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Protecting our way of life

By Fred Shortman

The Chehalis Tribal Fisheries and Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

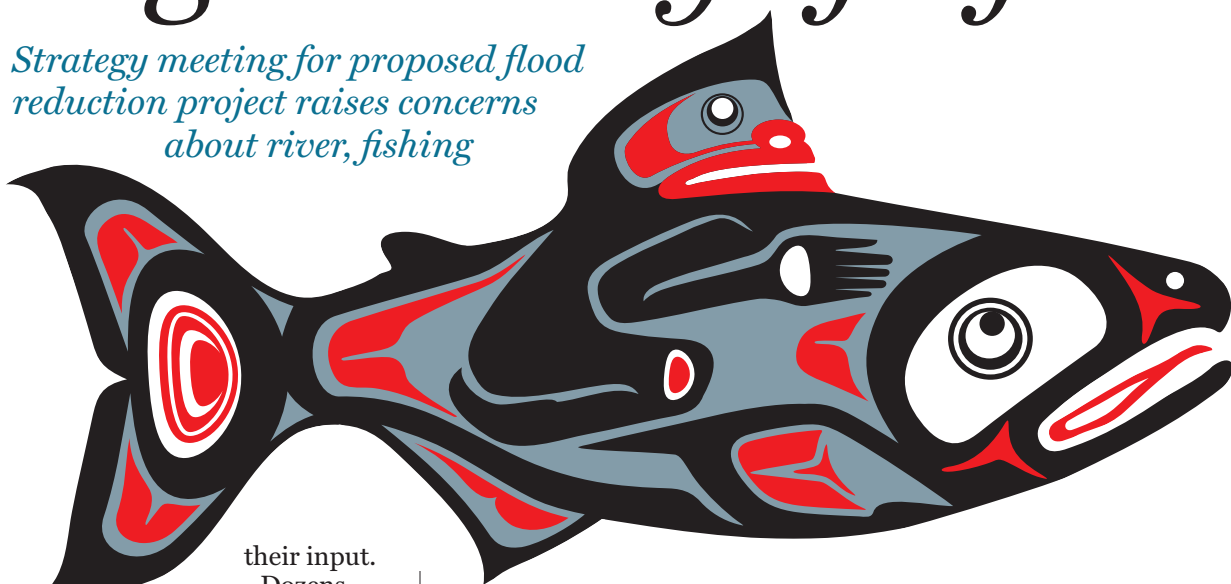
programs held a meeting with tribal and community members to discuss the proposed Flood Reduction Project on the Chehalis River and the Airport Levee Improvements for the city of Chehalis on Monday, Oct. 22.

The state Department of Ecology and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) determined the proposed projects could have serious environmental impacts on the Chehalis watershed.

Because of the large number of potential impacts, Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) are required to be prepared both on the state and federal level. The first step in the environmental review process is to determine the different types of the issues that should be studied.

The DNR opened up a public forum, or scoping period, for those in attendance to provide

Strategy meeting for proposed flood reduction project raises concerns about river, fishing



their input.

Dozens
of community
members filled the

Elders Center to voice their concerns and learn about proposed projects that could potentially harm Chehalis Reservation lands.

Fisheries Biologist Hope Rieden, Restoration Coordinator Jason Gillie, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Dan Penn and Environmental

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DNR's role on tribal lands

The Chehalis Tribe's Department of Natural Resources operates various functions throughout tribal trust lands to help ensure a better quality of life for the people who live within the reservation boundaries.

Department staff members are responsible for monitoring essential programs that are

crucial to the upkeep and overall well-being of the tribe.

Programs they provide are: agriculture, fisheries research, forestry, air quality, water quality, flood plain management, realty and a recently hired tribal historic preservation officer.

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Handcrafted tribal items were auctioned off at the Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund's annual fundraiser.



CTLF fundraiser pulls in \$20,000

Organization helps fund community developments

By Frazier Myer

The Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund (CTLF) organization held its second annual fundraiser at the Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel on Thursday, Oct. 25. Local businesses showed support with their dollars, enjoyed a lunch and were

entertained by the Chehalis Canoe Family and Native American storyteller Gene Tagaban.

CTLF is a certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). Its purpose is to assist Chehalis tribal members, members of other tribes and non-natives living in the community.

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ELDERS

Home-cooked meal and gratitude

Thanks is on the menu

By Frazier Myer

The Chehalis Tribal Elders Program started Thanksgiving festivities early with a homemade turkey dinner on Nov. 15.

Our elders were delighted to a full-course meal. Of course turkey is a staple of the holiday, but the feast included all of the traditional Thanksgiving foods such as mashed potatoes, stuffing and cranberry sauce. Elders Program Cook Ricardo Charles prepared the feast.

Charles started his cooking career at Lucky Eagle Casino in 2000, and brought his 18 years of kitchen knowledge and skills to the community as the official cook for the Elders Center.

To be classified as an elder for the Chehalis Tribe, individuals must be age 55 or older. Charles started preparing meals for the group this past summer and has received praise for the work he's doing to make sure the elders get the best food possible.

He said it makes him happy



Elders Program Cook Ricardo Charles (left in red) whipped up a Thanksgiving feast for Chehalis tribal elders.



to see this group use the building as it was intended for – to gather and spend quality time together.

