented to it forever.
- Consent is not a free pass. Saying yes to one act doesn’t mean you have to consent to other acts. Each requires its own consent. For example, saying yes to oral sex doesn’t automatically mean you’re saying yes to intercourse.
- Consent can be taken back at any time. Even if you’re in the middle of something, if you start feeling uncomfortable, you always have the right to stop.
- It’s not consent if you’re afraid to say no or if you’re being manipulated, pressured or threatened to say yes. It’s not consent if you or a partner is unable to give consent.
- Establish boundaries by discussing what you and your partner are and are not comfortable with. Ask first.
- Be clear and direct with your partner if you don’t want to do something. Make sure that you are heard. If the other person is not listening, leave the situation.

Here to help

If you have questions about sex, consent or just what is healthy or not healthy in a relationship, our advocates can help – call, chat or text!
The Chehalis Domestic Violence Program offers services for domestic violence, teen dating violence and sexual assault. Call or text Janita Raham 24/7 at 360-789-3627.

Love is respect: Call 866-331-9474, TTY 866-331-8453, text loveis to 22522. For more information, go to loveisrespect.org.

TRIBAL EMPLOYEES PROUD TO WEAR PINK

Chehalis tribal employees dress in pink Oct. 20 to show support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the continuing fight for a cure.
Group training classes

My name is Rikki Sutterlict and I am a certified trainer through the National Academy of Sports Medicine. I would like to help my tribe and community achieve a healthier lifestyle through low-impact strength and conditioning group training classes. This is a Results Driven Fitness program for all fitness levels. Classes are 40-45 minutes.

TO SIGN UP
Classes are available Monday-Friday from:
6:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
7:45 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
8:45 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Contact Rikki Sutterlict at rsutterlict@gmail.com.

Podiatrist visits

Podiatrist Deborah Behre will be at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 13.
To make an appointment, please call 360-273-5504 and ask to speak to Outreach Specialist Gloria Jones or Diabetes Nurse Sandra Dickenson.

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.
The next distribution date is Dec. 20. Pickup is at the Chehalis Tribal Community Center from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Blood sugar meter

The Diabetes Program for the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center is giving out free True Metrix blood glucose meters to all clinic patients diagnosed with diabetes. The True Metrix meter is being supplied to replace the True Result meter.
Call Diabetes Nurse Sandra Dickenson at 360-273-5504 to arrange to come in.
She will give instructions on operating the meter and provide a prescription for the strips.

WIC THROUGH SPIPA

Checks to buy food, health education, breastfeeding help, services referral
NEXT DATE: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 1 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

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

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$5 spay/neuter
VOUCHERS! CALL TODAY
THIS PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE ONLY TO CHEHALIS TRIBAL MEMBERS OR THOSE LIVING ON THE RESERVATION

REZ ANIMAL RESOURCES & EDUCATION

Rez Animal is a small nonprofit working to improve animal care and reduce strays on the Chehalis, Nisqually, Skokomish, Squaxin Island and Shoalwater Bay reservations
253-370-6392, REZANIMALS.COM

Protect babies’ new teeth

Chehalis Tribal Dental Clinic hygienist Kristi Burke provides tips from the American Dental Association to protect babies’ teeth from tooth decay:

Tips include:
- Do not put soft drinks, juice or sugared water in a baby's bottle.
- Avoid putting a baby's spoon or pacifier in your mouth. And never place a pacifier in something sweet before giving it to your child.
- The dentist should see babies by their first birthday.
- Kristi also provides tips to properly clean new teeth, as well as general advice such as teaching healthy eating habits at a young age.
For more information or to make an appointment for your baby, please call 360-709-1659.

in brief

Group training classes

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Prep for winter storms

The storm that occurred Oct. 14-15 was less intense than weather forecasts predicted. Our region avoided much of the widespread strong winds expected to accompany the storm. However, there were instances of power outages and downed trees. The roof and interior ceiling of a Lucky Eagle Casino employee’s home were punctured by part of a fallen tree.

