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## TRIBAL DAYS

### *Busy Memorial weekend knocks it out of the park*

By Frazier Myer

Chehalis Tribal Days is a jam-packed event held every Memorial Day weekend. The festivities this year from May 24-27 drew in hundreds of Native Americans from the surrounding area. The action began on Friday night with a double-header in the men's hardball tournament. Skokomish earned a win in the first game of the weekend over the Rockies.

In the late hours of the night, the host-team, Tomahawks, took on the Black Hawks underneath the lights of Tomahawk Stadium. The Black Hawks took the early momentum and never

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The 2019 Chehalis Tribal Days knocks it out of the park.

## Ceremony highlights fish struggle

*Sacred day honors traditions, but also brings awareness to low salmon numbers*

By Frazier Myer

Tribal members and employees gathered at the Community Center for the 2019 Salmon Ceremony lunch on May 16.

This year was different from previous celebrations. To accommodate the number of people in attendance, the event was moved from its usual location by the fish pit to the Gathering Room. Another major change was the source of the fish. Because of the low numbers of fish in the rivers, the state and the tribe had to secure salmon from fishermen on the Columbia River.

The tribe was still able to host a successful event and provide a traditional meal. However, the current state of numbers produced during the salmon run are a cause for concern among the tribal people.

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Tribal youth take part in the Salmon Ceremony, a ritual along the Chehalis River.



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let up. This early defeat in a double-elimination tournament meant the Tomahawks would have to fight their way through the losers' bracket if they wanted a shot at the championship.

On Saturday, natives from various tribes packed the Chehalis Reservation for a day of baseball and softball. Friendly competition took place at Legends fields and Tomahawk Stadium as visitors roamed and enjoyed all of the amenities. Vendors sold food and Native American-themed products.

### Art display, Cancer Walk

Ball games continued throughout Sunday, and so did action off the field. Members of other tribes and the Chehalis people viewed art pieces at the last day of the second Chehalis Tribal Art Exhibit and hundreds of people participated in the annual Cancer Walk.

The emphasis was to have each step of the walk serve as a prayer for those who are battling cancer. As participants traveled around the reservation, they talked about how important the annual walk is to their life.

Many said they complete the Cancer Walk each year in honor of a loved one they lost to cancer. Also, many cancer survivors took the walk around the tribal grounds to bring strength and solidarity among the tribes. This helps create a support system within tribal communities.

When everyone finished the walk, participants were given a raffle ticket. Prizes included lawn chairs, gift cards, an inflatable swimming pool and a BBQ grill as the grand prize.

### Back to the games

Meanwhile, action continued on the ball fields and teams started to get eliminated.

By Championship Monday, a majority of the teams had already made their way home. Those left battled it out for a chance to win first-place jackets.

For the men's hardball tournament, the Tomahawks were still alive after battling their way through the losers' bracket and faced off against familiar foe Little Boston (LB) in the championship. LB is the defending Tribal Days champs



**Clockwise from left:** The umpire calls a runner safe as he slides into second base headfirst during Chehalis Tribal Memorial Days.

Little Boston took the No. 1 spot in the men's hardball tournament.

Native By Nature beat the Weekend Warriors to snag first place in the co-ed tournament.



**Far left:** Teammates Lana and Aurora won best glove and best bat in the co-ed softball tournament.

**Left:** The 2019 Chehalis Tribal Royalty members were selected and include Angelica "Turtle" Cash, Mya Ortez, Daniel Gitchel, (front) Jude Ortez and Q Youckton. Not pictured: Kaytlin Pickernell.





**Above:** Families gathered to participate in the annual Cancer Walk around the Chehalis Reservation.

**Below:** The Fun Run started with children dashing to the first station of fun and games.



## TRIBAL DAYS

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and sought out a mission to bring championship jackets back to Port Gamble.

The Tomahawks had hot bats and took an early lead but couldn't hold onto it once LB batters warmed up. LB quickly caught up, piled on the runs throughout later innings and won the championship 10-5.

