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Players congratulate each other on a spirited game during the annual Tribal Days Memorial Baseball Tournament.

## Baseball bonanza

*Memorial Day weekend: Games, food, vendors, fun*

The Chehalis Tribe kicked off Indian baseball season with our annual Tribal Days Memorial Baseball Tournament on May 26-29.

It was a great weekend with no rain forecasted throughout the four

days of play.

The reservation was filled with people, food, vendors and the ring of bats as they connected with the ball. An added plus was the opportunity to visit with friends and

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Vendors display jewelry and other goods during the tournament.

## Tribal chairman ready to propel community forward

**'We still have a long road ahead.'**

**- HARRY PICKERNELL,**  
CHEHALIS TRIBE  
CHAIRMAN



*New leader will tap into strength and patience for challenges ahead*

*Contributed by Harry Pickernell*

My name is Harry Pickernell and I am the new Chehalis Tribe Chairman. I am the son of Gerald Pickernell and Lorilee Youckton. I'm married to Stephanie Bray and we have two

sons, Ty and Harry Jr., and four grandchildren, Phillip, Alexis, Kiara and Collin.

I have watched and learned from many past tribal chairpersons while growing up. These leaders have included:

- Two of our strong Chehalis women leaders – Dolly Canales and Nena Medina
- My Youckton uncles, Percy and Mel

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Participants in the 10th annual Chehalis Tribe Cancer Walk honored loved ones and supported an important cause.

# WHEN WE WALK AS ONE

*10th annual  
Chehalis  
Tribe Cancer  
Walk is a  
powerful  
chance  
to unite  
and raise  
awareness*

*Contributed by  
Orinda Goddard,  
Cancer Walk  
Coordinator*

I would like to thank everyone who came out in the blazing heat to show support during the 10th annual Chehalis Tribe Cancer Walk on May 28 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 can come together for an important cause and help raise awareness.

An impressive 288 walkers registered for the big day! There

were 143 Chehalis tribal members and 20 additional tribes were represented. We had 288 raffle prizes donated and gifts provided for all children that participated.

Each walker was given a T-shirt, cancer ribbon and lunch cooler.

## Powwow primer

The Heritage & Culture Program invited Gary Smith Jr. and the drum and dance group from the Yakama Nation out after the walk. They gave an outstanding performance.

The sound of the powwow drums and singers echoed all around

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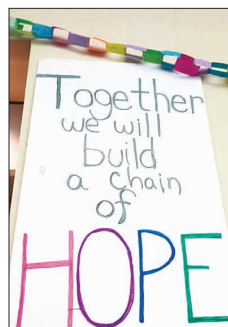




The drum and dance group from the Yakama Nation performed an educational powwow after the walk.



Ribbons were donated and made by Karen Klatush.



The Chain of Hope is on display in the main tribal center building.

Beach Resort and Casino, Harbor Wholesales, Casa Romos, Nelson's Furniture, L&E Pepsi Bottling Co., South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency, SPIPA Cancer Control Programs, Tribal Law Enforcement, Tribal Behavioral Health/Chemical Dependency/Domestic Violence Program, Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Chehalis Elders Program, Chehalis Social Services, Chehalis Planning Department, Events Program,

performed different styles of dance. The day ended with the round dance, and everyone was invited to participate.

### Thank you

I would like to thank the following businesses and programs for their donations: Chehalis Tribe Business Committee, Great Wolf Lodge, Nisqually Red Wind Casino, Lucky Eagle Casino, Chehalis Tribal Enterprises, Little Creek Resort and Casino, Quinault

### STILL TIME

If you are interested in sponsoring a ribbon, they cost \$50 to get new ribbon signs made. Sweatshirts also are available for \$25 each. For more information, contact Orinda Goddard at **360-273-5911**.

Heritage & Culture Program, Eagles Landing Hotel, End of the Trail gas station, Lays and Burger Claim.

A special thank you goes out to Ole Obi and all of the volunteers that help every year to make this walk a success: Pam Youckton, Tammy Boyd, Erika Pickernell, Dan "Bones" Gleason, Dylan Gleason-Wheeler, Penny Gleason, Maggie Gleason-Wheeler, Jake Dickerson, Tracy Dickerson, Karen Klatush and her family, Fau Fau Boyd, Joyleen McCrory, Lynn Hoheisel and Gloria Jones.

We had a fundraiser this year that consisted of sponsoring ribbon signs. During the walk, names were visible on each of the ribbons.

Thank you all again and I hope to have your support next year for our 11th annual Cancer Walk.