Our region is experiencing a neutral-to-weak La Niña weather pattern. The National Weather Service’s Seattle bureau is predicting a higher possibility of flooding in some areas of the state and lowland snow. The probability of more severe windstorms is harder to determine because of recent changes in oceanic weather patterns.

What you’ll need

- Flashlights and extra batteries: For power outages, keep flashlights and lanterns in easy-to-access places around your home. Make sure they are in working order. Using candles is not recommended. Also suggested is a battery-operated radio for news and alert updates. Many of these include a flashlight feature.

- Food and water for at least 72 hours (three days): Prepare a minimum of three days worth of food and water stored in your home. Accessibility to the nearest store might not be an option. Stock up on nonperishable snacks and food items just in case. Never use barbecue or portable camp stoves indoors.

- Blankets and warm clothes: Make sure you have blankets, sweaters and warm socks, especially if your home is dependent on electric heat. Never use portable propane heaters indoors.

- First aid kit: Make sure you have a first aid kit and that is stocked with at least basic supplies, such as band-aids, gauze and antiseptic wipes. Keep it stored in an accessible place.

- Take care with portable generators: You can prevent electric shock and electrocution by checking generator connections beforehand. Utility companies warn that generators that are not isolated can feed back into the power lines, posing electrocution risks to linemen that come into contact with them. They should only be operated outdoors.

- Fully charge electronics ahead of time: You might need to use electronic devices during a power outage, so make sure they have enough battery life.

- Do not go near fallen power lines: Assume the wire is live and do not go near or touch it. If you find yourself near a downed line, shuffle your feet away from it to avoid ground shock. Utility companies recommend staying at least 30 feet (the length of a school bus) away from downed lines. Call 911 to report fallen power lines. Local dispatch will notify service providers.

- Know what to do when driving: If a storm occurs while you’re driving, pull off the road and be sure to stop away from trees. If possible, walk to a safe building. Avoid overpasses, power lines and other likely hazards. If you are in an emergency situation, call 911.

The October windstorm caused a tree to puncture the roof and ceiling of a Lucky Eagle Casino employee’s house.

INFORMATION

Puget Sound Energy outage/service update:
Phone: 888-225-5773 (also to report issues with their natural gas services)
Online: pse.com/accountsandservices/servicealert/pages/outage-map.aspx
Social media: During major storms or events, follow them on Twitter @psetalk or on Facebook at Puget Sound Energy.

Grays Harbor PUD outage and service update:
Phone: Outage hotline at 360-537-3721 or 888-541-5923 (8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays)
Email: customerservice@ghpud.org
Online: ghpud.org/current-outages
Social media: Follow them on Twitter @ghpud or sign up to receive text or email alerts at ghpud.org/outage-alert-subscription/user/modify

If you use natural gas for cooking or heating in your home (other than PSE), contact your service provider for ways to get in touch with them during outages or emergencies.

TV-free family time

Contributed by SPIPA

Too much screen time (TV, computers and video games) leads to higher weights for adults and children because people are more sedentary and they see so many food ads (about 40,000 a year).

Turning off the TV will help your family maintain a healthy weight and give you time together.

1. Pick up a book: Reading together as a family is one of the best ways to ensure your kids do well in school.

2. Tell a story: Sharing stories is another way to enhance children’s verbal skills and to share special memories.

3. Snuggle up and sing a fun song: Children don’t care if you can carry a tune and they love to sing with you, learning new words along the way.

4. Talk AND listen: Turning off the TV gives you more time to chat with your children. On the flip side, you can learn a lot about your kids when you take time to be quiet and listen.

5. Take a walk: A simple neighborhood walk gives you time together and is an easy way to get fit and strong together.

6. Dance: Dancing combines fun and fitness for every age. Let your kids pick the music and teach you the moves.

7. Try a game: Pick the right game for your child’s skills – such as tossing a foam ball with a toddler or baseball with older kids.