Charles is not a tribal member but he grew up on the reservation and around a majority of the Chehalis elders.

"They're basically like family to me," Charles said.

He views his job as an opportunity to give back to elders who played a huge role in helping the tribe develop into what it is today. He treats those he cooks for with respect and care.

"I take my job seriously because I would want somebody to look after my elder," Charles

said. "It means a lot to me to see them happy."

Before everyone dished up a plate, Chehalis Elder Cindy Andy blessed the food and everyone in attendance with a prayer. The oldest elders, those 80 and older, were given the honor to get their meals first. The newly reformed Chehalis Tribal Youth Council volunteered and did their part to make the event successful.

The youth helped those who needed assistance throughout the evening. They acted as servers by bringing drinks and deserts. As elders stood up to share a few words, they

had a lot of thankful comments for the youth. A number of the elders explained how grateful they are to see the younger generation step up and start doing their part to contribute to bettering the community.

Dolly Canales, member of the Elders Committee, shared that she was glad to see everyone who showed up for the dinner and appreciates all of the work that goes into an event of this magnitude. She was impressed with the quality of the food and the cook's ability to serve 105 plates with minimal help preparing.

Conference aims to keep elders safe

By Frazier Myer

On Wednesday, Oct. 24, the Family Caregiver Support Program for the Chehalis Tribe provided community elders with an all-day conference and lunch at Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel.

Thirty elders and a handful of presenters filled the Chehalis Room at the casino, and Dr. Deborah Behre was the first to present. She holds a Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) exercise program for community elders on a regular basis. She got the morning started with a shortened version of the workout.

Dr. Behre had the elders perform a variety of stretches and movements. The stretches are a simple way to get the necessary exercise that helps prevent falls

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To learn more about resources available for tribal elders, contact Christina Hicks at chicks@chehalis tribe.org.

or related injuries. As individuals age, the risk of falling and length of recovery time increases. Exercises Dr. Behre shared can be done at home and even performed sitting down.

Throughout the day, presenters with resources specifically for elders shared what their programs offer and answered questions.

Amy Loschert from Salish

Cancer Center explained the "integrative model" that incorporates standard conventional cancer treatment with evidence-supported integrative therapies including diet, acupuncture, nutrient supplementation, herbal medicine and lifestyle and spiritual healing.

Health care programs such as Medicaid and Medicare were discussed. Representatives from DSHS and Wisdom Warriors also presented.

The Family Caregiver Support Program plans to hold another conference in February or March that will cover topics suggested by tribal elders.

The program sends a thank you to presenters and elders who attended the conference.



Elders learned how to strengthen their bodies to prevent falls during a conference Oct. 24.

50 percent off dining!

Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel announced last month that starting on Jan. 2, Chehalis tribal members will receive a 50 percent off dining discount at all Lucky Eagle restaurants. This will replace the existing 25 percent dining discount Chehalis tribal members receive.

Lucky Eagle is preparing to launch a new Players Club program – Lucky Star Rewards. Players Club members will receive a 50 percent off dining discount when paying for the meal in full with points. This benefit is one of the primary features of our new loyalty program and will offer a whole new level of value for our guests.

Unlike Players Club members, Chehalis tribal members won't be required to use points to receive the discount.

The 50 percent discount for Chehalis tribal members will be valid any day and time as long as an enrollment card is presented. It does not require the use of points and cannot be combined with other discounts (same as the guest discount) and is not valid for catering or banquets.

Ready to help with careers

Curtis DuPuis II was recently selected as Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel's new Tribal Member Career Development Specialist. Curtis will work closely with Chehalis tribal members to identify career goals within Lucky Eagle and guide them on their path.

He has worked at Lucky Eagle for 15 years in a variety of roles. He also has worked for SPIPA performing case management. Curtis is passionate about education, career mapping and personal and professional growth. He is excited to help fellow tribal members discover their passion, cultivate their strengths and fulfill their dreams.

Curtis will work with Chehalis tribal members both individually and in groups to identify career interests, assess skill sets and develop a plan to help them achieve personal and professional goals.



Curtis DuPuis II

The October Employee of the Month – Caytee Cline, Youth Service Coordinator for Behavioral Health – was selected for her positive attitude and trustworthy work in support of tribal members.



"I don't feel like just an employee who works for the Chehalis Tribe, I really feel like I'm a part of this community."

– CAYTEE CLINE

Employee of the Month named

Caytee Cline, Youth Service Coordinator for Behavioral Health, received the 2018 October Employee of the Month for the dedication she has to her job and engaging with the tribal community.

As the Youth Services Support Coordinator, Cline is developing programs to help with youth suicide prevention, but she also helps facilitate plant medicine classes by bringing in Herbalist Winter Strong.

The classes encourage tribal members to interact with each other while learning and practicing traditional ways of medicine their Native American ancestors used for centuries.

Cline was unable to be in attendance at the gathering that took place with a Thanksgiving-style potluck during lunch on Nov. 20, but Leah Niccolucci (Behavioral Health director) and Bobbie Bush (co-worker) both explained to everyone in attendance their reasoning for why Cline is deserving of the award.

Niccolucci spoke about Cline's outgoing, supportive and positive attitude. Co-worker Bobbie Bush

shares an office with Cline, and she talked about Caytee's involvement with the Native American people.

