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Pitch-perfect weekend

Tribal Days delivers with baseball, art, food

Throughout Memorial Day weekend, the Chehalis people welcomed native baseball players from across the Pacific Northwest during 2018 Tribal Days. The four-day event, famously known for its baseball and softball tournaments, has flourished into so much more.

In addition to ballgames going on at both Legends and Tomahawks fields and children chasing foul balls to collect

spending money, Tribal Days is filled with activities. Children played everywhere as vendors sold food and traditional native arts. This year featured a fireworks show and an inaugural art show.

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While kids gleefully played on the sidelines, action was fierce on the ballfield during Chehalis Tribal Days.

While graduating seniors are honored, they also give thanks to loved ones for their support at the Senior Recognition Dinner on June 15.



Class of 2018 celebrated

Chehalis tribal grads reach academic goals

Families gathered to witness the 2018 graduating high school seniors honored on June 15 at Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel. The Senior Recognition Dinner marks seniors' academic accomplishments. An

evening of fun, food, games, awards and giveaways sponsored by tribal programs awaited the graduates.

All of the students are tutored by the K-12 Education Program, which tracks milestones and encourages students to achieve their academic goals. The education staff cares

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Clockwise: Little Boston (standing with Chehalis Tribal Royalty) took first in men's hardball. Nisqually earned the top spot in co-ed slow-pitch softball. Fire and Ice were No. 1 in women's slow-pitch softball. Elaine McCloud adjusts traditional regalia during the Chehalis Tribe's inaugural art showcase.



WEEKEND

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Tribal Days provides an outlet to relax, rejoice and enjoy friendly competition. Elder Dan Jones had the privilege of throwing out the first pitch of the tournament Friday at Legends Field. Ball players young and old used the weekend as an opportunity to show off their skills.

Throughout recent history, Cheryle Starr managed and operated Tribal Days and traditionally had plenty of helpers to get the job done. Leroy Boyd has played in and helped run the tournament since he was a teen. Events staff, including Leroy, Philip Youckton and Russ Baker, were handed the torch and took on the main responsibilities this year.

"It's a huge cultural event," Leroy said. Families and community members collectively make the annual celebration successful.

In keeping with tradition, the first Tribal Days tournament division to determine a champion was women's softball. Last year's champion Fire and Ice from Taholah defended their crown and defeated the Natives in the championship game Saturday evening. With co-ed softball and men's hardball champions still up for grabs, there was plenty of action throughout the rest of the weekend.

In the co-ed division, Nisqually played Chiefs in the championship round. Chiefs suffered a loss to Nisqually earlier in the tournament. With the double-elimination format, Chiefs had to win twice to take the championship.

They pulled off a victory in the late innings of the first game, but Nisqually reigned supreme and took the second game and the championship jackets.

One field over at Tomahawks Field, familiar foes Rebels and Chehalis battled it out in the losers-bracket for a chance to play Little Boston (L.B.) for first and second. The game was highlighted by homeruns from Chehalis teammates and brothers Leroy and Michael Boyd, which helped lead them into the championship game.



L.B. was still undefeated, meaning Chehalis faced an uphill battle and had to beat them twice in a row to claim the top spot. Unfortunately, for the home team, L.B. came in with momentum and didn't slow down. After L.B. took an early lead in the game, Chehalis fought back, but L.B.'s slugger Adrian "Ace" sealed the game with a homer in the seventh inning, leading his team to the 12-5 victory.

The Events Department sends out a huge thanks to everyone who helped throughout the weekend and to everyone who attended the 2018 Tribal Days. They wanted to especially recognize those who helped organize the celebration, the grounds crew and maintenance and the scorekeepers for all of the work they did to ensure a successful event.



Youth will shine as they represent tribe

Chehalis Tribal Royalty chosen

A panel of 22 tribal elders voted to determine this year's royal representatives at the 2018 Chehalis Tribal Royalty selection dinner on May 23.

Candidates from each age group had the opportunity to give a speech at the Community Center. Many of the younger ones kept it short and sweet by introducing themselves and telling the audience what family they come from. The older candidates offered in-depth written speeches describing what qualifies them to represent the tribe and why they wish to be royalty. Some even used the opportunity to show their humorous side by mixing in a few jokes and making the elders laugh.

Elders voted on seven new royalty cabinet members. Those selected received their first taste of what it is like to represent the tribe during Chehalis Tribal Days weekend and at Rochester's Swede Parade.



2018 CHEHALIS TRIBAL ROYALTY – From left: Mr. Head Start Chehalis Allistair Youckton (ages 3-5), Miss Head Start Chehalis Jude Ortvez (ages 3-5), Lil' Mr. Chehalis Micah McNair (ages 6-9),

Lil' Miss Chehalis Uilani Siufanua (ages 6-9), Junior Mr. Chehalis Hazen Cayenne (ages 10-13), Junior Miss Chehalis Nora Ortvez (ages 10-13) and Miss Chehalis Mya Ortvez (ages 14-17).