## WALK

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the Legends Field complex. It wasn't a real powwow, but rather an educational experience for those who are unfamiliar with the traditions behind a powwow.

It also was a chance to encourage young generations to become interested and train to be a powwow dancer. Male and female dancers were dressed in full regalia and

## in brief

### Represent your tribe

Show your #NativePride with a Custom Handmade Wooden Paddle necklace. We Think Dreams is offering handmade and beautifully tattooed wooden paddle necklaces. The paddle is 4 inches and is on a 26-inch leather cord chain. They are available in multiple wood species options. Get yours today at [etsy.com/shop/wethinkdreams](http://etsy.com/shop/wethinkdreams) or [info@wethinkdreams.com](mailto:info@wethinkdreams.com).

**Call for artists:** We Think Dreams, LLC Boutique and Art Studio in Aldie, Virginia, is looking for indigenous Native American artists to display and sell their art at the gallery during the busy holiday season.



How to be considered:

■ You must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe in the United States and be able to show proof.

■ Submit your tribal affiliation document with a photo of your work to [info@wethinkdreams.com](mailto:info@wethinkdreams.com) for the application and agreement.

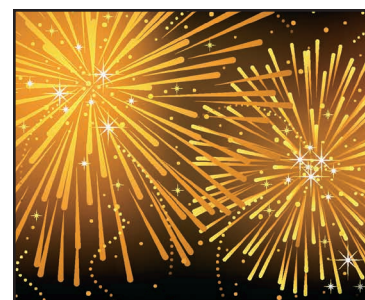
For more information, call 540-207-3480.

### Party with the police

Everyone is invited to gather at the Chehalis Tribal Police Department parking lot from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 1 in honor of the 34th annual National Night Out.

This annual community-building campaign promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood friendship to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement. And it brings police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Contact Chehalis Tribal Law Enforcement at 360-273-7051.



## FIREWORKS PERMITS

**HELPER'S FIREWORKS PERMITS MUST BE PURCHASED BY JUNE 25**

**PLEASE STOP BY THE ACCOUNTING OFFICE**



## CHEHALIS TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

### The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, 'People of the Sands'

The articles and opinions expressed are not necessarily those of this publication or the Chehalis Tribal Business Committee.

### 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).



### TRIBAL CENTER

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### CHEHALIS TRIBE'S VISION STATEMENT

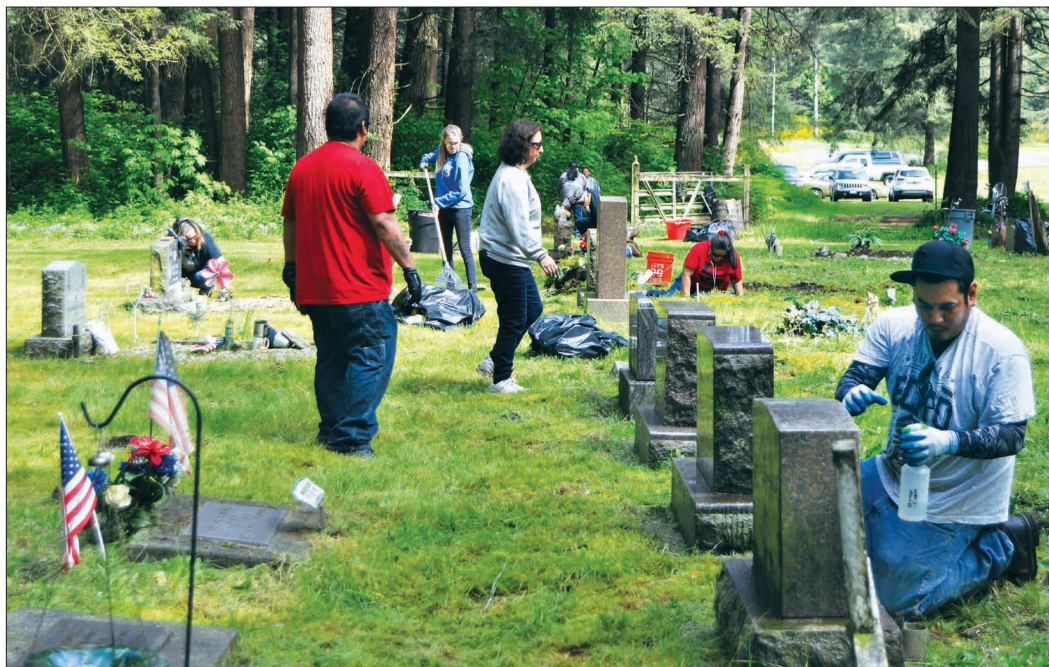
To be a thriving, self-sufficient, sovereign people, honoring our past and serving current and future generations.