Bush noted that it's not always easy to build a trusting relationship, yet the tribal people on the Chehalis Reservation seek out assistance from Cline and can comfortably go to her in confidence.

Cline is not Native American; and she said it's a "blessing" to have the opportunity to work with the Chehalis Tribe.

Cline is continually learning about our culture. She said it's been a privilege to be able to have this position and learn about Native people and customs.

"It's been exciting," Cline said, "... not only to learn, but to be accepted. I don't feel like just an employee who works for the Chehalis Tribe, I really feel like I'm a part of this community," Cline said.

With the help of the rest of the Behavioral Health staff, she plans to continue bringing guidance to the community and do her part to make it a better place to live and work.

Oakville Shaker Church Christmas Bazaar

DEC. 22 & 23 COMMUNITY CENTER

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Curtis DuPuis speaks and service members and their families share a meal during the 17th annual Veterans Day Appreciation Dinner on Nov. 11.

Powerful night pays respect to veterans

Dinner honors brave citizens for service

By Fred Shortman

Military veterans and their loved ones gathered at Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel's Event Center for the 17th annual Veterans Day Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 11.

The dinner was hosted by the Chehalis Tribe and Lucky Eagle. Chehalis Tribal Police Sgt. Jake Dickerson served as the MC for the event. He thanked the veterans and welcomed everyone.

Veterans stood and saluted the colors as they were placed on the stage, and the Chehalis Tribal Royalty led the Pledge of Allegiance. This set the tone for a patriotic evening honoring all veterans. Special guest Bart Herigstead followed the royalty by singing the National Anthem.

Chehalis Tribal Elder and veteran Curtis DuPuis was the first speaker. He reminded everyone that Veteran's Day is a time to pay respect to those who have served in the US military.

He thanked all veterans for the services and sacrifices they made in protecting the American people. DuPuis explained that it's important to continue to pray for all of the Prisoners of War (POWs) who never returned home from war and those currently missing in action.

Remembering those lost

Kenneth C. Wojozynski performed POW ceremony A Place Setting for One. Wojozynski

said he is honored to have been selected for the ceremony the past 14 years. The powerful ceremony symbolizes the POWs who didn't make it home.

The round table is arranged with a white tablecloth, single plate setting, wine glass (inverted), salt shaker, slice of lemon on a bread plate with a pile of spilled salt, small vase with single stem red rose, yellow ribbon tied around vase, lit candle and an empty chair.

Deserving recognition

Chehalis Tribe Chairman Harry Pickernell Sr. delivered an inspirational speech as he described how military personnel continue to protect the freedoms celebrated in this country. This is a day to stand united in respect for those who served the in U.S. military forces.

He explained that the sacrifice, commitment and unselfish act in protecting this country and providing the opportunity to celebrate together deserve recognition.

Tribal member Marie Bird prayed for the food. The casino and the Chehalis Tribal Fisheries Program prepared the meal for the evening. Fish was cooked in the traditional Chehalis style over an open fire at the fish pit.

While everyone finished their meal, MC Jake Dickerson acknowledged the people who made this special evening possible. He gave recognition to the Veterans Day Committee. He also gave a special shout-out to all of the volunteers who

provided assistance wherever it was needed. Everyone stood and applauded the group of volunteers for their hard work.

Elder and Veterans Committee member Gloria Jones conducted the raffle drawings. As Jones read off numbers, volunteers brought prizes to winners' seats.

Entertaining stories

The guest speaker of the evening was Cecil Cheeka, a descendent of both the Squaxin and Makah tribes. He also is a veteran who served in the U.S. Marines during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Cheeka's humble, light-hearted and humorous outlook made the evening entertaining. He shared his story about joining the Armed Forces and described a lasting impression of his boot camp drill sergeant.

He talked about his duties

while serving in the Marines. After being discharged, he stumbled into a career as an actor. He admitted he wasn't a celebrity but made a living. The in-depth stories he delivered brought fits of laughter to the crowd as they listened intently.

Beaming with pride

Gary Waer, Veterans Day Appreciation Committee member, led the Recognition of Branches. He announced each branch of services and requested members stand to be recognized with thunderous applause.

After Rebecca Ambrose sang America the Beautiful, the evening ended as everyone stood and witnessed the flags being retired. Chehalis tribal veterans marched out of the room beaming with pride. Marie Bird closed with a prayer.

YOUTH CLASSES

Tsapowum Chehalis Tribal Behavioral Health will be engaging with ages 12 and older Fridays from 2-4:30 p.m. to promote awareness and suicide prevention! Here is the schedule:

- **Teen dating violence:** First Friday of each month
- **Substance abuse:** Second and fourth Fridays
- **Suicide prevention and awareness:** Third Fridays

We will follow the schedule of tribal or Youth Center closures.

For additional information or if you do NOT want your child to participate, please contact us at 360-709-1818.



Boo week scares up tricks, treats

By Fred Shortman

Leading up to Halloween each year, the Chehalis Tribe celebrates with multiple events throughout the week and on Oct. 31.

The Early Learning Department kicked off festivities on Oct. 25 by decorating one of the buildings and arranging it so children could visit stations with a range of Halloween amusements.