8. Play with a pet: Dogs and cats also need activity to maintain a healthy weight and live long, healthy lives with you.

9. Have fun with friends: Kids (and adults) need time to play with their friends in the backyard, at the park or in the wilderness.

10. Enjoy family fun night: Plan a fun weekly activity, such as riding bikes or bowling with another family.

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WEAVING
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One must first learn and be mentored by the Master Weavers, continue to learn and then pass that knowledge down to future generations. It explains the theory behind “Weavers teaching Weavers.”

The rooms and tables were filled wall to wall with thirsty minds ready to learn how to make baskets and an impressive assortment of Native American traditional weaving projects. Featured Master Weavers came from the Chehalis Tribe and all over the Pacific Northwest and Canada.

Not only was there a wide variety of weavers, we cannot forget to mention the talented vendors who brought their items for purchase. It was a great time to pick up a special gift or extra material to work on projects. Their presence supported the continued work of NNABA.

Friday was the youth track. This part of the conference was to teach the basics and create interest in starting and finishing projects. Many of the teachers picked simple projects to encourage their students in basic weaving techniques. This will help them move onto more complex projects.

An elders hospitality room offered a place to rest amid the hustle and bustle of the conference. NNABA selected four teen weavers to teach a weaving class to their elders, which showcased their newfound skills.

A dinner and fashion show was held at the Lucky Eagle Events Center. The evening shined a light on the wisdom and generosity of our culture bearers, connecting us to our common values and community spirit. After a blessing by Dan Gleason, the feast began. There were a lot of hungry people after a long day of weaving.

Weaving is simple, focused work, and time doesn’t exist as you put all of your energy into each project. People laughed, shared and visited throughout the evening while seeing old friends and making new ones.

The Chehalis Canoe Family sang and drummed to kick off the fashion show. Volunteers were invited on stage for everyone to see their beautiful regalia. Cheryle Starr announced each person’s name, where they are from and all the pieces of their regalia. The Native American regalia was awesome. Participants beamed with pride as they shared their talent with the audience. My hands go up in honor of a great show!

There was a raffle by the hosting tribe with many beautiful handmade items that were created and donated by the Heritage and Culture Program. Some of the items were made during classes held throughout the summer in the Community Center. Program participants dedicated themselves to teaching about our culture and honored guests that traveled to the sacred homelands of the Chehalis people.

Final day

Some of the bigger weaving projects take time to learn. Beginners might take a couple of days to finish one project. Some of the kits were simple projects and only took a short time, but the larger ones took patience and focus.

Students and teachers worked diligently to finish their projects. After they were done, they wandered the tables looking at all of the beautiful weavings other people were working on.

On the final day, weavers gathered to discuss business for the NNABA members. This is a committee that consists of Native American basket weavers of the Pacific Northwest tribes. They selected new board members and discussed upcoming events.

It was announced that the 2017 NNABA gathering will be hosted by the Puyallup Tribe on Oct. 6-7.

NNABA is committed to preserving, promoting and teaching the time-honored tradition of basket weaving for future generations.

Great job everyone, including all of the volunteers, for making this a successful basket-weaving conference!
Kids score candy, haunted house fun

The Chehalis Tribe’s annual Community Halloween Party on Oct. 29 had a huge turnout. Many community and tribal members came to the Community Center dressed to the hilt in Halloween style.

It was a fun day for all with delicious treats, creepy decorations, costumes and prizes. Children were dressed in a wide array of superhero costumes, cute cartoon characters and animals. They received a prize in recognition of their costumes.

Along with candy, a simple lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs, chips and cookies was provided by Lucky Eagle Casino.

The day was filled with dressed-up children who entered the contest. Faced with numerous amazing costumes, it wasn’t easy being a judge. After much deliberation, winners were announced. The best costumes from each age bracket were chosen. Children smiled brightly as they rushed up to claim their prizes. Everyone came out a winner!