## Natives by Nature vs. Weekend Warriors

While awards were handed out on the hardball field, the co-ed tournament had a fierce matchup on the softball field. Team Natives by Nature (NbN) rallied off three straight wins and climbed their way out of the losers' bracket to beat the Weekend Warriors, the team that put them in that position.

With the double-elimination format and NbN already having one loss earlier in the tournament against the Weekend Warriors, NbN would have to win two games in a



row in the championship round. After NbN secured a victory in the first game, a final match was set.

After the end of regulation, the score was tied 7-7. In the extra inning, the Weekend Warriors were unable to match two runs put on the board by NbN in the first half of the inning. NbN was modest in their victory as they shook hands with their opponents and invited them to home plate for a post-game huddle.



Elaine McCloud displays powwow dance regalia she designed.



## ART EXHIBIT

Tribal artists displayed their work at the second Chehalis Tribal Art Exhibit during tribal days weekend.

For the Chehalis Tribe, Memorial Day weekend is the perfect time to play ball and relax with friends and family. People from Northwest tribes travel to the Chehalis Reservation to enjoy numerous festivities, and Tribal Days continues to grow each year.

Last year, the first Chehalis Art Exhibit made a splash as a handful of artists shared their talents. This year, the number of participants increased and various forms of art were on display.

Even fellow Chehalis tribal members who personally know the artists weren't aware of the many talents possessed by their tribe's creative individuals.

## PARTICIPANTS

**Kelli Baker**  
**Fred Shortman**  
**Selena Kearney**  
**Heather Walker**  
**Tony Olney**  
**Steasha McJoe**  
**Avery McJoe**  
**Ida Rosander**  
**Estraea Music-Olney**  
**Elaine McCloud**  
**Sheilah Bray**  
**Christina Hicks**



# Head Start teacher's aide shines in class

*ACE Awards honors Alisha Hosford for her caring work with preschool students*

*By Frazier Myer*

Head Start Teacher's Aide Alisha Hosford received the April Employee of the Month during the Always Creating Excellence (ACE) awards luncheon May 31 in the Gathering Room.

Staff members joined together at the Community Center for an award ceremony and taco fiesta provided by Administration, Office of Tribal Attorney and Court departments.

As staff members indulged in various types of tacos, Assistant GM Jesse Gleason announced the candidates and read their nomination letters. Head Start Education Coordinator Tabitha Dennison nominated Hosford.

## Nurturing nature

Hosford is acknowledged as a caring, helpful teacher and co-worker. She works specifically with preschool students who are 3 and 4 years old. Dennison said her warm and pleasant personality shines in the classroom.

"She brings sunshine, love and hope to her work and radiates it to those around her," Dennison said. The kindness that she possesses helps students feel secure, loved and cared for.

Dennison explained that, through seeing Hosford interact and play with the children, it's evident that her niche is working with and teaching youth.

Hosford said her interest in child care started when she welcomed her own children. She has a daughter and a son, both in their teens now.

She began her career in child care working at the Taholah Head Start, and heard about an opening with the Early Learning program on the Chehalis Reservation while at a conference at Great Wolf Lodge.

*'She brings sunshine, love and hope to her work and radiates it to those around her.'*

— **TABITHA DENNISON**, HEAD START EDUCATION COORDINATOR

## Key to success

Hosford has been with the tribe for more than three years now and said it is one of the best jobs she's ever had. "It's just such a welcoming and helpful community to work in," Hosford said.

She explained that her co-workers help make every day a successful one. "I couldn't ask for a better group of people to work with," she said.

Staff at Early Learning know that it takes a collaborative effort to ensure the most success for children in the program. Hosford and Dennison talked about how the youth in their program are the future leaders of the tribe.

"It's really fun to watch the kids in this community grow up," Hosford said.

Hosford said working day to day with children is the "coolest." She loves how they are honest and creative. She is always astounded when she witnesses the moment when something clicks in the child's head and they start to get a true understanding of certain topics or concepts.

Hosford finds comfort in the fact that children are such open books. They will talk to her about what they did over the weekend or just bring up random topics. She works hard to ensure a safe and comfortable learning environment because she knows she is responsible for people's children.

