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# Youth make a wild run for treats

*Families create sweet memories at egg hunt*

By Frazier Myer

The Chehalis Tribal Youth Program held its annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 18.

More than a thousand eggs were spread across the outfield of the softball field.

The types of eggs varied from hard-boiled to plastic filled with treats. Youth Program Manager Tony Medina told all of the kids that golden eggs with tickets inside were scattered in the field as well. Those who found the special eggs went home with Easter baskets filled with all



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The annual Easter Egg Hunt was a hit with all ages.



The second Chehalis Tribal Elders Luncheon featured food, entertainment, family and friends.

# Elders gather

*Treasured tribal members from near and far receive a warm welcome to luncheon*

By Frazier Myer

More than 500 elders from numerous tribes came to celebrate the second Chehalis Tribal Elders Luncheon on April 25.

Elders filled the event hall at Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel for a day of entertainment, food and prizes. Chairman Harry Pickernell Sr. kicked off the festivities with a warm welcome followed by an opening prayer by Chehalis Elder Cindy Andy. Next up was a presentation by Chehalis Tribe's Business Committee, the Elders Committee and tribal royalty.



The Chehalis Head Start 2019 graduating class, Native American comedian Mylo Smith, Chehalis Tribal Elder Ray Bob and a Paul McCartney Tribute band provided entertainment.

Event organizers took a brief moment to acknowledge Ray Wells, 90, from Nisqually as the oldest male in attendance and Juanita Clark, 92, from the Cowlitz Tribe as the oldest female elder.

"It's kind of hard to put in words," Clark said in response to the recognition. "I'm kind of used to being the oldest

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## LUNCHEON

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person present.”

Clark said the blanket she received made her feel special. She said she has Chehalis blood, which makes the event even more significant. Clark came from the neighboring Cowlitz Tribe, whereas others traveled much further.

Robert Jimmy from the Nooksack Tribe near the U.S./Canada border said the group he traveled with all enjoyed the event. This was the first time Jimmy visited the Chehalis Tribe. He said that when he heard about the luncheon, he thought it was for Chehalis First Nations People of British Columbia, Canada.

**‘It’s all Native American love.’**

**— ROBERT JIMMY,  
NOOKSACK TRIBE**

“My dad was from Chehalis so I wanted to go, but he was from Chehalis B.C.,” Jimmy said with a big smile on his face. “I didn’t know there was a Chehalis, Washington.”

Although it was his first visit, he felt instantly welcome. One aspect of the Chehalis Tribe that stood out to Jimmy is how family orientated and spiritually connected the community is.

He noticed the amount of volunteers and level of coordination it took to put on such a massive event. Jimmy recognized how the Chehalis Tribe pulled together to make it successful. He said that he could tell by the amount of people volunteering that the Chehalis are welcoming people who would accommodate natives from other tribes.

“It’s all Native American love,” Jimmy said.



The Elders Luncheon serves as an opportunity to meet new friends. Elders from various tribes posed for photos together.



Chehalis tribal members share laughs at the first Elders Dance.



Ray Bob performs in front of a packed audience. Bob was enthused to play for such a large group of Native Americans.



The grand prize raffle winner nabbed VIP Mariners packages.



Hundreds of raffle prizes were given out. Chehalis Elder Cindy Andy shows off what she won.



T.J. Trott was one of the many volunteers who helped make the event successful.



Elders dish up a delicious meal featuring prime rib, salmon and an array of desserts.



# Lucky Eagle Casino names Team Member of the Year

Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel hosted its annual Team Member of the Year banquet on Feb. 7 at Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound.

The event recognizes some of Lucky Eagle's best team members while presenting a number of rewards for the company's top performers.

Chehalis Tribe Treasurer Sheilah Bray presented the Team Member of the Year to longtime table games team member Eva Mendoza Roca. Eva has been working at Lucky Eagle since April 2002, where she began as a pit clerk in table games.