Kids and their families had the opportunity to meet with Sgt. Jake Dickerson, a familiar face to those in Head Start because of his community outreach. Dickerson handed out coloring books and other items and shared smiles with the kids as they talked about their costumes.

Children went from station

to station getting faces painted, fishing for candy and playing with slime.

The Events Department held a Halloween celebration for the whole community on Oct. 27. The gym was packed with more than 100 community members dressed up and ready for the annual costume contest.

The contest had separate categories for all ages. Each group had pictures taken together and the winners all took a prize home. Married couple David and Jamie Bird stole the show with their homemade Fred and Wilma Flintstone costumes.

After a dinner provided by Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel, they filed into the Gathering Room next to the gym for a dance

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Children decked out in fabulous costumes trick-or-treat around tribal departments and David and Jamie Bird enjoy the spotlight for their winning look.

Public Safety officially welcomes officer

Kaysha Moroz follows in family's footsteps

By Fred Shortman

Corrections Officer Kaysha Moroz officially joined the Chehalis Tribe's Public Safety Department with a ceremony in front of the Tribal Center on Oct. 18.

Moroz's grandfather played a huge role in her decision to pursue a career in law enforcement.

"My grandpa has always been a really good inspiration," Moroz said.

Her grandfather has served as a longtime officer and detective for the Lewis County Sheriff's Department and is still working for the county facilitating polygraph tests. Moroz is familiar with the Lewis County criminal justice system because she previously worked as a corrections officer at the county's juvenile detention center.

In addition to following in the family footsteps, she chose this specific career path to help people. She enjoys being a part



of something bigger than herself and helping serve the community.

Moroz started out with the Chehalis Tribe in June 2017 but had to wait for an opening at the police academy to get the necessary certifications, which she recently completed this past September.

Her biggest takeaway from her experience at the academy is an understanding of how crucial it is to know specific tribal laws and keep up with policies and procedures. Many officers who return from training share the same realization.

Chief of Police Kelly Edwards swears in Corrections Officer Kaysha Moroz on Oct. 18. Moroz is looking forward to engaging the tribal community at future events.

part of that expansion.

Moroz praises how helpful Public Safety staff members are, and she gives thanks to Chief Kelly Edwards and Lt. Scott Williams for offering her the opportunity to start a career with the Chehalis Tribe.

"It's been a long time coming," Williams said in regards to seeing officer Moroz receive her official certification.

"We're pretty excited about Kaysha," Williams said. "It's very good to see her come full circle from where she started to being sworn in."

Officer Williams has worked for the tribe for years. In earlier days, they had only one officer on duty for the whole jail at times.

He said it's amazing seeing the department bring new members on board and what it has developed into. For officers like Moroz, there is no longer just a single person working a shift and they have assistance if necessary.

Williams is looking forward to working with Moroz and welcoming new staff members in the future.

Though Moroz has worked for the department for more than a year, being sworn in with community members present gave her a sense of accomplishment and connection with the department and tribe.

Though she works in the back of the jail and isn't engaging as much with the community as a patrol officer would be, Moroz plans on meeting and interacting with folks at future events and gatherings.

To meet demands of the growing tribe, Public Safety is expanding as well. Moroz is a

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DNR provides a number of services to the community and Chehalis tribal members, including notary services, providing permits for wood cutting and outdoor burning and offering state park passes.

As part of the realty program, DNR manages 16 rental homes available for tribal members. They coordinate land surveys using a certified federal land surveyor and provide land and timber appraisals.

Meet the staff:

DIRECTOR GLEN CONNELLY

Connelly has worked for the Chehalis Tribe's DNR since 2004 and was promoted to be the new director last year. He grew up 3,000 miles from here in a small town in northern New Jersey. After Connelly earned his bachelor's in environmental studies at Ramapo State College in 1993, he moved to Washington. He lives in Olympia and is the father of two sons, ages 18 and 21. He takes great pride in working in the community and looks forward to utilizing his skills and experience to protect and enhance tribal lands and resources.

REALTY OFFICER CHARLOTTE LOPEZ

Charlotte is a mother of four and grandmother of seven. She has lived on and near her homelands of the Chehalis Reservation her whole life. She started working for the tribe in 1991 and held numerous positions before officially becoming the administration assistant for DNR in October of 2009. She worked closely with the Realty office, which holds the records of tribal lands, trust and fee. She also keeps track of individually owned trust tracts within the Chehalis Reservation.

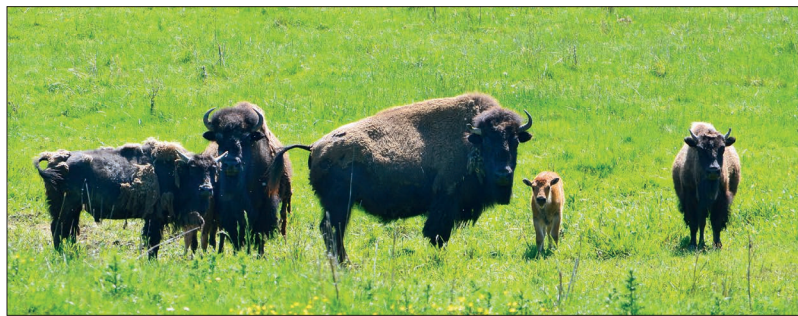
In addition to the Realty work she's done for years, Lopez also works closely with the Regional Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in Portland, Ore., and the Olympic Peninsula Agency in Aberdeen.