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE

**Harry Pickernell**, Chairman  
**Jessie Goddard**, Vice Chairman  
**Shoni Pannkuk**, Treasurer  
**David Burnett**, Secretary  
**Leroy Boyd Sr.**,  
Fifth Council Member

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Fred Shortman, Audra J. Hill and the Information Technology Team



Volunteers tidy up gravestones and surrounding cemeteries on the Chehalis Reservation.

# Cemeteries get a little TLC

The Chehalis Tribe set aside May 19 to honor our ancestors by cleaning up the cemeteries on our reservation.

The tradition has been observed by many generations as a way to show respect and give back. This is not an easy endeavor, but it is very honorable to work as a team to complete the tedious tasks. A rainy spring made it difficult to accomplish cleaning up areas in one day.

After meeting at the Gathering Room, elders, community members, employees and children were assigned duties. Armed with good thoughts, gloves and assorted equipment, they headed out to their appointed destinations. It was a great day for sprucing up – not too hot and no rain.

During a lunch break, a raffle was held to

reward those who participated.

Afterward, volunteers headed back out to finish their work in the cemeteries. Many admitted it was hard, but the rewards were rich as tasks were completed. The cemeteries looked beautiful for Tribal Days Memorial weekend. Families traveling to the festivities stopped by the cemeteries to leave flowers and say prayers. They found tidy, peaceful places to remember loved ones.

Great job to everyone who helped!

### Thank you

On behalf of families with loved ones in the cemeteries, the Events Department would like to thank those who participated in the Cemetery Cleanup! – Cheryle Starr, Philip Youckton and Leroy Boyd.

## Ancestors will be interred on expansion land

During the annual Cemetery Cleanup, the new expansion to the tribal cemetery was completed in preparation for use.

This expansion to the south of the cemetery is on land donated by Briarwood Chicken Farm. Dan Penn, the Chehalis Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, has been preparing the expanded land since last fall with support from the Facilities and Natural Resources staff.

The tribe has two ancestors who will be interred in the new cemetery expansion this summer. The ancestors were anonymously returned to the tribe and are ready to be

honored with a reburial.

"I am looking forward to putting our tulapn to rest, and also doing so in the future for our other ancestors who are in university and museum collections," Penn said.

### TO HELP

To help inter our ancestors, contact Dan Penn at **360-709-1747** or **dpenn@chehalistribe.org**, or stop by his office in the Chehalis Tribal Community Center.



# Salmon feast offers gratitude

## *Ceremony honors sacred fish, traditions*

The Chehalis tribal community honored the salmon people on May 18. The time-honored tradition offers gratitude to ancestors so that they are remembered.

Gentle winds carried the wonderful aroma of alder smoke and swirled it around the grounds. The weather was overcast with no rain as elders, adults and children gathered at the fish pit behind the Department of Natural Resources building for the Salmon Ceremony.

There was a lot of effort put forth by dedicated volunteers to make this event special. Chehalis tribal fishermen were selected to harvest spring Chinook throughout the week to feed everyone.

The first Chinook caught was preserved for the river part of the ceremony. This is usually done the morning of the feast and is wonderful to witness.

Everyone meets at the Fisheries Department at 9 a.m., and it's an open invite to all tribal members to attend.

Chehalis Tribal Chairman Don Secena welcomed and thanked attendees and also the people who dedicated their time to prepare for this feast.

The Chehalis Canoe Family performed traditional songs blessing this beautiful day.

Drums resounded throughout the village as voices rang out sacred songs.

Winona Youckton opened the ceremony with a prayer in traditional Shaker Church style. Elders were then invited to serve themselves first for a bountiful and delicious meal.

## Memories, meaning

Elders Mel Youckton and Elaine Sutterliet shared memories about past salmon ceremonies and how the Chehalis people honored the salmon people.

They said they were glad to witness the younger generation

stepping forward to keep traditions thriving.

The floor was then opened to others who wanted to share. Harry Pickernell spoke of how his friend Ross Davis began this ceremony many moons ago. It made him happy to see the tradition is still followed, and we honor him to this day.

## Gift giving

The gift giving was a very important moment and thanked those who committed their time and spirit to honor the salmon people. The value of the gifts contributors made is priceless and they will serve as great keepsakes.