Additional Executive Awards were presented to team members in four categories. This year's winners were:

**Extra Mile Award:** Danika Pickernell, Security

**Teamwork Award:** Gavin Hernandez, Lucky Star Rewards Center

**GUEST Award:** Heather



**Eva Mendoza Roca**

Williams, Hotel (now in Player Development)

## PRIDE

**Award:** Tira Morrow, Food & Beverage

The nominees represented Team Member of the Month

candidates and winners from 2018. Monthly winners are selected by a committee and annual awards are selected by the executive team.

## Sidewalk Deli reopens

The newly renovated Sidewalk Deli at Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel opened to Chehalis tribal members for a private tasting on April 8 and to the public on April 9. The new deli features an expanded seating capacity, a new entry and all new tables, furniture and finishes.

# CTLF ushers in changes

CTLF is a Native Community Development Financial Institution, a nonprofit organization. It offers the following loans:

- Small/micro business (must meet requirements)
- Fireworks (must meet requirements)
- Consumer/credit builders loans debt consolidation
- Home improvement (own home)
- Rental assistance (new loan product) is for people who are needing assistance with first and last month's rent and deposit
- All those who take out loans are required to complete financial education

CTLF has a new program called VISTA Share in which applications will be submitted online. Once we receive your initial information, you will be sent a link to complete the application process.

We also would like to welcome our new Administrative Assistant Raven John. She has been an asset to the CTLF Program. She will be able to take



## NATIVE CARVERS SHOWCASE

Check out the marketplace from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. May 18 at the Chehalis Tribal Community Center in Oakville. Traditional feast, carving classes and artist business training will be offered. Go to [ctlf.weebly.com](http://ctlf.weebly.com) or contact Diana Pickernell at 360-709-1631 or [dpickernell@chehalistribe.org](mailto:dpickernell@chehalistribe.org).

payments and assist with the application process.

We are hosting a Native Carvers Showcase on May 18. The free event will bring awareness to the CTLF program and assist people in pricing and marketing items they have for sale.

Positive things are happening within the CTLF Program and we look forward to bigger things in the future.



Contributed by Alicia Medina

**Chief of Police Kelly Edwards officially welcomes Chad Barnes as a full-fledged officer for the Chehalis Tribe Public Safety Department.**

# Police officer sworn in

*Chad Barnes is 'road worthy' and ready to roll*

By Frazier Myer

Chad Barnes, police officer for the Chehalis Tribe, served in law enforcement for five years prior to starting out with the tribe in December of 2018 and officially being sworn in this spring.

During his first few months with the department, he wasn't a full-fledged officer and didn't have the credentials to be "road worthy."

"I love that I don't have that looming over my head," Barnes said in regards to completing his officer probationary period. Although he just started with the tribe, he carries years of field experience and knowledge into his current position.

Barnes explained that he has a military background, which is what led him down the career path he chose. He was deployed in 2007 with a military police company because they lacked numbers in the unit. He naturally gravitated toward the professional aspects of law enforcement.

After returning home from

being stationed overseas, Barnes began studying for a degree in Criminal Justice. A friend he went to school with works in the region and informed Barnes about the opportunity with this department.

"I love it. It's great," Barnes said regarding working with the Public Safety staff. He enjoys that he is able to work on his own patrolling a large jurisdiction. However, he appreciates having a big enough staff to provide reliable assistance if needed.

Barnes' main adjustment from previous positions is learning about the tribal judicial system. He familiarized himself with the tribe's municipal code and how it varies from state law.

He said that the best part of working on the reservation is the people of the area. He enjoys the company of his co-workers and engaging with the rest of the community. Barnes hopes to use this as a step toward his goal of becoming an evidence and investigation technician.



# Tribe highlights outstanding work

'He's a special person who has patience, perseverance, consistency and commitment to the youth.'