REALTY MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST BRIAN A. BLAND

Bland began working for the DNR Realty department in August of 2018 and loves his new career. Bland has a three-year-old son named Colten and is a combat veteran with a passion



The Chehalis Tribe's Department of Natural Resources team is made up of (from left): Dan Penn, Wayne Barr, Colleen Suter, Glen Connelly, William Thoms, Charlotte Lopez, Brian A. Bland, Rickie Marion, Brandy Nies and Sarah Myer, along with Jason Gillie and Kirsten Harma (not pictured).



for archery elk hunting and anything related to the outdoors. He's looking forward to getting to know and working with the Chehalis tribal community.

REALTY SPECIALIST AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARAH MYER

Myer started with the department in March of 2015 as the administrative assistant and recently accepted a position in DNR's Realty program as the realty specialist. She enjoys working with tenants to make sure their needs are met and to protect the Chehalis Tribe's assets. She spends her free time with her two children, a 12-year-old daughter and 4-year-old son.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS MANAGER COLLEEN SUTER

Suter began with the tribe in September 2016 as the water quality lab technician. She received her bachelor's from the University of Washington with a focus on aquatic chemistry and stream ecology.

The rivers and natural landscape is an intense passion for Suter, both scientifically and spiritually. Living in southwest Washington for the past 24 years has given Suter the opportunity to apply her devotion to the place she calls home. She is

involved in creating a holistic approach to the environmental programs with the tribe to ensure the environmental and cultural aspects of this land are here and thriving for many generations to come.

WATER QUALITY COORDINATOR RICKIE MARION

Marion is a Chehalis tribal native whose mother, now passed, was Dionne Heck. She obtained her bachelor's degree from The Evergreen State College, where she focused on environmental studies and human nature.

After graduation, her passion and curiosity drove her to try and figure out a position where she played a role in enhancing, preserving and preventing further degradation of the systems so crucial to humans and other species. Serendipitously, the Chehalis Tribe had a position open up that was perfectly relevant to her studies.

GIS TECHNICIAN BRANDI NIES

Nies joined DNR in May 2018. One of her main responsibilities is creating, managing and visualizing spatial data relevant to the tribe and its people such as land ownership, water quality and

fish populations of the Chehalis Basin.

Originally from Cumberland, Maryland, Nies graduated with a bachelor's in psychology but changed career paths when she enlisted in the United States Army as a Korean cryptologic linguist, spending three years in South Korea.

After enlistment, she worked in the GIS industry for more than 10 years. She helped support the Defense and Intelligence communities by developing, training and marketing GIS software and solutions. While working full-time, she obtained a master's in geospatial intelligence and geoinformatics from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. She chose to focus on geospatial intelligence by working at the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA) where she directly supported the national security effort to combat terrorism.

FOREST AND LAND SPECIALIST WAYNE BARR

Recently this fall, tribal member Wayne Barr started as a forestry and land specialist for DNR. Barr has been around tribal functions as the years progressed. He started working for the tribe more than 12 years ago as a laborer and dump truck driver for CTC.

He's working on the new grounds on the Brown Property, pulling brush and evergreen stickers with a mini excavator. He also has worked with the bison out on the Wilson property – feeding, watering and making sure they are comfortable with their living space.

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CULTURAL RESOURCES SPECIALIST WILLIAM THOMS

Chehalis tribal member William Thoms is a descendant of the Secena and Sanders Indians.

Thoms is a lifelong student and lover of the arts who fully embraced the irony of moving 1,500 miles to learn about his own backyard. Graduating with the highest honors from the Institute of American Indian Arts in 2016, Thoms' renewed cultural curiosity led him back home where he hopes to share his passion and

knowledge with the community. In addition to supporting the Historic Preservation Office in its compliance efforts, Thoms' primary role is in the curation and conservation of the tribe's shared material history.

TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER DAN PENN

Began working for the Historic Preservation Office in 2012 and previously worked for the Chehalis Language Program for five years before that.

RESTORATION COORDINATOR JASON GILLIE

Gillie has been with DNR for almost three years and enjoys

his job and the people he works with. They are working on a restoration site on the Tribe's Brown property. Gillie is a part of a project to plant a 150-foot riparian buffer on the main stem of the Chehalis River.

In addition to his work on the restoration project, he also sits on the ASRP Steering Committee for the tribe. Gillie has a 5-year-old son who also is an enrolled member of the Chehalis Tribe.

WATERSHED COORDINATOR FOR THE CHEHALIS BASIN KIRSTEN HARMA

Harma is responsible for coordinating efforts to restore and protect salmon habitat throughout the Chehalis Basin

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watershed and bringing people together to talk about how to better manage water resources.

Prior to arriving at the Chehalis Tribe, she worked in a variety of sectors on water resource management, environmental conservation and scientific research in the Pacific Northwest, Canada and Central America.

MEETING

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Programs Manager Colleen Suter represented the tribe. They provided information regarding the scoping aspect of the proposed project and asked for feedback and input.

The public forum discussed the need for communication between tribal departments and the tribal community to create a better understanding of the process and the amount of involvement the tribe has on the project.