She said the key to being successful in her field is for staff and children to do it as a "team and be team players."



Head Start Teacher's Aide Alisha Hosford was recognized for her care of children in the Chehalis Tribal Early Learning program.

## Summer youth jobs

### KICK START A BRIGHT FUTURE

**Work begins at 8 p.m. July 8 and runs for six weeks**

- Must be an enrolled Chehalis tribal member, between ages 14-18 and enrolled in middle, high school or recent high school graduate/GED.
- Submit "Summer Worker" application, valid ID, tribal ID and Social Security Card to Human Resources by end of day June 21 (no late submissions accepted)
- Applications must have parent or guardian's signature
- Must be age 14 by June 28

**CONTACT**

Call JJ Shortman at 360-709-1749  
or Reed at 360-709-1788



# staff profiles

Dedicated professionals with the Behavioral Health Program are here to support tribal community members and families with opioid recovery:

## Yvonne Sneed

### PEER RECOVERY COUNSELOR

Hello, my name is Yvonne Sneed. I am a new employee to the Chehalis Tribe. I have recently been hired in the



Yvonne Sneed

Behavioral Health Program as a Peer Recovery Counselor.

I live on the outskirts of Chehalis with my two boys, ages 6 and 3. I am a certified

peer counselor and I worked at Cascade Mental Health as a peer counselor and case manager's assistant before coming to work at the Chehalis Tribe.

My job here is working through OURR (Opioid Use Reduction & Recovery) Alliance, a program focusing on aligning workforce development efforts with health and social services in response to the opioid crisis. This includes anyone impacted directly or indirectly by opioids.

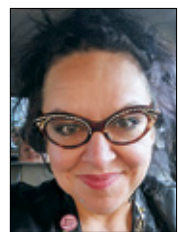
I look forward to working with the community any way I can to help make the community a safe place.

Feel free to stop by and visit me at the Behavioral Health building or give me a call at 360-709-1650 or email at [ysneed@chehalistribe.org](mailto:ysneed@chehalistribe.org). Thank you and have a blessed day.

## Janet Stegall

### CARE COORDINATOR

Hello, fellow Chehalis tribal and community members! As many of you know, my name is Janet Stegall and I am a



Janet Stegall

Chehalis tribal member. I have worked for our tribe for most of the past 26 years in different capacities, most recently as a grant writer for seven years.

I recently committed to a career change and I am very happy to introduce myself to you in my new position as the Care Coordinator in the Behavioral Health Department.

We are focused on addressing opioid overdose and connecting people to medicated assisted treatment resources.

I am excited to be working in the field of recovery and support and intend to make Tsapowum my lifelong career.

I welcome any questions about the program that you might have for me.

My office door is open from 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday or I can be reached by phone at 360-709-1622 or email at [jstegall@chehalistribe.org](mailto:jstegall@chehalistribe.org).



Rodney Youckton and Allison Carter deliver supplies to YWCA's The Other Bank in April. The organization helps lift up women and girls.

## Lucky Eagle Casino raises donations for Other Bank

Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel team members recently held a donation drive to benefit YWCA's The Other Bank with a wide variety of supplies.

The Other Bank is similar to a food bank but focuses on supplies that support its core mission of providing direct service to women and girls.

The YWCA of Olympia provides services to more than 13,000 community members annually. Many of its clients come from low-income or at-risk environments.

The donation drive was organized by Lucky Eagle team members Rodney Youckton and Allison Carter.

Items donated included personal care and hygiene-related products such as dish

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### DONATIONS

Support the Other Bank by donating wish list items from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday at 220 Union Ave. SE in Olympia. Unscented items are strongly preferred. Call **360-352-0593** or email [ywca@ywcaofolympia.org](mailto:ywca@ywcaofolympia.org).

soap, laundry detergent, diapers, razors, deodorant, tissue, paper towels and feminine hygiene products. The items were delivered to YWCA by Rodney and Allison in early April.

## 24K GOLD BAR GIVEAWAY

### Win your share of over \$100,000 CASH!

#### WEEKLY GIVEAWAY

EVERY WEDNESDAY IN JUNE  
NOON - 8PM

Pick up your chocolate bar with a golden ticket.