— **TONY MEDINA,**  
YOUTH CENTER  
SUPERVISOR



**George 'Geo' Jack's Employee of the Month recognition has special meaning for Youth Center Supervisor Tony Medina, who watched him grow up.**

## Youth Center Assistant George 'Geo' Jack helps kids grow in sports, life

By Frazier Myer

The Accounting Department served breakfast for lunch at the ACE Employee recognition where George "Geo" Jack and Jake Dickerson were honored for their outstanding achievements on April 26.

Chehalis tribal employees filled the Gathering Room to recognize Youth Center Assistant Geo as the March Employee of the Month for his dedication to the children.

Geo has worked at the Youth Center for eight months. He grew up on the Chehalis Reservation and frequently visited the Youth Center as a child. His favorite thing to do was play basketball, which is an activity he uses to connect to kids today. Throughout the winter months, Geo coached youth basketball teams and took them to numerous tournaments.

Youth Center Supervisor Tony Medina said he has seen skills on the basketball court improve tremendously since Geo started coaching. Medina said he wanted to highlight Geo because "he's a special person who has patience, perseverance, consistency and commitment to the youth."

Medina recognized that Geo goes above and beyond by spending his weekends with the youth program, taking various age groups to play ball and represent their tribe. This provides opportunities for kids to make new friends, meet relatives and learn the value of good sportsmanship.

This year, one of his teams won the championship. Geo and Medina expressed how proud they are of the youngsters' accomplishments and improvements.

Geo said he is honored to work with the youth and watch kids grow up, have fun and make memories. He said it feels good to receive the award, but acknowledges that he couldn't have accomplished it without help. He wanted to thank Talisa Baker, Bobby Jones and Cheryle Starr for their assistance during tournament season.

While sports provide amazing opportunities, Geo believes it is important that kids put school first. He encourages good grades to play in tournaments. If grades aren't where they should be, kids can't go on the trip.

Medina has worked for the youth program for 25 years. He has known Geo since he was a child and remembers taking him with other tribal youth to rez-ball tournaments.

"It's a really good experience to see a young one, 5- or 6-year-old, grow up to be a man," Medina said. "Geo, he is a man, but it's nice to see the kid in him."



**The Accounting team prepared breakfast for lunch for the ACE recognition.**

## Sgt. Jake Dickerson connects with the community

By Frazier Myer

Sgt. Jake Dickerson, longtime member of the Chehalis Tribe Public Safety Department, received Supervisor of the Quarter for his wealth of engagement through the years. His nomination letter came from community member Erika Pickernell, who wanted to show appreciation for Dickerson's outstanding commitment to making the tribe a safer place to live during his tenure.

Pickernell said Sgt. Dickerson is an "asset to the Chehalis Tribe." And that he "goes above and beyond for this entire community even outside of his normal workdays."

Sgt. Dickerson often volunteers at community events, helping out in any way he can. He's known for his avid involvement and deep-rooted relationships with tribal members that were built since he started working for the Chehalis Tribe in 1996.

Sgt. Dickerson grew up in Rochester just a few miles from the reservation. He said he always had an interest in law enforcement, but credits his wife, Jackie, for motivating him to launch his career.

At 21, he began working as a reserve officer for the city of Chehalis. While he was still a reserve officer, he took four months off to attend police academy. Without a steady income, Jackie worked three jobs to financially support their family. After a couple years with the city of Chehalis, he

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**Erika Pickernell shows her appreciation for Sgt. Jake Dickerson's contributions to the Chehalis Reservation.**





**Sgt. Jake Dickerson is all smiles and a good sport as he waits to be dunked in the tank during National Night Out last August.**

## DICKERSON

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decided to shift careers and work as a security guard at the Lucky Eagle Casino.

Through connections and working with tribal law enforcement as a security guard, he landed a position with the Chehalis Tribe Police Department.

"It was hard at first. ... I was still young," Sgt. Dickerson said. "I was still trying to figure out how I wanted to be a police officer."