A special thanks goes out to the Heritage & Culture Program, Events Department, Fred Shortman, Karen Klatush and family and many others who participated in making items. Our hands go up to everyone for sharing your talents.

After all of the feasting and gift giving was finished, Winona performed the closing prayer to wrap up a fine day.

When the salmon ceremony wrapped up, many people jumped right in to help clean up.

The events, maintenance and ground crew finished up. Thanks again. Your work doesn't go unnoticed or unappreciated!



**The Chehalis tribal community gathers to honor the salmon people, share stories and enjoy food during the annual Salmon Ceremony. Below: Elder Mel Youckton shares memories of past gatherings.**





# HEALTH/WELLNESS

## Mother Nature's healthy beverages

*Skip sugar and try herbs, fruit, veggies*

The Behavioral Health Program invited community members to create herbal teas and traditionally flavored drinks at a class on May 9. Elise Krohn instructed participants on making their own natural and healthy alternatives to sugar-filled beverages.

### Flavored drinks

Elise talked about how sugary drinks might taste good but how they negatively impact your taste buds, as well as overall health. She also taught the importance of reading drink labels, taking into consideration all the gathered information to discover how many teaspoons of sugar are in various drinks.

Even though sugary drinks contain water, they aren't very healthy. Making your own out of Mother Nature's ingredients is a wiser choice.

Flavor is important. Plants such as nettles, peppermint, ginger and roses can greatly enhance drinks. There has been a huge movement in communities to emphasize natural herbal teas and flavored drinks.

Many combinations of ingredients are available to make refreshing drinks. Fruits, vegetables and herbs can be added to water or sparkling water. The longer plants sit in the water, the more flavor and nutrients will be extracted. You can keep adding water to your glass or bottle during the day. Dispose of ingredients at the end of the day.

### Herbal tea

Properly prepared herbal teas are warming and soothing

to the soul. They provide essential medicinal qualities and healing energy.

It is a creative art, and the ingredients used to make them are an important factor. Teas contribute to nourishing and maintaining your health. There is a bit of science to it as well. But for the most part, brewing tea is a flexible and forgiving process.

If you use fresh herbs to make tea, it will be tasty, light and aromatic. To increase the medicinal property of plants, it is highly recommended using dried herbs. Elise explained that during the drying process, plant cell walls break open and dehydrate. When hot water is poured over plant material, it easily rehydrates and extracts the taste and scent as well as nutritive and medicinal properties.

If you are purchasing herbs, Elise cautioned to only purchase organic and fair-trade teas. They might cost a little more, but they don't contain pesticides and you are supporting sustainable plant growers. It's important to smell the ingredients; robust dried herbs should still have



color and fragrance.

There are different infusions used in making tea: hot, cold and solar. Feel free to experiment to see which you like better. Teas are best consumed fresh, but you can prepare larger batches and store them in the refrigerator when necessary. Use a tightly closed container to help tea last up to three days. Prepared tea also can be stored in the freezer for a few weeks.

Volunteers worked diligently to take hawthorn plant leaves off the bush provided for the class. Elise shared the healing properties of each herb and invited everyone to come up and select their own combination of plants. Also on hand was a Douglas fir sun tea with lemon for everyone to try. As Elise

noted, it's "nature's Gatorade." She also discussed the healing properties of various herbs used in the class.

### A new face

Charlene Abrahamson introduced new employee Caytee Cline. She will work for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Red Road Grant and learn along with everyone in upcoming classes.

This work is intertwined with the goal of suicide prevention. Future mentors are attending classes, and you are welcome to join as well.

Charlene also provided a binder for everyone to use for future classes. It contained all past class activities and provided information on harvesting times for herbs.



**Students learn how to bypass sugar-filled drinks and instead use nature's impressive bounty to flavor beverages during a Behavioral Health Program class on May 9.**



## Workshop educates teenagers

The Tsapowum Chehalis Tribal Behavioral Health Prevention and Domestic Violence programs, carried out by Ranessa Goddard and Janita Raham respectively, completed a weeklong workshop in February.

It was in collaboration with Native American Grammy Award winner Star Nayeaa at Oakville High School.

The workshop was to educate teens on dating violence, sexual assault and bullying. We had 13 high-schoolers in our group who wrote a song called "You are Not Alone."

Many of our youth – with their artistic and courageous strength – used their personal experiences to write the lyrics. They directed, produced and starred in their own prevention video, which they presented to their peers and family at the high school and middle school assembly. It was very well-received and the team all felt confident in their work.