Far left: Micah McNair bravely gives a speech.

Left: Allistair Youckton and Jude Ortvez flash their regal smiles.

Tribal members and employees graciously donated their time to clean up cemeteries on the Chehalis Reservation on May 18.



Community tidies cemeteries

To prepare for Memorial Day, Chehalis tribal members and employees spent time cleaning cemeteries on the reservation on May 18. Tribal youth put on their work gloves to help the adults.

As workers visited loved ones and relatives they lost, they paid homage by tidying gravesites, washing weathered headstones and decorating the area they

were laid to rest with flowers.

It was a gracious gesture for nontribal employees who might not have known those buried to assist with the cleanup.

Enough help was available that most of the cleaning was completed by noon. Everyone who participated enjoyed a lunch provided by Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel.

OBITUARY

Bill Peterson

Dec. 19, 1958-April 20, 2018

Officer Bill Peterson was a reserve officer for the Chehalis Tribal Law Enforcement during the early 1990s. He served our growing police department during the weekends. Bill was a gentle giant with a big smile and heart as he served our community on the Chehalis Reservation.

His kindness and positive attitude gained him a lot of respect and he made many friends. He had many nicknames, but that was why Bill was so loved by those who had the opportunity to interact him.

His demeanor commanded respect, but his passion as a police officer gained him so much more.

His celebration of life was on May 11 at the Olympia Masonic Lodge. Officer Bill Peterson will be greatly missed by many. The impact you had on our community will be forever remembered.

Rest easy, our dear friend and colleague.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be given to kidney.org or behindthebadgefoundation.org.

New additions to police department

Officer Wilson a vital resource for building trust with community

On May 31, the Chehalis Tribal Police Department welcomed Officer Susannah "Susie" Wilson as she was sworn in underneath the flagpoles outside of the Tribal Center.



Susannah Wilson

With more than five years of experience as a field officer at the Spokane Police Department and the Tenino Police Department, Wilson comes to the force fully trained. She said her dad was a police officer for nearly 40 years, and she always wanted to lace up the boots and follow in his footsteps.

"I grew up knowing that I wanted to do this," Wilson said.

Her mom and dad both attended the swearing-in ceremony, which Wilson said is the first step in becoming a familiar face on the Chehalis Reservation. She looks forward to engaging the tribe.

"I'm really excited to interact with all the people in the community," Wilson said.

She also viewed the career move as an opportunity for professional growth and to learn a new skill set. Because Tenino is only 15 miles from the Chehalis Reservation and TPD books misdemeanors at the tribal jail, Wilson had several opportunities to work with tribal police.

After working with tribal officers a bit and realizing she got along well with them, Wilson decided to further her career in law enforcement with the tribe.

"It's nice to find an agency that is excited to have me," Wilson said. "I'm eager to learn this new side of law enforcement."

She also is pleased that the agency is in a stage of continuous expansion, which allows her to work with a bigger staff and more assistance when necessary.

Wilson said being part of a team of 20 officers is a very different experience than her previous post that at its peak had four police officers, and being a solo officer at one point.

"There are other people that can help,"

Wilson said. "I don't have to take every single call. That's been a mind-blowing concept to me."

Although it will be helpful to have backup, she knows there are challenges to every job. Wilson is familiarizing herself with tribal codes and the correct procedures to handle situations on tribal territory. A common obstacle all officers encounter is learning the backgrounds of individuals who live on the reservation and building a rapport with the community.

Part of Wilson's focus is to engage our youth, building trust with the next generation so they view the police department as a resource.

Lt. Arick Burnett said the department is thrilled to have Wilson because she brings with her a lot of expertise from her years working with the Tenino School District.

Wilson's goal is to help people understand that the police are here to serve the citizens and help them feel secure in their community.

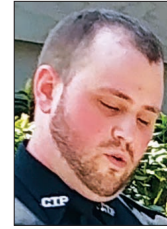
Wilson said she would like to give a special thanks to the Chehalis Tribe for trusting her and providing the opportunity for her.

'I'm eager to learn this new side of law enforcement.'

**- SUSANNAH 'SUSIE' WILSON,
OFFICER WITH THE CHEHALIS
TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Officer Wollen transitions from corrections to patrol duty

With family members, colleagues and Business Committee members in attendance, Officer Trevor Wollen was formally introduced and officially sworn in as a Chehalis Tribal Police officer on May 8 in front of the Tribal Center.



Trevor Wollen

Previously, Wollen worked for the tribe's Public Safety Department in the jail as a corrections officer. During the past couple of years, he's been working to transition to the police force. Wollen is looking forward to his new career as a patrol officer for the tribal community.

"I feel like I got in at a good time because (the department) is just ever-expanding and growing," Wollen said.

Wollen received his training at the Basic Law Enforcement Academy in Burien. At first, the drill instructors were hard on everyone, testing their limits to see if anyone would quit. They eventually eased up and started diving into laws and procedures.