After a while, he kind of settled into being an officer, which is all about treating people with respect and upholding the law. During the first few years, it was a challenge to keep up with everything because the staff had only three members at times.

Sgt. Dickerson learned a lot by working solo and figuring out how to accomplish tasks without assistance. The department is fully staffed now, and Sgt. Dickerson uses his decades of tribal knowledge to help bring up new members in Public Safety.

As a Community Resource Officer, Sgt. Dickerson works with all age groups by reading books at the Head Start to helping with delivery of elder lunches. He takes pride in the community-oriented environment on the reservation and is involved with events for every tribal department.

Sgt. Dickerson also donates his time as a committee member for the Special Olympics Torch Run in Lewis County, coming up on May 30. The fun run raises awareness and funds for Lewis County Special Olympic athletes. All proceeds are by donation.

Numerous local businesses make donations and both the Chehalis Tribe and Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel are sponsors.

Sgt. Dickerson encourages fellow department members to attend events to break down barriers between police and the community. He visits Early Learning classrooms dressed in his police uniform so children can learn to be comfortable with officers. He said this will encourage kids to feel secure when they interact with other officers. He's witnessed and played a role in a generation of children growing up.

During his 23 years working for the tribe, "it's been nice seeing the progression," Sgt. Dickerson said. Peaceful is the word he would use to sum up his feelings about the community and reservation.

"I just like the fact that the reservation has become safer," Sgt. Dickerson said. "I like to think I had a hand in that."

Along with other veterans of the department, Sgt. Dickerson instructs each new officer on how to work on the reservation.

## ART SHOWCASE

Chehalis tribal members are invited to display their creations in the Chehalis Tribal Member Art Exhibit at Tribal Days



**WHEN:** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. May 25-26

**WHERE:** Inside of the Tribal Center lobby

## CHEHALIS TRIBAL DAYS

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**Awards:** First-fourth place, MVP, all-stars, best bat, best glove, pitcher/catcher awards

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**Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel rooms:** 800-720-1788

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### CONTACT

Diana Pickernell, 360-709-1631  
Raven John, 360-709-1643  
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday





# YOUTH



The Fabulous Harlem Crowns kicked off its 2019 tour at the Chehalis Reservation where players are perennial favorites. In between jokes and awesome basketball, the team delivered a solid message about walking the right path.



## BANTER, BRAVERY

*Fabulous Harlem Crowns put on a super show*

By Frazier Myer

Audience members were dazzled by the Fabulous Harlem Crowns during the team's annual basketball exhibition at the Chehalis Tribal Community Center on Feb. 8.

The Crowns are a group of basketball players from Oakland, California. The team travels the road with exceptional basketball skills and ad-lib humor to entertain crowds across the country. Every year, they visit the Chehalis Tribe and fill the gymnasium with laughter and smiles.

The Chehalis Tribe played host for the Crowns on the first stop of the team's 2019 tour. To keep up the tradition, the tribal Youth Program gave basketballs to all of the youth in attendance and handed out raffle prizes throughout the evening.

The Crowns played practical jokes on the host team, the crowd and of course the referee. However, the team displayed that they were about much more during a message delivered at half time.

The mission of the Harlem Crowns' tour is to encourage using basketball as an outlet to stay free of drugs, alcohol and violence.

Team members took turns on the microphone during intermission and spoke about their backgrounds growing up in Oakland. They explained how basketball is used as



a tool to stay away from dangers that are prevalent in the communities each of them grew up in.

Players described how the sport of basketball, which started as a recreational activity, turned into a passion and created positive pathways for each of them. They emphasized that basketball is what helped guide them, but they told the youth that the passion doesn't have to be specifically basketball or even sports for that matter.



Each individual is different and has potential in many areas. There are various activities for youth to participate in such as art, music, outdoor activities and much more.