### Prevention projects

Five Oakville high school students, including three tribal



**High-schoolers participate in a workshop on dating violence, sexual assault and bullying.**

members, attended the Spring Youth Forum on May 17. The forum is a one-day event at Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound.

The goal is to showcase prevention projects that were considered, created and shaped by youth leaders; give students from across the state an opportunity to learn from one another through a series of forums presented by the youth teams accepted to attend; and share success stories from youth groups with future groups to encourage sustainability of programs.

About 38 teams from across Washington were present. Although Chehalis Tribe Youth Prevention did not win the grand prize, the team did exceptionally well for its first year.

## Wellness Center director honored for dedication

### Group recognizes Denise Walker

Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center Director Denise Walker received a wonderful honor on May 12.

The Portland Area Director recognizes individuals or groups of employees whose special efforts and contributions beyond regular duty requirements have resulted in significant benefits to Indian Health Service programs, priorities or customers and fulfillment of the IHS mission.



**Denise Walker**

Denise qualified, and she earned it!

The Portland Area Director's Recognition of Excellence Award was presented to her at the Indian Health Service Award Ceremony in Portland.

Denise was nominated by Community Wellness Manager Christina Hicks because of her hard work in

Indian Country throughout her career.

She has worked for tribes all across the Northwest. She is always thinking about the patients first and how things affect them.

Little did she know she would receive an award for all of her contributions.

**Congratulations Denise!**

### From Denise Walker:

"I just want to say that I am honored to have been nominated and selected for this award. I give the credit to all of staff at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center and other Tribal Health Center staff from other facilities. I have had the privilege to work with many other facilities in Indian Country over the years. Without everyone supporting and following my direction and doing the necessary work, I wouldn't receive this award. I also thank the leaders who support my requests to move health care forward. So, I humbly accept this award for all of us here at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center and all those I have served over the years and thank you all for your hard work."



## WIC THROUGH SPIPA

Women, Infants and Children provides healthful food and nutrition information for you and your child up to age 5.

**NEXT DATE**  
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
July 6 at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center

**CONTACT**  
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## CHEHALIS TRIBAL HEALTH FAIR

**10 A.M.-3 P.M. WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13**  
**CHEHALIS TRIBAL COMMUNITY CENTER GYM**



**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Tribal, state program vendors
- Information
- Lunch at noon

**CONTACT**  
Christina Hicks  
at 360-709-1741,  
chicks@chehalis-tribe.org.



## BASEBALL

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family and meet people from other reservations. Parking lots were full and people were lined up along the ball fields in bleachers and some brought chairs to watch the action.

Both Tomahawk Stadium and Legends Field Complex hosted baseball games. With so many teams scheduled, tournament directors were busy coordinating games. Men's hardball (14 teams), women's slow-pitch softball (12 teams), and coed slow-pitch softball (16 teams).

A lot of baseball innings were played during the tournament. What a great sport to be able to play, watch and enjoy. Good ol' fashioned Indian baseball!

Did I mention that every division went into extra games? Yes, that's the first time I remember witnessing that. Players had to reach down deep to win championship jackets. But what an honor to represent your team, tribe and family. Great job everyone!

Voices carried across the field as friends and families sat together rooting for their family or team. The baseball teams played at a highly skilled and competitive level. Players were determined to bring home championship jackets and bragging rights. Wow! Spectacular plays were seen. It was a spirited and good-natured competition, and everyone left the rivalry on the field.

### Coastal Salish Jam

On Friday night, everyone was invited to attend the Coastal Salish Jam session at the Community Center. It was a memorable night singing, drumming and dancing. Old friends visited and new friends were made.

### Salmon, clams, oysters

The Chehalis tribal fish pit offered salmon, clam and oyster plates Saturday and Sunday. The delicious food was provided by the Chehalis Tribe. The fish went fast – you



The Chehalis Tomahawks came out on top in men's hardball during the Tribal Days Memorial Baseball Tournament.



Fire and Ice were No. 1 in women's slow-pitch softball.



The Taholah Stars landed first in co-ed slow-pitch softball.

needed to get there early or risk missing out. So if you were one of the lucky ones, you purchased your order and walked away with a big smile on your face anticipating a delightful dish.

### Vendors

This year, vendor tables were set up at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center parking lot. They provided an impressive variety of goods for purchase. Food vendors also were available to satisfy any hungry or thirsty person. This area was established to provide a safe shopping atmosphere. Many people took home a memento.

### Youth activities

On Saturday and Sunday, Youth Center Manager Tony Medina and Youth Center staff scheduled activities for the children.