The tribe has sustained its way of life by relying on the waterways for centuries. Aspects of the conversation proved to be emotional and thought-provoking.

Several people voiced their concerns on how the proposed project could potentially affect the livelihood of tribal members and the impacts the dam would have on tribal fisheries.

Representatives from DNR explained that this is an initial step in the process and the meeting was held to better inform community members.

With the need to move forward with this portion of the process, the environmental staff requested tribal members write down their concerns about how a dam could cause environmental problems. The information will be compiled and used to submit a formal letter to Ecology and USACE as soon as possible.

In years past, logging, floods and other activities in the watershed upstream from

INFORMATION

To learn more or for a copy of documents, please contact Chehalis Tribal Department of Natural Resources Director Glen Connelly at **360-709-1854** or gconnelly@chehalis-tribe.org, or Environmental Programs Manager Colleen Suter at **360-709-1858** or csuter@chehalis-tribe.org.

For more information about the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project, go to chehalisbasinstrategy.com/strategy.

the Chehalis Reservation significantly contributed to depleted fish runs. Tribal members are concerned with a potential dam – even a diversion-style one. They fear it will greatly impact fisheries on the Chehalis River and want to know how the tribe will be compensated for destruction or disaster.

Dams historically have proven to have a detrimental impact on all species in the area, including fish, eels, amphibians and all sorts of land animals that provide sustenance to tribal families.

They discussed the potential threat that installing a dam could pose on tribal members' drinking water. One of the main concerns addressed by a tribal elder during the meeting is that native people are stewards of the land and it's their duty to stand up and speak for it.

There were a number of additional questions and issues raised. The tribe worries about the release of flood water and how it will impact their lands like it did in recent years.

Everyone at the meeting agreed that flooding has happened for many years and that man-made improvements have caused many severe flooding events for the cities of Centralia and Chehalis, as well as the reservation low lands.

Questions were raised on how thoroughly government-conducted studies have shown the impacts flooding has on the reservation. It's believed that building this dam might affect tribal families – present and future – with their ability to fish and have access to their water.

Tribal people explained how their ancestors harvested fish and lamprey eels for generations. The traditional way of living has carried on in numerous tribal families for centuries.

For most who oppose this project or similar dam constructions on the Chehalis River, it's not just about the source of food. The methods and teachings of food gathering are an important cultural value to natives. They are deeply concerned that building on the river will disrupt how they maintain and preserve their cultural identity.

They still harvest fish and eels today, but if the proposed water retention site is successfully built on the river, the tribal people are uneasy about what could happen to fish spawning grounds.

Chairman Harry Pickernell Sr. closed the meeting with his own comments on transparency and his willingness to be more involved in the processes. Tribal members provided seven handwritten sheets with specific comments to incorporate into a final letter that was signed by Chairman Pickernell and submitted to the state on Oct. 29.



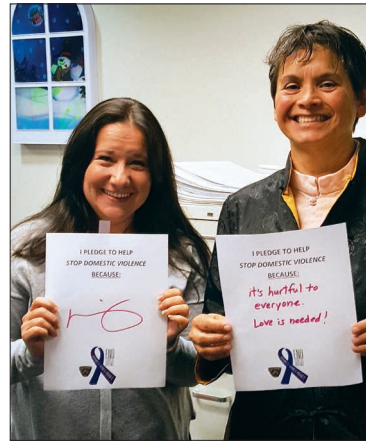
SANTA BREAKFAST

You are cordially invited to dine with Mr. Claus at 9 a.m. Dec. 15 at Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound

* Northwest Territories Ballroom



HEALTH/WELLNESS



Employees throughout the Chehalis Tribe pledge to stop domestic violence.



Tribal community makes domestic violence awareness pledges

Article and photos contributed by Tana Charley, Domestic Violence Advocate for Tsapowum Behavioral Health

Greetings Chehalis tribal community! I wanted to give a quick update on our outreach awareness activities.

October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month. My goal in creating awareness is to provide all of us with safe, healthy relationships at home, work and in the community. We should treat each other with dignity and respect, teaching our children the value of a healthy relationship, and never condone or commit acts of domestic violence.

On Oct. 30, department director Leah Niccolucci, fellow staff member Caytee Cline and I went

around the community and were able to connect with 100 employees from various departments and received numerous domestic violence pledges from employees.

We also handed out domestic violence awareness bags filled with purple candy and informative information relating to domestic violence.

I want to thank everyone who let me take their picture as well as everyone who participated in our awareness pledges.

I appreciate your time and stand against ending domestic violence. I also want to thank all of the directors for their participation.

Cornstalk a symbol of connectedness for community

By Caytee Cline, Caytee Cline, Youth Service Coordinator for Behavioral Health

The past few months, community members and employees have all driven down Anderson Road and looked over and even had to do a double take at something intriguing on the side of the road along a part of the new sidewalk.

When I first drove by it, I thought to myself (in disbelief) "is that a cornstalk?" After taking a closer look, I realized that's exactly what it is – a single corn stock sprouting with the seasonal change.

During the next couple months, I was excited to watch the cornstalk grow on the side of the road all by itself. It was a strange connection that grew over time.

There were moments I wondered if I would come back from the weekend off work and the cornstalk would be gone. Then, to my surprise it had grown bigger and stronger.