The Crowns also had a message for adults. They spoke about how crucial it is for older generations to have a positive influence and be role models for the youth. They reminded the audience that children are always watching and learning from others' behavior.

**Each player encouraged youth to find something positive in their lives and work hard to achieve success. After the performance, they signed basketballs for children and posed for a memorable group shot.**





## EASTER EGGS

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types of toys and candy.

Children were turned loose on the hunt based on age groups. Ages 0-3 made the first dash at the eggs and were quickly

followed up by the next age group. When older kids were allowed to join the race, a majority of them sprinted in pursuit of the golden eggs.

Medina explained that he played a little trickery on the youth this year. Instead of having all of the golden eggs designated as winners, only eight of them had tickets inside. At the end of the hunt, the children took a moment to catch their breath as they examined the eggs.

Everyone had the chance to take a photo with the Easter Bunny and received chocolate and a stuffed animal.



Youth scramble in search of eggs at the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Those who found numbers in their golden eggs went home with baskets packed with treats and toys.



# Practice pays off for championship game

## Kids work hard to learn fundamentals

By Fred Shortman

The Chehalis Tribal Youth Basketball Program took youth to compete in the Nisqually Basketball Tournament from April 12-14. It was a fun weekend filled with family time and of course basketball.

Coaches George "Geo" Jack, Ricki Sutterliet, Bobby Jones,

Fau Boyd and Talisa Baker assisted children during the tournament. Youth competed in three different age brackets: 7U, 10U and 12U.

They practiced three times throughout the week at the Community Center. Coaches continue working on basketball fundamentals and defense. They make it fun while ensuring youth learn fundamental basketball. Practice is starting to pay off with improved skills. This was clear with the recent success the

teams had in Nisqually. They earned third place in the 10U division. The 12U team won the championship for their division.

"All the children did a great job in the basketball tournament," Coach Jack said. "I would like to thank the coaches and parents for all their support."

He also thanked the players and showed his appreciation for their hard work, hustle and for never giving up on themselves. It was a well-deserved win for everyone involved!



## SPECIAL AWARDS

**7U:** All-star Tyson Canales-Youckton, Taryn Baker

**10U:** Tyson Canales-Youckton, Nena Filitaula and Uilani Siufanua

**12U:** All-stars Eddie Klatush and Jasmine Ramirez; MVP Courtney Price



# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



## Kaytlin Pickernell

**Fourth grade  
Grand Mound  
Elementary  
School**



Kaytlin is the daughter of Chris and Erika Pickernell. She has an older sister. Kaytlin enjoys when her family gets together to watch movies.

While at school, she likes going to music class. She feels she is a success because she pays attention. Kaytlin thinks school should be fewer hours and wants to eliminate bullying. Her advice to others is to be kind.

In her spare time, she enjoys riding her bike and spending time with her favorite person Uilani Siufanua. If she could have one superpower, Kaytlin would like to read minds so she could know what people are thinking about. With a million dollars, she would fly first class to Disneyland with all of her friends.

After Kaytlin graduates high school, she will attend Centralia College for three years to become a music teacher.

If Kaytlin were chairwoman of the tribe, she would fix the lights in her housing project and create more culture classes.

## Malikah McNair

**Seventh grade  
Rochester Middle  
School**



Malikah is earning a 3.47 GPA. She is the daughter of Glenda Comenout and Michael McNair and has a brother and sister, three dogs and a cat. She enjoys when her family plays board games.

Malikah likes her science class and feels she's successful because of her willingness to try new things. Her advice to other students is to pay attention and stay on top of their grades. If she could change one thing at school, it would be the way bullying is handled.

During her spare time, Malikah likes to stay active by playing soccer. She also enjoys being part of the Chehalis Canoe Family. Her favorite dinosaur is the one with the really long neck because it's tall like her.

Malikah loves nature and would like the superpower ability to have conversations with animals. If she had a million dollars, she would get a job and give to charity.