The loud siren echoed across the tribal complex to signal to all of the children that the games were about to begin. Kids ran toward the basketball court to participate in the activities.

After the games, the winners were seen picking out goodies from the wagon. The staff invited children ages 5 and 6 to play a fun game of T-ball. It's activities such as these where a love of baseball

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### MEN'S HARBALL TOURNAMENT

1st: Chehalis Tomahawks  
2nd: Little Boston  
3rd: Rebels  
4th: LB Young Bucks  
Sportsmanship:  
Chief Lechi

### Special awards

MVP: Jackson Brown  
Best bat: Sonny Youckton  
Best glove: Isaac Purser  
Best pitcher:  
Josh DeCoteau  
Best catcher:  
Gary Ortivez III

### WOMEN'S SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL

1st: Fire and Ice  
2nd: Nice Snatch  
3rd: Coastals  
4th: Natives

### Special awards

MVP: Monica Kautz  
Best bat: Tillie Grover

### CO-ED SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL

1st: Taholah Stars  
2nd: All-Nations  
3rd: Chiefs  
4th: Skok

### Special awards

Man: MVP Kyle Kautz  
Woman: MVP Tillie Grover  
Best bat: Mariah Frasier

begins. All of the kids came out winners because they took home a prize and had a lot of fun!

### Thank you

Tournament directors, umpires, announcers and scorekeepers did an outstanding job. With their hard work, dedication and continued support, it makes for a well-run and successful gathering!

Thanks to everyone for creating special memories by traveling to the Chehalis Reservation to participate in the 2017 Tribal Days Memorial Baseball Tournament. We hope to see you next year!



# Chehalis Tribal Days royalty selected

## *Youngsters to represent tribe*

It's wonderful to see our youth show their pride and community spirit. The Youth Center sponsored the 2017-18 Chehalis Tribal Days Pageant.

So many people came to witness the selection of the princesses and prince that extra tables were brought out to accommodate the huge community turnout.

Youth Center Manager Tony Medina welcomed everyone and asked contestants to check in for their respective categories.

After the blessing of the food, elders were invited to be served first. Tony kicked off the festivities with a raffle.

Chehalis tribal elders who attended received ballots to select the children who would represent the tribe during Tribal Days and other



**2017 CHEHALIS TRIBAL ROYALTY** – From left: Head Start Mr. Chehalis Allistair Youckton-Legg, Junior Mr. Chehalis Micah McNair, Mr. Chehalis Jared Mordhorst, Junior Miss Chehalis Dyani Cayenne,

Youth Center Manager Tony Medina, Miss Chehalis Madison Carter, Junior Miss Chehalis Kaytlin Pickernell, Head Start Miss Chehalis Juliet Kramer and her father Justin Kramer.

upcoming events.

Tony then announced the categories and names of the children participating in the pageant. Many came dressed in adorable outfits, and all of

the kids made a little speech. Presentations were well thought out. Older children put their best foot forward and discussed why they should be selected as 2017 Chehalis

Tribal Royalty. The younger ones were cute and some were very bashful, which was sweet to watch. All of the youngsters shined as they gave their presentations.

## CHAIRMAN

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■ My cousin David Youckton

■ I would be remiss in not mentioning the two leaders that inspire me today – David Burnett and Don Secena.

All of these leaders have shined during their time in office – Dolly with the advent of a new and updated tribal constitution and Nena with her push to get our members educated, Percy with his love of fisheries and natural resources, Mel and David with their roles during the tough times for our tribe and the rise of gaming in Indian country, David Burnett with his insistence of economic development outside of gaming and Don Secena with his faith and compassion while our tribe faced a rather trying moment of transition to new governmental policies.

Serving as vice chairman the past two years has taught

me that sometimes change can take time.

This can be a good thing. It leaves time for decisions to be introduced, discussed and acted upon. Good decisions take time. Tough decisions take time.

Serving as vice chairman has enhanced my patience and understanding.

Not every decision we have made has been popular, but I truly believe in my heart that they were the best choices for our tribe and for our future.

During my term as vice chairman, someone asked me, "Do you believe you are as respected as some of our past leaders through the eyes of the general membership?"

My answer was, "I really hope that I am, but if not, that one day I sure would like to be."

I do my best to keep my door open for each and every tribal member who feels the need to speak with me. If I do not have an answer, I do my very best to find an answer for

them.

The Chehalis Tribe has come a long way from dirt roads and empty pockets, but we still have a long road ahead.

Issues such as education, child care, elder living, social services and homelessness remain on our list of problems that need to be addressed.