Studying at the state academy was stressful, but Wollen was pleased with the outcome because he learned the overall scope of Washington's laws.

Chehalis Tribal Police Lt. Arick Burnett interacted with Wollen while he was on the corrections side of the building and encouraged him to look into being a police officer. Lt. Burnett highlighted the importance of having a diverse group of officers.

It's beneficial to have some officers go to the state academy and others attend the Indian Police Academy.

The various backgrounds and number of officers on the force is "a direct reflection

of the growth of the tribe," he said.

A reason for that growth is land acquisition in Oakville, Rochester, Grand Mound, Tumwater and more. Officers with the Chehalis Tribal Police Department

are trained to understand jurisdiction laws throughout the areas they patrol and are able to interact with native and non-native people.

Lt. Burnett explained that when he was hired nearly a decade ago, the department had only five other members. With the additions during the past few months, more than 20 officers now serve the community.

Wollen feels fortunate to work with a great group of people.

"It has a small department feel where everybody knows each other's name, but it's not your typical small department," he said.

Wollen also feels comfortable approaching his co-workers for advice. He reached out to Officer Sam Heller with questions about the police academy, and has made good use of his first few weeks of field training with various members of the department.

Wollen said it's nice to learn from people with numerous years of experience and different styles.

He wants to give special thanks to Lt. Burnett for his support. He also credits Officer Chris Porter, who heads the jail, for his role in recruiting and training him. He hired Wollen in 2015 and made a persistent effort in leading his move to become a field officer.

After a few more weeks as a field training officer, Wollen will become a fully fledged officer.



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Dream job: Supporting youth

My name is Caytee Cline, and I am excited to officially introduce myself to the tribal community! I was humbled to be offered the position of Suicide Prevention Youth Support Services Coordinator in the Tsapowum Behavioral Health Department, coordinating activities associated with the Native Connections R.E.D RoAD grant.

I am a mother to three beautiful teens: Montana, 19, Wyatt, 17, and Gracee, 13. My husband and I have been married for almost 20 years and have resided in Lewis County all of our lives.

I would like to share a little bit about my journey that has led me to where I am today. In 2003, I was doing what I thought was my dream job running heavy equipment building logging roads. Unfortunately, in August of 2003, I was in a work-related logging accident that left me unable to return to work. As a high school dropout with no GED, I was at a place where I could not even get a job at McDonalds. Fortunately for me, I was eligible for

retraining benefits through Labor and Industries, which provided resources for me to complete my GED in 2006. School was always difficult and I carried a lot of shame being a high school dropout and teen mom. So after earning my GED, I felt



Caytee Cline

uncertain about my future. I wasn't sure what to do next. I decided to enter the TRIO Student Support Services at Centralia College. This program helped guide me in my next steps of earning my Associate of Arts. I was able to obtain employment as an office assistant in TRIO.

For the next couple of years, I watched from afar as employees in TRIO helped students in middle school through college. I knew I wanted to help out in that same capacity. For the first time in my life, I felt I could use my story and decisions to help youth.

However, to get in that line of work, I had

to obtain a bachelor's degree. So in 2012, I started an online program through Washington State University to earn a degree in human development. After graduating in the class of 2014, I was able to move right into a position in TRIO working with both middle-school and high-school students. I loved working with the students. They influenced my life in so many ways. I truly found my new dream job.

I loved my time in TRIO at Centralia College, but I wanted to broaden my knowledge and capabilities. I have the privilege of doing that under the Native Connections R.E.D. RoAD grant. The grant is designed to prevent and reduce suicidal behavior and substance misuse and promote mental health among tribal adolescents and younger adults under the age of 25. I am working in collaboration with an advisory board to guide program planning and outline future activities.

I am excited to be a part of such a loving community. Thank you for having me.

Dealer school unearths new talent

Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel is continuing to move toward an ever-changing entertainment environment. Because of a need for additional table games dealers, the casino offered a free Craps and Blackjack Dealing School on Jan. 22.

The school consisted of two classes a day for 12 weeks. Having two different times – one from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and another from 5-9 p.m. made it easier for folks to attend. After completion of the course (some participants even doubled up on classes!), we can proudly say we have eight new dealers within the



Ron Wright, Chris Boyce, Dave Wagner, Rachelle "Teach" Wells, Nick Olsen, Rebecca Cloer, Jeff Owens and Ben Bier.

Table Games Department with extensive knowledge in craps and blackjack. A graduation celebration was held April 24.

Special thanks to Rachelle Wells, who taught the class and has more than 15 years experience in table games. She is now known as "Teach."

HERITAGE/CULTURE

Woven into history *Conference encourages upholding tradition*

Hundreds of cedar weavers of all skill levels attended the Hazel Pete Basket Weaving Conference on May 12 at Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound.

The conference showcases traditional native artistry, connects participants to other weavers and also is an institute for learning. It's open to anyone interested in the traditional practices and ways of native people.