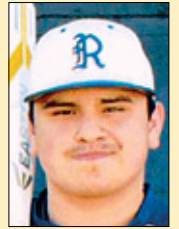
Her favorite person is her grandma, who shares a wide range of knowledge with others.

After Malikah graduates high school, she wants to get on her feet and start college. She is interested in a career in law enforcement or marine biology. She would like to study to be a marine biologist at Ashworth Online College.

If Malikah were chairwoman of the tribe, she would make it so youth are involved in more things.

## Jeremiah Baker

**Ninth grade  
Rochester High  
School**



Jeremiah is the son of Talisa and Russ Baker and has two sisters and a dog.

He likes to study world geography and learn more about other cultures. He feels he is a successful student because he turns in his work and asks for help. Jeremiah's advice for others is to keep grades up to be eligible to play sports. If he could change something at his school, it would be the early start time.

With a million dollars, Jeremiah said he would help make the world a better place. He would start by giving money to the homeless.

He enjoys playing basketball and baseball. He has played baseball since he was 4. "I've seen myself grow. I know I'm going to shine real soon. Living a positive life makes you more motivated about yourself," Jeremiah said.

His favorite person is Trey Brown, his role model who has played an instrumental part in his success. He has much love and respect for him and wishes to thank Trey for "being there for me when I have my ups and downs and constantly on me for my grades."

"Sleep better, train harder, grind harder" are words of advice that Trey always provides.

After Jeremiah graduates high school, he wants to attend WSU to become a mechanic.

If Jeremiah were chairman of the tribe, he would upgrade the baseball stadium and get improved sports equipment.

## KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

As a reward for their commitment to school and personal growth, Students of the Month receive a \$25 gift card. To nominate your child, contact K-12 Assistant Jodie Smith at [jsmith@chehalistribe.org](mailto:jsmith@chehalistribe.org). Tell us the reason your child should be considered. Deadline is the last Friday of each month.

*Contributed by Chehalis Tribe K-12 Program*



## GED CLASSES

**4-6 p.m. Thursdays in the computer lab of the Community Center**

**GET IN TOUCH:** Call Frances Pickernell at 360-709-1735 or Erika Pickernell at 360-709-1572. You also can stop by the Vocational Rehabilitation office.



## YOUTH CENTER CLASSES

**2-3:30 p.m. Fridays**

Tsapowum Chehalis Tribal Behavioral Health is offering classes for middle-school and older students on topics such as substance abuse, teen dating violence and suicide prevention:

**INFORMATION:** Call 360-709-1818

■ **Prevention Outreach Specialist Talisa Capoeman:** May 24

■ **Youth Support Services Coordinator Caytee Cline:** May 17, 31



# HEALTH/WELLNESS



**Clockwise from far left:**

**DNR staff members Wayne Barr and Jason Gillie team up on a river restoration project.**

**Jason uses heavy equipment to break up soil and create holes to plant the trees.**

**DNR selected the types of trees that need to be planted by conducting surveys on other buffer zones.**

**Wayne puts the finishing touches in place by positioning trees and filling in the holes with soil.**

## DNR enhances fish habitat with trees

*Robust riparian buffer zone is essential to improving river health*

By Frazier Myer

The Chehalis Tribe's Department of Natural Resources kicked off a busy spring season by planting thousands of trees alongside the river.

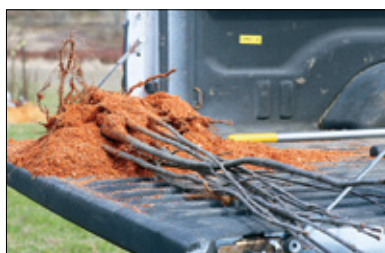
The project began with digging and planting on March 21 and continued throughout the following weeks. DNR Environmental Programs Manager Colleen Suter, who has worked for the tribe for more than two years, led the restoration.

Suter explained that the purpose behind the project is to repair and restore the habitat along the river, which is necessary for the tribe to meet the regulations and requirements of having a riparian buffer zone.