Natural Resources is dealing with two major issues today – the proposed dam project on the Chehalis River and attempts of infringement on our usual and accustomed fishing areas.

Law Enforcement issues include drug abuse (both illegal and prescribed) and burglaries to both private and governmental properties.

All of these problems have a solution, but it cannot be done by me or you alone.

It will take all of us – everybody in our community – asking the tough questions and following through on hard decisions.

Thank you all and God bless

## Caution: Bear sighting

We'd like the tribal community to know that there has been a bear with cubs spotted on Howanut Road and will be traveling around the area. Typically, every year there is a bear seen in this area. Down the hill from the Tribal Center are apple orchards.

This is just to remind you that the bear is back looking for food and please allow it space.

If you spot a bear:

- Leave the animal alone.
- Don't keep pet food out overnight.
- Manage your garbage.
- Stay clear of bear cubs.
- Do not approach bears.

Remember that bears are scared of people, too.

For more information, call 360-273-5911.



## Youth make beautiful Mother's Day treasures

When kids make handmade presents, the result is sweet perfection. Chehalis tribal youth participated in the Heritage & Culture Program's craft day to design a special gift for their mothers on May 8. The little treasures came from each child's heart and showed their love for mom. The creative juices really did flow as the children thoughtfully crafted beautiful, unique presents.

The youth took their gifts home and hid them away until Sunday morning. Then came the surprise as they handed their gifts to their mothers. This small token of appreciation strengthens the bond between parent and child.

Mothers need to be appreciated. Their hard work, dedication and sacrifices in raising a family are amazing.

Hugs and excitement set the tone for the day with barbecues, dinners, movies or just a family gathering honoring all moms around the world. The sounds of joy and laughter lifted many spirits and made the heart soar.

Thank you Heritage & Culture Program staff for encouraging our children to make special memories on Mother's Day!



After the blessing, Terry and Brenna Youckton cross the bridge on Harris Creek Trail.

## Harris Creek Trail blessing

*Contributed by Jesse Gleason,  
Transportation Planner*

The Chehalis Tribal Planning Department opened the Harris Creek/Vosper Multi-Use Trail on May 18. Construction began in February and quickly came together with the help of Parametrix and Rognlin's Inc.

With the Chehalis Tribal Business Committee and assistance from the Recreational Conservation Office, a .25-mile trail was built to connect residents of Sickman Loop and the Vosper property to the city

of Oakville.

This project grants access for pedestrians to safely cross Harris Creek on a beautiful timber-decked walkway and away from State Street to the city line. The Planning Department will continue to secure funding to extend the trail from the city limits to complete a much-needed safe route to school.

Thanks to everyone who attended. A special thank you goes to Winona Youckton, Theresa Youckton and Brenna Youckton for offering the blessing.



### EARLY LEARNING

#### APPLICATIONS FOR 2017-18

Accepting enrollment for ages 6 weeks-5 years

- Expectant Mothers' program
- Qualified early childhood staff
- A wonderful place for children and families
- Employment and volunteer opportunities
- Bus services provided

Call 360-273-5514 or stop by 420 Howanut Road, Oakville, for an application. Turn in all required documents by Monday, July 31.



The Heritage & Culture Program helped children create sweet gifts for Mother's Day on May 8.



# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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Eric Beckwith  
Mario Robles  
Caiden Starr

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Payton Albert  
Roberta Combs

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Billy Uden

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Suzanne Ortizve  
Nikki Sanders

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Zach Baker  
Leroy Boyd

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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

12

Paul Klatush



**JEREMY WILLIAM KLATUSH:** Happy birthday to my one and only son. **LOYALA JEAN KATHLEEN DAVIS:** Happy birthday to one of many princesses in my life! Mom loves you very much!



**COLLIN DIXON:** Happy 3rd birthday from Mom and Harry.



**EMILY PICKERNELL:** Happy 13th birthday, love Dad, Mom and Piggy!



**STACY YOUNCKTON:** Happy birthday from Pam, Courtney, Conner, LJ and family.



**HARRY PICKERNELL JR.:** Happy 25th birthday from Mom and Dad.

Lindsey Shadle

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Leona Clary

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

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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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Andrea Christina

## MORE WISHES

**BETTY FULTON:** Happy birthday to our Great Gramma Tiny! And happy birthday to Bryce Dewin Jacob Reynolds! We love you! Your family.