Those new to weaving learned from master weavers who regularly attend the Hazel Pete conference. Longtime organizers and teachers of the program are Trudy Marcellay, Yvonne Peterson and Gail White Eagle, all of whom were in attendance this year.

One of the main purposes of the event is to encourage the tradition to be carried on for generations to come.

Native Americans from every region sustained a livelihood with natural, local resources for thousands of years. Each region was different and depended on what was readily available.

The Salish people of North America in the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia have a deep history in weaving cedar bark and sweet grass. Archeologists continue to dig up and uncover ancient Native American artifacts, learning more about how resourceful and complex natives were during those times.

Some of the ancient artifacts unearthed during the past few decades have inspired a lot of interest, and not just in the native community.

Dale Croes, who has a PhD in archeology, and Ed Carriere, Suquamish Tribal Elder and Master Basket Weaver, were invited to the conference as keynote speakers. They discussed their work spreading knowledge about recent discoveries of Native American basketry.

In collaboration with Dale, Ed is diligently replicating baskets that date back thousands of years. The two worked together on "Re-Awakening Ancient Salish Sea Basketry - Fifty Years of Basketry Studies in Culture and Science." Their book describes basket weaving as a "synergy" between culture and science.

They have been invited around the world to share their experiences and replicated baskets. Dale views basketry as part of the native people's identity. He pointed to popularity of the Hazel Pete conference and the hundreds of Native Americans that attend the event. He said he doesn't think natives would have such a rooted interest unless it was part of their identity.

"Identity is critical for perpetuation of culture," Dale explained.



A participant of the Hazel Pete Basket Weaving Conference views a woven shrimp basket. Speakers Dale Croes and Ed Carriere shared their knowledge about recent Native American basketry discoveries.

Contributed by Ed Croes

CHEHALIS CANOE FAMILY

is launching from our Rivers for the first time in many years

Tuesday, July 10th, 2018

Canoe Launch Celebration

12:00–4:00pm @ Percy's Landing

©Opening prayer

©A welcoming by a Business Committee member

©Representative(s) of Percy Youckton's family will be requested to speak

©Dan Penn will speak about the significance of Percy's Landing & the Chehalis River Journey landing sites.

©Canoe Family Introductions

©An opportunity for community to share words of encouragement and support

July 11th
 Depart: 8am the canoe family will circle up @ The Fisheries Building to pray & share words of encouragement
 Depart: 9am SHARP from Percy's Landing
 Destination: 11:00am-1:00pm canoes will arrive at the Porter Boat Launch for lunch
 Destination: 3:00-5:00PM canoes will arrive in Satsop @ Fullers Boat Launch

July 12th
 Depart: Satsop
 Destination: 107 Boat Launch * Picking up Tulap*
 Depart: Quinalt Fish house Landing
 Destination: CAMP @ 600 Wishkah Street Aberdeen

July 13th
 Depart: Aberdeen
 Destination: Armstrong Bay at Quinalt Marina & RV, Ocean Shores

July 14th
 Depart: Armstrong bay
 Destination: Quinalt Point Grenville

You can follow us on our Journey as we paddle to Puyallup on our Canoe Family's facebook page:
 2018 Chehalis Canoe Family Paddle to Puyallup

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME
 Camp set up & Clean up
 Contact Glenda Comerout or Sylvia Cayenne

DONATIONS WELCOME
 (The Canoe Family is going green NO paper products, Styrofoam etc.)
 Lunch Meat
 PB&J
 Bread
 Beef Jerky
 Gatorade
 Trail mix
 HIGH PROTEIN SNACKS!

Honoring our sacred salmon

Ceremony, feast put emphasis on teaching

By Fred Shortman

The Chehalis tribal community gathered to honor the salmon people on May 17. The annual celebration was brought back years ago by Ross Davis, Bruce Miller and Dale Clark.

Chehalis tribal fishermen harvested spring Chinook throughout the week and prepared the feast for the community.

An offering

One facet of the ritual that most people don't witness is the ceremony in the tribal tributaries.

In a tradition that dates back for decades, the first Chinook caught each season is released back into the river.

A group consisting of youth, adults and elders participated in the event Thursday morning. Shannon and Glenda Comenout led that part of the ceremony. They highlighted that the emphasis this year is on teaching the next generation Native American cultural values and traditions so the practices will endure.

Down at the Chehalis riverbank, the carcass and head of the first salmon caught was placed on cedar and released downstream to the echo of the drumbeat and songs of native people.

Authentic meal

The second part of the ceremony is the feast, where everybody gathers for lunch at the fish pit.

Todd Delameter, Chehalis tribal member and fisherman, said event organizers gathered traditional foods to ensure an authentic meal.

They gathered nettles, camas, eel, oysters, clams and salmon. The fish was prepared the Chehalis way over the fire. Salads, side dishes and



The carcass of the first Chinook of the season is released back into the water at the Salmon Ceremony.



Chehalis Tribal Elder Mel Youckton makes his way through delectable dishes as elders are invited to the buffet line first. Mel welcomed everyone to the gathering.

desserts completed the meal.