Afterward, kids scampered toward the haunted house. Ghosts and goblins hid in the dark to meet them. Screams echoed throughout the Community Center.

Hearts raced as kids made their way through the haunted house. It was a safe, scary and fun event for children as they faced ghouls, zombies, haunting moans, scary laughter and other frights during their journey.

Some brave youngsters went through the haunted house multiple times.

The annual treat was met with gusto as families waited their turn to go through the adrenaline junkies’ dream. Many children talked about how they wanted to improve their costumes to become even scarier. They also said they were looking forward to being with their friends for an evening of trick-or-treating in their local communities.

It was a great event chock full of family fun.

Many thanks

A special thanks goes out to employees and volunteers who assisted in decorating the haunted house and providing scares for visitors. Thanks also to tribal community members who came out to celebrate Halloween together!

The Chehalis Tribal Employees Halloween Party featured classic costumes such as musician Prince and painter Bob Ross.
Treats abound at Great Wolf

Great Wolf Lodge invited young tribal ghosts and goblins to enjoy all kinds of Halloween activities from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 11. Tribal member families also participated.

Trick-or-treat bags were given to all kids in costume at the haunted house. And families had an opportunity to take a holiday-themed photo.

It was a special evening for everyone to roam the inside of Great Wolf Lodge and enjoy gathering treats offered at different stations set up throughout the building.

The glowing smiles were enough to get anyone into the Halloween spirit.
Students that attend the Early Learning Program have settled into their school day routines. October proved to be full of activities for our children and their families!

Fire safety
Head Start children learned about fire safety at the Oakville School District on Oct. 10. The event was presented by the Oakville Fire Department. Kids were allowed to see and touch equipment, ask questions and tour a real fire truck and ambulance!

Fall Festival
Our program hosted a Fall Festival for students and families Oct. 11. Everyone enjoyed face painting, family portraits, arts and crafts, a swamp fishing game, a what’s in the box sensory game, a bake sale (with all proceeds going toward Christmas gifts for children in the program), a Tupperware presentation, home winterization help and dinner. Prizes and raffles rounded out the day.

Pumpkin picking
Early Head Start and Head Start traveled to Hunter Family Farm on Oct. 21 to pick pumpkins from the patch, slide down a huge slide and feed the animals. We had a great turnout and each child was able to take home a pumpkin they selected.

Evacuation drill
Head Start teaching staff and kids participated in a bus evacuation drill to learn what to do in a bus-related urgent situation. Emergency preparedness drills such as this take place monthly.

Policy Council
A new Policy Council for Early Head Start and Head Start was elected and attended training Oct. 10. Policy Council plays a crucial part in the operation of our program. We are happy to announce that our new members are: Chairperson Racheal Mendez, Vice Chairperson Jessica Hill, Secretary JaNessa Bumgarner, Treasurer Lucy Hill and Community Representative Phillip Youckton.

Early Learning Program students selected their pumpkins at Hunter Family Farm on Oct. 21. Children also visited Oakville School District on Oct. 10 to tour emergency vehicles and learn about fire safety.
Bella Couillard  
Fifth grade  
Grand Mound Elementary  

Bella Couillard, daughter of Heather Mitchell, is in the fifth grade at Grand Mound Elementary School. She has two brothers, one sister and two dogs. She enjoys playing games with her family and watching movies. Bella likes doing math, writing and reading. She is successful at school because of Real Live, a program she uses in her classroom. Her advice for other students is to listen to their teachers and don’t talk in class. After she graduates from high school, Bella wants to get a job and attend Washington State University to become a teacher. If Bella was chairman of the tribe, she would make more homes for everybody.