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

**ROBERTA COMBS:** Happy birthday from your family.

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

**JORDAN HUTCHINSON-ALBERT:** Happy birthday to our beautiful Jordan. Always know we are here for you! Love you always, Gramma Joyleen, Uncle Eli, Uncle Kevin, Vernon and all your little cousins.

Beverly Bishop  
Kaylena Delgado  
Joseph Sanchez-Allenbach  
Sonya Sherman  
Cheryl Stein

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Barnaby Canales

Darian Washburn  
Marvin Youckton

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Harold Pickernell, Jr.  
Bailey Revay-Fern

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Jordan Eichelberger  
Anastasya Lukianov  
Danika Pickernell  
Edward Sanchez

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

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Robert Dupuy  
Aaron Myer  
Heather Walker

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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



**SUZANNE ORTIZVE:** Happy birthday to my wonderful sister from your sisters and family.



## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

### Shyann R. Ortivez

**12th grade  
Oakville High School**

Shyann Ortivez is a senior at Oakville High School and has a GPA of 2.71. She is the daughter of Gary and Georgia Ortivez. Shyann has two brothers, three dogs and one cat.

Shyann attributes her success to listening and doing her work in a timely manner as well as paying attention in class. Outside of school, she enjoys reading a good book. Her



favorite thing about school is playing fast-pitch softball. This year, Oakville High School's fast-pitch softball team went to state and finished in fifth place. It was a great experience!

After graduation, Shyann plans to attend South Puget Sound Community College and study to become a baker.

If Shyann was chairwoman, she would make it safer for people to walk around the reservation by adding more sidewalks.

Way to go Shyann on graduating. Keep on moving forward!

### Kayleena Delgado

**Sixth grade  
Grand Mound Middle School**

Kayleena Delgado is in sixth grade at Grand Mound Elementary and has a 3.71 GPA. She is the daughter of Richard and Erin Delgado. She has two brothers and a dog. She likes to shop with her family in town.

Band is an activity Kayleena really enjoys. She plays the clarinet. What makes her a successful student is that stays focused in



class and turns her homework in on time. She would tell other students to pay attention in class. Besides band, she is also involved in cheerleading.

Outside of school, Kayleena likes to play on her phone. In the future, she's interested in becoming a hairstylist. She plans to attend Washington State University.

If she was chairwomen of the tribe, Kayleena would strongly persuade children to respect their elders.

Awesome job Kayleena. Keep on being an outstanding role model!

### Amara Penn

**Third grade  
Grand Mound Elementary**

Nine-year-old Amara Penn attends the third grade at Grand Mound Elementary School. Her parents are Dan Penn and Jenée Burnett. She has one older brother and a younger sister as well as a dog and a cat. At home, she has a great time creating art with her family.

Amara's favorite parts of school are recess and having lunch with her friends. She says paying attention in school is what makes her a successful student. She strongly encourages that if other children are being bad, you should set a better example.



Outside of school, art is her favorite activity. She loves painting, making collages and coloring. Amara also is an avid soccer player and enjoys swimming lessons. She attributes her remarkable attitude to being kind to others.

Her future goal is to attend Washington State University to become a veterinarian.

If Amara was chairwoman, she would make it mandatory for parents to buy their kids ice cream and take them swimming. She would allow breaks whenever you wanted them and would not make kids have to go to school.

Excellent job Amara. Keep on moving forward with your positive outlook!

## in brief

### Grays Harbor PUD changes

Grays Harbor PUD terminated our pay station on May 31. The tribal accounting department will not be able to accept PUD payments or take applications for new service. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Please make your payments directly to Grays Harbor PUD online or by phone, mail or in person:

#### Gray Harbor PUD

ghpud.org

360-532-4220

P.O. Box 480 Aberdeen, WA 98520

The office at 2720 Sumner Ave. in Aberdeen is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

### Women gather

The Northwest Native Women's Conference will be Oct. 12-15 at the Neah Bay Assembly of God. The theme is "Hold My Hand. Walk With Me. Talk With Me: Building Relationships."

An exciting new format is arriving. Participants will still be able to enjoy crafts and free haircuts.

#### LODGING IN TOWN

**Butler's Motel.** Six rooms are available and sleep three each. Prices are \$65-\$75. Call Nancy at 360-640-0948 and make sure to tell her you are attending the Women's Conference.

**The Cape Resort:** Cabins are \$75 per night. Call 360-645-2250.

#### LODGING AT THE BEACH

**Hobuck Resort Cabins and RV:** Call 360-645-2339.

For more information, contact Rita Kallappa at 360-640-3139 or Jeanne Kallappa at 360-640-8323.