When the grass started growing along the road, the maintenance crew would mow that area, yet they made it a point to leave the cornstalk standing. Every time that I

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A stalk of corn along Anderson Road was tended to by kind souls and left to flourish through the season, even given a festive fall look.

CORNSTALK

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would return to work or after seeing the maintenance crew doing their rounds, I thought that the resilient plant would be gone.

But to my surprise, it was always mowed around and left alone. I was ecstatic to see the cornstalk continue its journey. My moments of joy continued through the summer into the fall.

The most rewarding thing to see about this lonely

cornstalk is the way it was cared for. No one was asked to take care of the cornstalk; nonetheless, it was cared for. No one was told not to take from the cornstalk, but no one did. No one was asked to give the cornstalk a fall welcome with a scarecrow friend, but someone did.

In a sense, this single plant that

just popped up serves as a tool to bring the community together.

Connectedness is a big protective factor against suicide. During the holiday season, there will be many moments we will connect with family and friends. Embrace those moments, your loved ones, the ones who need love and the traditions your families have created. Remember to be the cornstalk on the side of Anderson Road. Stand strong, grow tall and connect with those around you.

RESOURCES

Caytee Cline: 360-709-1818, Native Connections R.E.D. R.o.A.D Suicide Prevention Grant

Suicide Lifeline: 800-273-8255 (TALK) Chehalis Tribal Behavioral Health: 360-709-1733

Crisis textline: Text 741741- then hit "send"

Bereavement support: 206-291-7279

Recovery helpline: 866-789-1511

Trevor Project – LGBTQ: 866-488-7386



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Dec. 6 at the Wellness Center

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

Chehalis: **Debra Shortman**, 360-709-1689

USDA FOOD PROGRAM



The SPIPA's program offers an assortment of food to fill your freezer, refrigerator and cupboards. The next date is Dec. 14 from 9:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Chehalis Tribal Community Center.

SIGN UP: Call Debra Shortman at **360-709-1689** or **360-438-4216** from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Dylan Burke

**Fifth grade
Grand Mound Elementary School**

Dylan Burke really enjoys math because it is easy for him and he gets his work done quickly.

If Dylan could have a superpower, he would choose to be able to fly because it would be cool and fun. His favorite dinosaur is a T-Rex because they are the "coolest" looking. Football is his favorite sport because it is fun and he is really good at it.

With a million dollars, Dylan said he would use some of it to help out his family and donate some to charity. He would buy a house with the rest of the money. Not anything too big though – he just wants a reasonable house for himself.

If he could change one thing about his school, it would be eliminating some of the rules he thinks are random or unreasonable. If not eliminate the rules, he would change them to be more reasonable.

His favorite person is his mom, Daphne, because she is his mom and he loves her.



Hunter Ortiz

**10th grade
Oakville High School**

Hunter Ortiz's favorite subject is English, and baseball has always been his sport for as long as he can remember. He looks up to his role model and big brother Gary Ortiz.

He said his brother proves to people that no matter where you come from, you can do great things.

If he were chairman, Hunter would invest money into helping the youth and develop after-school programs and sports programs.

If he had a million dollars, he would buy his parents a house. When he grows up, he hopes to own his own restaurant because he loves to cook.

His favorite dinosaur is a velociraptor!



Rachel Simmons

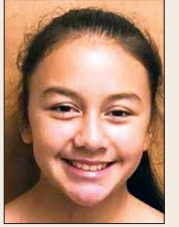
**Sixth grade
Oakville Middle School**

If she were chairwoman, Rachel Simmons would help people in need by giving them a home because every life matters.

She wishes there was a larger Community Center with a big library and a place to teach sports. Her favorite sport is softball.

Rachel's favorite subject is English because she likes reading. And when she grows up, she wants to be a police officer, firefighter or veterinarian.

Her favorite person is Mya Ortiz because she is good at sports and she wants to be like her.



NOMINATIONS

To nominate your child, please contact K-12 Program Counselor Makayla Ortiz at mortivez@chehalistribe.org. Tell us the reason your child should be considered. Deadline is the last Friday of each month.

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

HALLOWEEN

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party for the kids. Most weren't shy about showing off some of their best moves while the in-house DJ kept kids dancing into the night.

On Halloween morning, Early Learning brought the children around to meet Chehalis tribal employees at every department. At lunchtime, employees had fun as they enjoyed a meal and contest.

A few of the costumes disguised employees so well that they were unrecognizable, such as Glen Connelly from the Natural Resources Department who dressed up as a pirate. People from the Planning Department and elsewhere showed great creativity.

Marla Medina made the group laugh as she stood in front wearing her baby board outfit. Janet Stegall impressed the judges with a soul stealer costume and won best dressed for the female category.



From steam punk chic to minions to painted giraffes, Halloween brought out all ages to celebrate Halloween in style.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

LAELA BAKER

CHASE BECKWITH

JOHN BIRD

MARIE BIRD

NANCY BLACK

ASHTON BOYD

KAILEEN BRAY

JONAH BROWN

LANCE BURGESS

KONER BURNETT

CRAIG BURNS

PHILLIP BUSH

ELLA CAMP

DYANI CAYENNE

JOSHUA CHUM

RUBEN CHUM

GLENDA COMENOUT

RACHEL CORTES

LANA COSMAN

JASMINE ESPARZA-KLATUSH

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VICTORIA FLORES

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ZACHARY HOFSTETTER

JUSTIN IRIZARRY

CRYSTAL JONES

JEREMIAH JONES-BAKER

JUSTIN KARL

CAYDEN KLATUSH

DERRICK KLATUSH

LOREN
KLATUSH



REBECCA POTTER: Happy birthday. Love Mom, Dad, Amy Kelsey and Katy.