The meaning

Chehalis Elder Mel Youckton spoke on behalf of the elders and welcomed everyone.

Walter Lewis addressed the crowd and shared a few words about the ceremony at the river.

Lewis informed the hundreds in attendance about the good nature and kind spirit of the Chehalis people and how they honor what was

and what continues to be a staple of the tribe's livelihood.

As community members filled up seats at the table and delighted in traditional foods, the Chehalis Canoe Family performed a few songs. Events staff handed out gifts to those who helped make the ceremony possible.

Members of the Heritage & Culture Department and Social Services prepared bone-bead necklaces to donate at the gathering.



Salmon roasts slowly over the fire pit.

HEALTH/WELLNESS



Instructor Elise Krohn taught students how to harvest camas during a traditional foods class on May 7.

Wild, wonderful camas

Robust carbohydrate is a traditional food source for Native Americans

The Chehalis Tribal Behavior Health program hosted a camas class in the Gathering Room on May 7.

More than 20 people attended and learned about harvesting techniques and shared memories of digging camas. The starchy carbohydrate camas, also known as “Indian potatoes,” is a highlight of the traditional Native American diet.

When instructor Elise Krohn asked tribal member and linguist Dan Penn how camas is pronounced in the Chehalis language, he said the Upper Chehalis people call it Ka-wum. Camas is a starch/carbohydrate similar to potatoes.

Elise explained she originally thought camas came from the

lily family but later learned they have been classified as coming from the asparagus family. Elise taught that identifying camas is pretty simple because the edible ones have a purple flower when they are in bloom. When camas is blooming on the prairies they are a beautiful sight to see. Beware, the white-flowered camas, referred to as the death camas, must be avoided. Camas is normally harvested April through June.



Elder Cindy Andy volunteered to speak about her memories of gathering traditional plants on the prairie. She started by sharing that during her childhood, families couldn't go to a grocery store and purchase food.

Instead, they relied on gathering their food from the prairies. She continued explaining that the Secena and Klatush families would stop to visit before heading out to the prairie to harvest camas. Other

individuals would also gather at her home, such as Sophie Heck, Silas Heck and Mary Kiona.

Cindy fondly remembers how when she returned home from school hungry, her lunch consisted of preserved camas from the family's storage. She said camas isn't prepared the same way today. If camas was still cooked in the old way, it would be just as she remembers it – a sweet, tasty treat.

Her uncle would start digging a pit to cook the camas in before everyone left to harvest. He would gather other materials such as rocks, ferns and burlap bags that he used to cook with. Before cooking, he weighed their camas to ensure an accurate amount of camas was returned to the families before returning home to store their food for the winter months.

Guest speaker Roger Fernandez, a storyteller from the Lower Elwha S'Klallam Tribe, shared three stories:

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ctwc events

DR. BEHRE FOOT CLINIC

8 a.m.-noon July 24, Aug. 14, Sept. 17;
1-4 p.m. July 31, Aug. 30, Sept. 5:
The Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center has a podiatrist available for all foot care needs.

DIABETES WELLNESS CLINIC

8 a.m.-noon July 19, Aug. 16; Patients need labs, medicine review, foot/diabetes/physical exams and a uric acid blood test.

MONTHLY COMMUNITY WALK

Noon July 19, A ug. 16: Join others for a fun fitness walk. Starts at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center.

MAMMOGRAM CLINIC

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 27: Swedish Women's Wellness Clinic. Call your health care provider to schedule.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call Diabetes Licensed Practical Nurse Sandra Dickenson **(360-709-1660)** or Community Wellness Manager Christina Hicks **(360-709-1741).**

'WE WALK AS ONE' *Thanks for your support at annual Cancer Walk*

Contributed by Orinda Goddard

On behalf of myself and the Elders Department, I would like to thank everyone who came out to show support for the 11th annual Chehalis Tribe Cancer Walk at the Legends Field picnic area on May 27.

Our slogan is #WeWalkasOne, and every step we take is a prayer we share for the fight against cancer and support for families of those who have passed on. We all have loved ones that have been fighting or have lost their great battle to cancer.

This amazing walk demonstrates how we can come together for an important cause and help raise awareness. An impressive 275 walkers registered for the big day! There were 114 Chehalis tribal members, and 17 additional tribes were represented.

We had more than 100 raffle prizes donated and gifts provided for all children that participated.

Thank you to those who helped make this event possible: I would like to thank the following businesses, programs and people for their donations: Boo and Joyce Thomas, Carline Sloppy and family, Fred Shortman, Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel, Chehalis Tribal Enterprises, SPIPA Cancer Control Programs, Chehalis Tribal Law Enforcement, Chehalis Social Services, Chehalis Planning



Department, Events Program, Heritage & Culture Program, Eagles Landing Hotel, Highway 12 Espresso, Nike Outlet, Color Graphics, Meja Handlen, Rochester Fruit Stand and Burger Claim.