Nora Ortivez  
Sixth grade  
Oakville Middle School  

Eleven-year-old Nora Ortivez is in the sixth grade at Oakville Middle School, where she has a 3.34 GPA. She is the daughter of Shawn and Crystal Ortivez. Nora has three sisters, three dogs and two cats. Nora likes when her family has dinner together and she enjoys playing different sports and drawing. Nora thinks her teachers are really nice. She excels in math and feels she is a successful student because she finishes her work. Her advice to other students is to always complete your work and turn it in. After Nora graduates from high school, she wants to attend the University of Washington to study math and arts. If Nora was chairman of the Chehalis Tribe, she would put more money into schools.

Elijah Quilt  
Ninth grade  
Rochester High School  

Elijah Quilt is a freshman at Rochester High School, where he has a 3.1 GPA. Elijah is the son of Sharon Hall and Edmond Quilt. He has one brother and three sisters. He enjoys spending time with his family. Elijah likes math, English and geography classes. He thinks he is successful because he is keeping up with his work. Elijah’s advice to others is to be around people who don’t hold you down. He likes to listen to music and play video games and basketball. After Elijah graduates from high school, he wants to go to college to become a teacher or have a career in video games.

Contributed by Chehalis Tribe K-12 Program
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Madoleen Goddard-Boyd
   Luwanna Sanchez
   Mia Vigil

2 Courtney Brown
   Katy Fox
   Lucy Hill
   Athena Lopez
   Christopher Yawn
   Pam Youckton

3 Natalie Sanchez

4 Gerald Aldrich
   Daphne Burke
   Enrique Jimenez Sanchez
   Joseph Revay, Sr.
   Kane Simmons

5 Kenneth “Booner” Brown, Jr.
   Payton Simmons

6 April Thompson

7 Francisa Ayala-Klatush
   Sidney Brown
   Lori Tovrea

BOBBY BUSH: Happy birthday from your friends and family.

KEVIN ALBERT JR.: Happy birthday. I am proud to have you as my son. Love you! Mom.

8 Heather Hoyle
   Elijah Palmer

10 Casilda Garcia-Starr
   Amil Starr, Jr.

12 Tyanna Canales
   Grace Quilt
   Carrie Squally

13 Nathan Boyd
   Madeline Colson
   Ashley Ortivez
   Aurora Ortivez
   Terry Palmer
   Lorilee Pickernell

14 Kevin Albert
   Sofie Sekishiro

15 Taryn Baker
   Tayleena Klatush

LORILEE PICKERNELL: Happy birthday. You’re the best Mom, Gramma and Great Gramma. We love you! From your loving family.

16 Jaylee Cayenne
   Anthony Gomez
   Benjamin Johns, Jr.
   Joyleen McCrory
   Wayne Ortivez

17 Joan Martin
   Lisa McCloud
   Rachell Wells

18 Maynard Starr

20 Randy Cornwell

21 Chris Richardson

22 Orinda Goddard
   Monique Lopez
   Marcus Youckton

23 Dylan Gleason-Wheeler
   Rachel Simmons
   Ryan White

24 Prince Adams
   Penny Gleason
   Christibeth Klatush
   Michah McNair
   Desirray Pope

25 Jordan Baker
   Yvonne Phillips-Haukom
   Valerie Pickernell

26 Tyson Canales

27 Gabe High eagle
   Antonio Jones
   Roachel Lambrecht
   Cyrena Littlesun
   Shoni Revay

28 Kristopher Shortman

TARYN BAKER: Happy 6th birthday, Love, Jay, Lae, Mom and Dad.

More wishes

DAPHNE BURKE: Happy birthday to my sister. Love Jodie, Cedes, Tony and Carlos.

BOONER BROWN: Happy birthday from your family, friends and cousins.

COURTNEY BROWN: Happy birthday Courtney! A special day for a special lady! From your family.

LUCY HILL: It’s been a short 29 years ago that God blessed me with the most beautiful girl in the whole wide world. Happy birthday baby doll. You are the best daughter ever! I love you with all my heart and soul. Love your Mom.