EVERY GOLDEN TICKET IS A WINNER

Cashable Free Play up to \$1,000 and select tickets grant entry into the grand finale.

#### GRAND FINALE

SATURDAY JUNE 29

LAST CHANCE HOT SEAT DRAWINGS

Every 15 minutes 6PM - 10PM  
Another winner receives \$250 and entry into the grand finale

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING  
At 10:30PM one lucky finalist will win  
**\$24,000 CASH!**



# HERITAGE



Native artists from Chehalis, Shoalwater Bay, Quinault/Aleut and Lummi tribes connected at Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund's first Native Carvers Showcase.



## CTLF spotlights native carvers

*Inspiration flows as tribal artists exhibit handcrafted work*

By Fred Shortman,  
Communication Specialist

The Chehalis Tribe Loan Fund program sponsored its first Native Carvers Showcase on May 18 at the Community Center.

The day offered a workshop and educational opportunities. People from various tribes who share a common interest in the traditional art form of wood carving attended and professional carvers shared their work.

Artists of all skill levels learned new ways to hone their craft and expand creativity. The showcase also gave artists information on how to turn their work into a business.

CTLF Chairman Kevin Bray welcomed everyone to the showcase and the opening prayer was spoken by David Boxley to bless the day.

Carvers and featured guest speakers David Boxley (Tshimshian) and Micah McCarty (Makah) graciously and humbly showcased their work. They shared stories and personal perspectives on growth and how they learned to carve. The artists discussed their inspiration and also explained the difference between Northern Salish and



David Boxley

Coastal Salish Art.

Carvers offered slide shows highlighting some of their best work. They spoke about the fact that many items carved in the past had a purpose and were used daily. In modern times, some pieces are used in ceremonies for individual tribal communities to honor ancestors and pass down traditional teachings.

Both artists agreed that when they began, it was a struggle to learn the craft. Finding mentors was difficult partially because of the Assimilation Era on tribal communities, which had an impact but wasn't completely successful.

They said these challenges didn't deter them though. Many used books to find things to carve and new generations were starting to revive the culture.

Tables were set up in the room for carvers to demonstrate different styles. Some attendees were happy to simply admire the artwork while others purchased pieces and placed custom orders. Staff members were encouraged to continue the program that brings together carvers from other tribal communities and creates positive impacts within Native American country.

Many artists shared how difficult it is to find opportunities to gather and learn from each other. Watering the seed of this showcase will grow the opportunity into a platform for networking.

Dianna Pickernell closed the event by thanking everyone who attended. She looks forward to CTLF's next carvers showcase.



### CARVERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mel Youckton,  
Chehalis  
Fredrick Cooper,  
Shoalwater Bay  
Harvey Anderson,  
Quinault/Aleut  
James DeLaCruz,  
Quinault  
Dave Wilson,  
Lummi



Fish cooked in the traditional Chehalis way was served for lunch at the Salmon Ceremony.



## CEREMONY

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Fishing and living off other natural resources is part of the Chehalis culture and way of subsistence for generations.

The Salmon Ceremony is an annual ritual practiced by many tribes in Washington. One part of the Chehalis Tribe's ceremony takes place early in the morning alongside the bank of the river. The tradition honors the salmon by releasing the carcass of the first Spring Chinook down the Chehalis River.

It was explained that this year, the Chehalis Tribe agreed to catch only one salmon for the ceremony.

Organizers of the event wanted to emphasize the importance of having youth participate in these ceremonies to keep the culture alive and thriving on ancestral lands. With such low numbers this year, tribal leaders found it important to explain to the community that outside factors are impacting the waterways.

They wanted to bring awareness to an ongoing concern, which is proposed dam construction on the Chehalis River. Through the years, development of dams has diminished the fish population in local rivers and is even more evident now as the Chehalis people were unable to provide local salmon out of their river for a meaningful event.



**Above:** Community members engage and enjoy fresh fish during lunch.  
**Top:** Tribal members offer the symbolic first salmon to the Chehalis River.