A special thank you goes to Ole Obi and volunteers that help every year to make the walk a success: Pam Youckton, Dan "Bones" Gleason, Penny Gleason, Jake Dickerson,

Jackie Dickerson, Karen Klatush and her family, Joyleen McCrory and Gloria Jones.

We had a fundraiser that consisted of sponsoring ribbon signs. During the walk, names were visible on each of the ribbons. Thank you again and I hope to have your support for our 12th annual Cancer Walk.

Missing signs

We are missing seven

signs. If you know where they are, please return them to the Chehalis Tribe. Thank you. We fundraised to get the signs made for our cancer walk, and families sponsored the ribbons.

The cost to have the signs made was \$100 each.

If you'd like to have a sign made, contact Orinda Goddard at ogoddard@chehalistribe.org.

FUNDRAISER

We are selling T-shirts for \$5 and ordering sweatshirts (\$30 hooded, \$35 zip-up) with the same logo. If you would like to purchase one, contact Orinda Goddard at ogoddard@chehalistribe.org.

A hearty few of the 275 registered participants proudly make their way along the 11th annual Cancer Walk route on May 27.

CAMAS

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"How the Stinging Nettle saved the People," "Coyote and the Badger" and "Camas." When he finished, he acknowledged where the story came from, mentioning that there are many teachings behind each story. He asked for volunteers to share lessons they learned from each story.

Ecological relationships

Camas prairies in our region

originally were shaped by massive glaciers about 14,000 years ago and sustained by a warming climate and natural fires. It is remembered through the story of the flood.

These areas offered native people an open landscape where game could be hunted and edible and medicinal plants could be harvested.

The prairies also were home to many species of butterflies, birds and small land mammals. Tribal families maintained the prairies through fire, pulling

invasive species and aerating soil with digging sticks when harvesting camas.

What we see today are remnants of vast prairies that were common just a few generations ago.

They are disappearing through neglect, invasive species, farming, grazing and other land use changes. Only about 5 percent of prairies remain today.

Traditional medicine and food classes are sponsored by the Red Road Project.

HELP MOTHER NATURE

In an effort to restore prairies, Thurston County has formed the Glazier Reserve. If you wish to assist this crucial effort, please call **360-786-5595** or go to fws.gov/wafwo/glacial_heritage.html.

FAMILY

GRADUATES

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about each student and uses knowledge and resources to assist families where needed. It is a great program that provides tools for the continued success of students.

K-12 Program Manager John Shortman Jr. opened the evening with a short speech. After the blessing of the food, the class of 2018, elders and families enjoyed a delightful dinner served by Lucky Eagle staff.

Each graduate was given a bouquet of flowers and the opportunity to recognize their loved ones as they handed them out. The heartfelt demonstration of gratitude recognized the love and support they received to get to this stage of life.

The seniors also enjoyed a few rounds of trivia. The questions were available on each table for grads to solve. The games were challenging and made them think, but many conquered the assignment. Each participant was rewarded with a gift to take home.

Guest speakers

Chehalis Tribe Chairman Harry Pickernell Sr. gave an inspirational speech to graduates on accomplishing this goal in their life. He was honored to be invited to speak at the ceremony.

"It's a great opportunity for us to recognize our tribal members and community member graduates as they take their first steps into adulthood," Pickernell said.



2018 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES – From left: Shaylynn Cole, Robert Vigil, Alison Goldman, Erica Esselstrom, Kelsey Bray, Adrian Newton-Brown and

Tracy Pickernell were congratulated on a job well done on June 15 during the Senior Recognition Dinner at Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel.

"I'm so proud of all of them."

He said it's a compliment to everyone who played a role in helping the students reach their goal. It takes parents, grandparents, uncles, aunties, teachers and tutors working together to reach success. Pickernell acknowledged the early mornings and long nights endured by the graduates to make it through.

"I hope to see many more graduates year after year," he said.

Higher Education Coordinator Racheal Mendez will assist students who wish to continue their education. She congratulated the graduating seniors on achieving their academic goals.

Whether by attending a university or community college, Racheal encouraged the young adults to pursue a degree and diversify their skill sets. She said this is an essential step to finding success in the workforce today.

Youth Center Manager Tony Medina and assistant Talisa Baker invited the seniors on stage to acknowledge their academic achievements. Tony rewarded each graduating

senior with a gift card from his program, a hug and a handshake. As in his style, he made it relaxing and fun for all as he congratulated them on a job well done.

Tony said he loves this event

because he's known many of the children since they were 5 years old and started going to the Youth Center. He said witnessing their accomplishments "makes my heart bigger. ... I love my job."