The buffer zone is a vegetated habitat alongside the river that helps refine water quality and fish environment by filtering toxins that come off the land that negatively impact the river. There are many reasons to have a proper buffer zone.

### Importance of shade

"The main thing that a lot of



people are really worried about is shading," Suter said.

Without shade, that section of the river gets hot and is unfavorable for the salmon population. It affects their ability to metabolize and creates oxygen shortage in the water. This shortage causes suffocation and decreases the fish population.

Another major purpose of riparian zones is to help channel migration. Lack of habitat and vegetation make the banks of the river more susceptible to moving or changing shape. When parts of the banks are swept away and the river changes route, property owners lose parts of their land.

### Selections of trees

The types of trees the DNR planted include cottonwood, Oregon ash, big-leaf maple, red osier dogwood and willows. The department also planted various types of bushes to fill in under the



base of the buffer zone and create more of a natural environment.

Suter said specific areas received more particular restoration. On one section of recently acquired property, there is a dense population of reed canary grass, an invasive species in western Washington. DNR planted a significant number of Pacific willows to combat the threat.

Additionally, DNR staff members conducted a plot survey of healthy riparian vegetation during the beginning stages of the project to determine which species of trees would be designated for

'This is another step in the right direction toward fixing the river.'

— COLLEEN SUTER, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS MANAGER

various spots along the river.

This survey provided information about the densities of the vegetation and allowed the department to develop a blueprint to work off of when recreating land near the Chehalis Tribe's waterways.

### Looking to the future

As the tribe continues to develop, maintenance of its rivers is one aspect that often goes unnoticed.

The Chehalis tribal people have relied on salmon and other species of fish to sustain their lifestyle, and the fish number has noticeably gone down in recent decades. DNR, along with Chehalis Tribal Fisheries, is striving to help reverse this ongoing issue.

"This is another step in the right direction toward fixing the river," Suter said.





A group of determined community members walked to honor survivors during National Crime Victims week.

# Survivor strong

## Community walk shows support for crime victims

By Frazier Myer

Braving the rainy weather, the Chehalis Tribe honored 2019 National Crime Victims week by participating in a Survivor Walk on the reservation on April 10.

"Honoring our past, creating hope for the future" was this year's theme. The tribal group walked as evidence of unity and to show that together they are strong, resilient and unbreakable.

The walk took place for three main reasons: to honor victims of crime, display to the community that the people who live and work here are survivor strong and provide a voice for victims.

Chehalis Tribe Crime Victims Advocate Holli Gomes further explained the latter reasoning by stating that there are reported and non-reported crimes.

This walk provides support for those who might not have the strength or courage to speak out.

"That's why the walk was so important," Gomes said. It's to show that the community will stand for those unable to be heard and to help those victims.

Gomes explained that Sgt. Jake Dickerson spearheaded the event. Many other members of the Chehalis Tribe's Public Safety and Court departments helped organize the walk.

Gomes said it was encouraging to see that, despite the rain, a large group gathered to show support.



## Walk & Roll Wednesdays

Join us as Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center staff walk at noon from the clinic to Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel

SIGN UP AT THE ELDERS CENTER, COMMUNITY CENTER, WELLNESS CENTER OR TRIBAL CENTER, OR EMAIL [SDICKENSON@CHEHALISTRIBE.ORG](mailto:SDICKENSON@CHEHALISTRIBE.ORG)

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# MAY BIRTHDAYS



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**Austin Vigil:** Happy 17th birthday Austin. Love your Mom and brothers.

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**JOSEPH BURNS**  
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**ILIAS TALON MARCEL CHARLES**  
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**MATTEO DELGADO**  
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**CYRENA ORTIVEZ**

**NORA ORTIVEZ**  
**SHAWN ORTIVEZ**  
**ELIJAH PALMER**  
**TERESA PANNKUK**  
**AIDEN PARKINSON**

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**Nora Ortivez:** Happy birthday from Mom and Dad!