## Community takes pride in Cemetery Cleanup



The 2019 Cemetery Cleanup on May 17 was a day for the tribal community and Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel staff to pay respect to those buried at the Chehalis Tribe's cemeteries.



# HEALTH/WELLNESS



## Tribe supports cancer research

*Leukemia & Lymphoma Society gifted \$5,000 check in honor of fellow donor George Thorogood*

The Chehalis Tribe welcomed “Bad to the Bone” rockers George Thorogood & The Destroyers to Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel on May 4.

Both Thorogood and the tribe have been strong supporters of the critical cancer research and patient services provided by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS). To celebrate Thorogood’s Good to be Bad Tour: 45 Years of Rock and to honor him for his commitment to ending cancers, the tribe presented a donation to LLS in his name.

Tribal member Vicki Hanna, who serves on the LLS Board of Trustees for Washington and Alaska, represented both organizations as she presented the gift to Thorogood and LLS Campaign Specialist Sam Egan.

“I like supporting this important work, but you know, I’m just trying to do the right thing – just doing what I can to help people,” Thorogood said.

LLS funds research for every type of blood cancer, including leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma and other rare cancers. As the largest nonprofit funder of cutting-edge research, LLS has invested nearly \$1.3 billion in research since its inception in 1949, leading to breakthroughs in immunotherapy, genomics and personalized medicines that save and improve the lives of patients.

Thanks to donors such as George Thorogood and the Chehalis Tribe, LLS helped advance 34 of the 39 blood cancer treatment options approved by the FDA in 2017 and 2018.

### The Big Climb

In related news, twin 11-year-old tribal members Morgan Hanna (captain) and Tristan Hanna (assistant captain) recently led a team of 32 cancer-fighting



Tribal member Vicki Hanna presents a donation to blues-based rock musician George Thorogood and Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Campaign Specialist Sam Egan.



warriors to the top of Seattle’s tallest skyscraper in The Big Climb to benefit LLS.

The Donut Squad Big Climb Team collected more than \$15,000 worth of donations to climb the “hole” way to the top of the Columbia Tower, which includes 69 floors of 1,311 stairs and 788 vertical feet of elevation! The annual event, held in March, includes up to 6,000 participants and raises around \$3 million.

The Squad received support from the Chehalis Tribe and proudly displayed the Tribe’s basket logo on their team shirts, which also featured their mantra for seeking cancer cures: “Donut Ever Give Up!”



Above: The Donut Squad Big Climb Team raised \$15,000 to help fund cancer cures by climbing Seattle’s Columbia Tower. Above left: Chehalis tribal members Tristan and Morgan Hanna and their mom, Vicki, led the team of 32 dedicated people.



# Benefits Fair connects employees to resources

During the 2019 Benefits Fair on May 10, employees for the Chehalis Tribal Government and Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel learned about wonderful advantages they have as an employee of the tribe.

For many workers, it's common to get wrapped up in day-to-day operations and thinking about their complete benefits package isn't a priority. Providers from numerous fields set up booths inside Lucky Eagle's Events Center for the day-long function.

Employees collected

information on various programs and organizations the tribe uses for providers. Some individuals attended the event to see what all is available to them whereas others had pointed questions such as coverage for specific illnesses and health conditions.

It also was an opportunity to learn about retirement and 401k plans directly from the representatives. Employees had the chance to speak with agents from Cigna – a health insurance provider the tribe recently switched to.



Attendees at the 2019 Health Fair were given a wealth of information on benefits they receive as employees of the Chehalis Tribe.

## In brief

### In-home assistance

Do you feel like your cleaning, laundry and cooking has somehow become more difficult? Could you use someone to come by once or twice a week to help with these chores?

A new program has been set up to do just that!

In order to qualify you must:

- Be a Chehalis tribal member
- Live on the reservation
- Have no alternate source

of care or assistance (based on individual needs)

■ Be age 18 or older have a documented mental or physical disability

Please sign up at one of the three locations with your name, address and phone number. You will be contacted to arrange a brief assessment.