EARLY LEARNING

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2018-19 PROGRAM YEAR

- Monday-Thursday center-based classes
 - Qualified early childhood staff
 - Monthly family fun events
 - No-cost program
- Employment and volunteer opportunities
 - Local bus service for ages 3-5

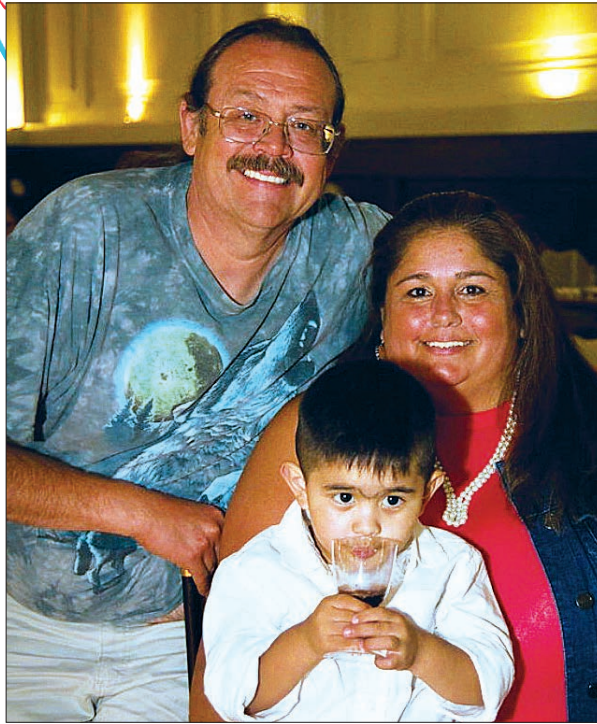
Pick up a packet at 420 Howanut Road, Oakville, or call 360-273-5514

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

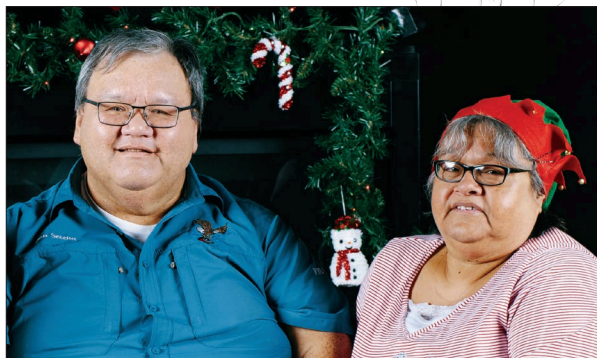
CONNIE BAKER
JASMINE BAKER
SHAYDEN BAKER
CARLOS BILL-SANCHEZ
TAMMY BOYD
FAU FAU BOYD
RENE BRACERO JR.
CALVIN BRAY
CANDACE BROWN
CARMEN BROWN
ELIZABETH BROWN
FRANKIE BROWN
NATALIE BROWN
ARIELLE BURNETT
PAI'NUH'NAH CARTER
THEODORE CHARLES
HALLE COLSON
ALBERT COMBS JR.
KAMRYN COUILLARD
KENNETH DANIELS
NAYELI DAVIDSON
ERIN DELGADO
ALEXANDER FLORES
ALLEN FRICKE JR.
HECTOR GAINES
RONALD GAINES JR.
ELVIS GILLIE
MARIE GRISWOLD
ADAM GUNNELS
SHARON HALL
TOM HAYDEN
RIGOBERTO HERNANDEZ
CHRISTINA HICKS
MARLENE HJELM
MIKAELA HOHEISEL
JAKEB HOYLE
JONATHAN JACK JR.
GLORIA JONES
ELI KING-GLEASON
CECILY KLATUSH
CHRIS KLATUSH
DALE KLATUSH III
ANDRE KLUTH
NATHAN KLUTH
CHLOE LOPEZ-PALMER
LANDEN MASHBURN
MELISSA MCALISTER
LINDA MCDUGALL



JODIE SMITH: Happy birthday. We love you, from Carlos, Fred, Daphne, Rita, Dylan, Josie and family.

ALICIA MEDINA
JACINDA MEDINA
MICHELLE MURRELL
KIMBERLY NATH
GARY ORTIVEZ III
SHYANN ORTIVEZ
KRISTA PARENT
HALEY PARKINSON
JESA PENN-ROCCO
JOHNNY PEREZ
QUERIDA PEREZ
YVONNE PETERSON
FRANCES PICKERNELL

CASSANDRA POPE
JORJA POTTER
PAULA REININGER
RONALD ROGERS JR.
EDUARDO SANCHEZ
RICK SANCHEZ SR.



MARY AND DON SECENA: Happy, happy anniversary. We love you!!! From Dyani and me.

MORE WISHES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Joseph Daniels, Philip Youckton, Jacinda Medina, Brenna Youckton, Farley Youckton II, Michelle Murrell, Samuel Seymour, Stanley Youckton and Lola Youckton. Love you, Terry Youckton.

CARLOS SANCHEZ: Happy birthday to my grandson, from Gramma Jodie and Grampa Fred.

ALEXIS AND KIARA DIXON: Happy birthday. Loves and hugs, from Mom, Harry, Collin and Malia.

FARLEY YOUNGTON II: Happy birthday son! Love Mom and Dad.