## MORE WISHES

**Lucy Cush:** Happy 70th birthday to my momma from your daughter Anna.

**Jonathan David:** Happy 24th birthday, love Mom, LeeAnna, Savanna, Jordan, Britt, Liam, Kyrie, Makayla, Clara and Olivia.

**Cole Fulton:** My son, my life, my world ... you make me proud every day!! I love you more than you could ever imagine. Happy 18th birthday!! Love always and then some, Mom

**Beth Hofstetter:** Happy birthday. A special day for an awesome sister. From your brothers, sisters and family.

**Coleton James:** Happy birthday. Can't believe you're getting so big and smart! We are proud of you! Love Mom and Dad.

**Savanna Marie:** Happy 19th birthday. Love Mom, LeeAnna, Jordan, Britt, Liam, Kyrie, Jonathan, Makayla, Clara and Olivia.

**Theresa Pankuk:** Happy birthday, love Maria.

**Tashina Rae:** Happy birthday to my late sister. We all love and miss you so much. Love Rave and all the family!

**Rosalina Sanchez:** Happy birthday. You are turning out to be such a beautiful young lady!! We love you so much Rosa!! Love Mom and all your brothers.

**Alex P. Shortman:** Happy birthday from your brother, Mom, Dad and family.

**Destiny Ziady:** Happy sweet 16 Monkey!! We love you and hope you have a great birthday! Love Dad, Moms, bro and sisters!

**Art Medina:** Happy birthday to my brother! We love you. **Raelyn Romero:** Happy 2nd birthday to our beautiful granddaughter. **Artie Romero:** Happy birthday. Love you with all of our hearts – From Grandma, Grandpa and family.



**Art Medina:** Happy birthday Dad! Love you, your daughter Marla.



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## Congratulations

To one of my many blessings on this journey I partake in every day, Skye White Eagle. The day is coming that you will be giving every bit of you to the one that you fell in love with and to the one that you know will understand you in ways not a soul in this world could. A man that has committed a hand, an ear and a shoulder to cry on, and most importantly a protector to your body and soul. I wish you the most beautiful joys in this life with the man that you will spend forever and even after that with. I love you, and this is to you and the beauties you will encounter in your time bound to the love your life.

— Jeanette Siufanua

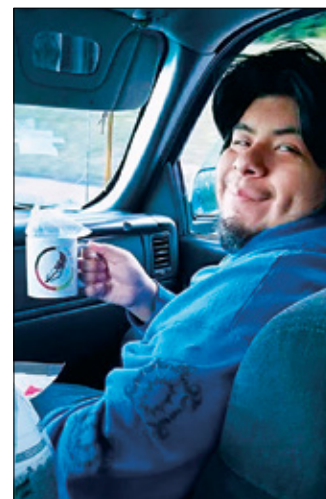
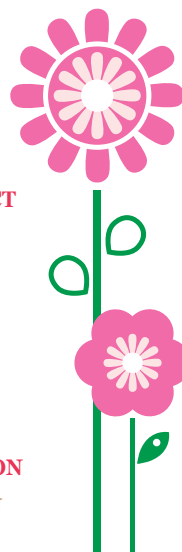
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ARTIE UDEN  
AUSTIN VIGIL  
ANN-MARIE  
YOUCKTON  
FARLEY YOUCKTON  
JESSE YOUCKTON  
DESTINY ZIADY



**Fernando Sanchez:** Happy 19th birthday! Love you always Maria.



**Thomas Trott:** Happy birthday son! From your mom and the rest of our crazy gang!



**Ilias Talon Marcel Charles:** Happy 5th birthday Hubba! Love you bigger than the sky!! Love Mama and Linkin.



**Emily Mordhorst:** Happy 15th birthday. We love you very much! From your auntie Susan Sanchez.