JULIET KRAMER

MONICA LOPEZ

JASON LYONS

ROSEABELL MCALLISTER

KATELYN MCLOUD

SHANIA MCLOUD

KLY MEAS III

ADAM MEDINA

NATASHA MOORE

FRAZIER MYER

JEANA NYLAND

ANTHONY OLNEY

EUGENE ORTIVEZ

HUNTER ORTIVEZ

NATHAN PATTERSON

LIBBY PENN

MADYSON PICKERNELL

REBECCA POTTER

ELIJAH REVAY

ANDREA ROBERTSON

RANDI ROBERTSON

KEIRA ROSADO



JULIET KRAMER (above): Happy 4th birthday. You have brought so much joy to my life! I love you, Momma.

ALEXIS and SAMUEL STARR-WRIGHT (left): Happy 14th birthday Alexis and happy 18th Samuel. Love Mom, Jaxon and Gordon.

JOSHUA SANCHEZ

HELEN SANDERS

JACOB SECENA

KIRSTEN SECENA

LEAH SECENA

JAMES
SEYMOUR

MICHAEL
SIMMONS

KIM STARR

ANTHONY SOEBY

MIA SOEBY

MORE WISHES

JOHN BIRD: Happy 40th birthday and Merry Christmas to my youngest brother! Love you to the moon and back, Jenni and family.

SAMUEL LAMONT: To my firstborn – happy birthday. Eighteen years flew by. Love you to the moon and back Bigga. Always, Mom, Lex, Jaxon and Gordon.

ANTHONY OLNEY: Happy birthday, from your family that thinks you're the best husband, brother, daddy, stepdad, poppa and uncle ever!

REBECCA YOUCKTON-LEGG: I want to wish you a very happy birthday. Love your Gramma and family.

SAMUEL STARR-WRIGHT

ALEXA STRAWDER

RAVEN THRAILKILL

MARY WEBER

BRADEN YAWN

AARON YOUCKTON

JERRY YOUCKTON

KINDRA YOUCKTON

LAUREN YOUCKTON

ROBERTA YOUCKTON

REBECCA YOUCKTON-LEGG

BLADEN ZAHNER



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

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Chehalis tribal members Sylvia Cayenne and Rodney Youckton attend the annual fundraiser for the Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund.

CTLF

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The organization is designed to provide financial assistance in a time of need and also is meant to teach and give community members knowledge and general understanding of different areas of finances. The tools provided help individuals reduce potential risks that come with taking out a loan and ultimately improve their livelihood.

As people filed in for the event, they registered and picked up a paddle for the live auction. They had the opportunity to view both silent and live auctions items and purchase raffle tickets for a 50/50 drawing. They even took a few minutes to eye some of the sweet desserts, which they would later have a chance to race for during the "dessert dash."

The event started with

an introduction to welcome everyone and a banquet provided by Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel. As everyone finished up the meal, Tagaban shared his story of "The Raven," which highlights the significant role storytelling has played in Native American culture for generations. He said everyone is a storyteller.

"We are more than what we do," Tagaban said during his presentation. "Our life is a story."

Tagaban kept the audience attentive and laughing. He even invited Chehalis tribal attorney Mildred Kennedy onto the stage to drum as he put on his wooden raven mask and finished his story.

For the rest of the afternoon, organizers auctioned off donated items, including a handheld leaf blower, various gift baskets and a round of golf for four.

Many of those who attended the auction showed interest in the Native American arts and

INFORMATION

Loans offered by CTLF:

- Business
- Consumer
- Debt collections
- Home improvement
- Fireworks

Services provided:

- Business development
- Business consulting
- Tax preparation assistance

For more about the program or loan requirements, contact CTLF staff:

- Lawrence SpottedBird, Executive Director (lsbird@chehalistribe.org)
- Diana Pickernell, Loan Coordinator (dpickernell@chehalistribe.org)
- Phone: 360-709-1631

crafts donated by Chehalis tribal members. They bid on a range of Native art pieces from a cedar rope necklace to a Chehalis Tribe wooden plaque. The plaque was part of the live auction at the end and was purchased by the Chehalis tribal government. An autographed guitar by the band Loverboy and an African safari valued at \$6,300 were some of the other items.

Lisa Miles, Chief Executive Officer for Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel, purchased the safari.



A signed
Loverboy
guitar and
hand-
crafted
pieces
were
among
items
auctioned
off.

Chehalis tribal member and music enthusiast Karen Klatush went home with the autographed Loverboy guitar.

Lucky Eagle donated \$1,000 to the fund, and other companies made donations of \$250 and \$100. The winner of the raffle did an admirable deed by donating the money back to the organization.

The Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund raised more than \$20,000 in revenue to increase the loan pool and support those in need of assistance. The loan fund offers numerous services. Money raised at this event will benefit many areas of the organization.