SAM AND BILL SECENA: Happy birthday from the family. And many, many more to come!



DRE AND NATE KLUTH: Happy birthday to my twins, love Grandma and Choopa'.

JJ AND GRANT SHORTMAN: Happy birthday to our nephews from your family and many, many friends.

MELISSA MCALLISTER: Happy birthday from Jodie, Carlos, Daphne, Rita, Dylan and the rest of your family!

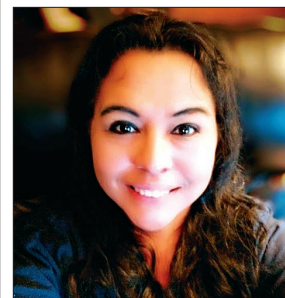
RHAPSODY SIMMONS: Happy birthday to my sweet granddaughter from your Grandmother Suzzane.

PAI-NUH-NAH ROSETTA MAXINE CARTER: Happy birthday to my daughter! Love Mom, Dad, your brother and sisters and most of all AURORA!!!

ELISA SANDERS
BILL SECENA
SAM SECENA
SAMUEL SEYMOUR
GRANT SHORTMAN
JJ SHORTMAN

RHAPSODY SIMMONS
UILANI SIUFANUA
RAIN SLIGHTE
JODIE SMITH
JED STARR
ANDREA STECKSTOR

DANNY THOMAS
JOYCE THOMAS
OMAR THOMAS
RAYMOND WERTZ
RYAN WHITE EAGLE BRACERO
DONALD WILLIAMS JR.
JIMMIE WILLIAMS
ANDREW YOUNGTON
DALLAS YOUNGTON
FARLEY YOUNGTON II
LOLA YOUNGTON
PHILIP YOUNGTON



CHRISTINA HICKS: Happy birthday from your Mom, brothers, nephews and the rest of your family.



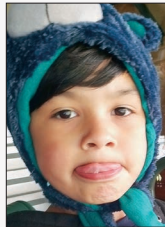
UILANI SIUFANUA: Happy birthday. You are a gift to our family! Love Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa and family.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Noah Snell

First grade
Oakville Elementary School

My name is Noah Snell. I am 7 years old and in the first grade at Oakville Elementary School.



My parents are Melanie and Eli Snell. My three brothers are Cameron, Adrian and Eli. We have two dogs. My family likes to go to the beach.

I enjoy learning math in school. Asking the teacher for help is what makes me a successful student. I would tell other kids to ask for help.

I enjoy playing football and baseball.

When I am not in school, I like to play outside.

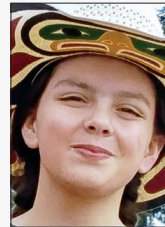
If I was chairman of the tribe, I would have Legos at the Youth Center.

Students of the Month is contributed by the Chehalis Tribe K-12 Program

Annie Burnett

Eighth grade
Elma Middle School

My name is Annie Burnett. I am 14 and in the eighth grade at Elma Middle School. My GPA is 3.3.



My parents are David and Farra Burnett. I have one brother and one sister, a beautiful sorrel horse named Twix and a yellow lab named Scout. My family and I enjoy going to rodeos.

My favorite subject in school is science. I believe active listening and asking questions have helped me be a successful student. My advice to other students is to ask questions when you don't understand something and always turn in your work.

When I get into high school, I plan to get on the equestrian team. I enjoy horse riding, singing and drawing. In my spare time, I like to ride bareback and practice barrels and poles.

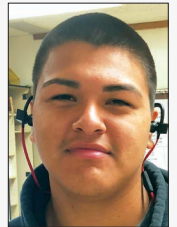
When I graduate, I want to start a ranch or have stables. I also plan on getting a degree in animal science.

If I was chairman of the tribe, I would help the people.

Adrian Brown

Senior
Oakville High School

My name is Adrian Brown and I am 17. I am a senior at Oakville High school.



My mom is Candace Brown and I have one sister. My family and I like spending time together.

I like to hang out with my friends and play sports. I believe that respect and putting forth effort makes students successful. The advice I would give to other students is to take time to plan, make good decisions and take life seriously.

I participate in all school sports. Outside of school, I like to spend time with friends and family. I feel I am good at a lot of things.

After graduation, I plan to learn medicine and becoming a registered nurse. I am actively looking into universities and the medicine programs they offer.

If I was chairman of the tribe, I would work hard every day to make our tribe better.



Job well done!

We would like to congratulate Arielle Burnett on making the 2018 Northwest Athletic Conference South All-Star First Team as a catcher for Lower Columbia College. Arielle's Lower Columbia Red Devils won the NWAC South Championship on May 8. The Red Devils took second place at the NWAC tournament in Spokane. Arielle finished her season with nine home runs and was Player of the Day twice during the 2018 season. Arielle accomplished all of this while making the Dean's List Honor Roll. She will graduate with her Associate of Arts in June from Lower Columbia and plans on transferring to St. Martin's University to study engineering.

- Julie and Chuck Burnett

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