Signup sheets are located at:



- Elders Center
- Wellness Center
- Social Services front area

### Fresh fruit and veggies

The Chehalis Tribal Comprehensive Cancer program is giving Chehalis tribal member households and community member households fresh fruit and vegetables on Thursday, June 20, at the Community Center main lobby entrance.

The event runs from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (or when supplies run out).

To ensure enough is available,

no one will be allowed to pick up for anyone, no exceptions.

### USDA food program

The SPIPA's program offers an assortment of food to fill your freezer, refrigerator and cupboards.

The next date is June 19 from 9:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Chehalis Tribal Community Center.

To sign up, call all Debra Shortman at 360-709-1689 or 360-438-4216 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday

### Make foot care a priority

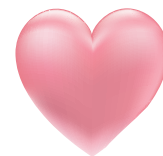
Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center podiatrist Dr. Deborah Behre will be available on the following dates and times:

- 1-4 p.m. June 18
- 8 a.m.-noon July 2, July 18 and July 30
- 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 14 at the

Health Fair

Please call the clinic at 360-273-5504 to schedule an appointment.

### Mammogram clinics



Assured Imaging or Swedish mobile mammography will be at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center at:

■ 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 27 (Swedish)

■ 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 18 (Swedish)

■ 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 13 (Assured)

A clinical breast exam with your medical provider must be completed prior to your mammogram appointment.

Contact ARNPs Rita Mercer or Jennifer O'Brien ARNP or Dr. Hang Chau-Glenninning at 360-273-5504 to schedule an appointment.

## HEALTH FAIR

10 A.M.-3 P.M. AUG. 14 CHEHALIS TRIBAL COMMUNITY CENTER GYM

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Tribal, state program vendors
- Free health screenings
- Lunch at noon

### CONTACT

Christina Hicks at 360-709-1741, [chicks@chehalistribe.org](mailto:chicks@chehalistribe.org).



## Tobacco cessation

NOON-1 P.M. JUNE 25

IN THE CHEHALIS TRIBAL WELLNESS CENTER PT ROOM



Join the prevention team to learn how to quit smoking. Lunch will be provided. Nicotine replacement therapies and medications are available to patients after they complete a referral to their medical provider at the Wellness Center.

**CONTACT:** Bobbie Bush at 360-709-1817, Sandra Dickenson at 360-709-1660 or Christina Hicks at 360-709-1741



# JUNE BIRTHDAYS



**Clockwise from top left –**

**Cael Youckton:** Happy birthday to my baby Cael. You are so smart and we love you so much! Pretty soon, you're off to kindergarten. Happy 5th birthday my big boy. Love mom, dad, uncles, aunties, cousins and your brothers and sisters.

**Vincent Sanchez:** Happy birthday. We love you! Love Grandma, Eric and Jojo.

**Emily Pickernell:** Happy sweet 16. Love Dad, Mom and Piggy!

PAYTON ALBERT  
ALLEN ANDREWS  
ZACH BAKER  
ERIC BECKWITH  
TYLER BECKWITH  
WARREN BECKWITH  
BRIAN BENDA  
BEVERLY BISHOP  
CHARLES BLACKETER  
LATISHA BOYD  
LEROY BOYD  
JANESSA BUMGARNER  
HECTOR CANALES  
MALENA CANALES  
DONNA  
WAYPETEMAHQUAH  
CHOKE  
LEONA CLARY  
SORYN DAVIDSON  
LOYALA DAVIS  
KAYLENA DELGADO  
DAVID DUPUIS  
ROBERT DUPUY  
JORDAN  
EICHELBARGER  
ERICA ESSELSTROM  
KEZIAH-MARAY  
GLEASON  
SONJA GLEASON  
RENA HERNANDEZ-

KLATUSH  
TYSON HOHEISEL  
FARICA HOWE  
JORDAN HUTCHINSON-  
ALBERT  
MARILYN JOHNSON  
JUNE JONES  
JEFFREY KLATUSH  
JEREMY KLATUSH  
KONNER KLATUSH  
PAUL KLATUSH  
MICHAEL LECLAIRE  
ADAM LOWER  
ANASTASYA LUKIANOV  
TANNER MCCLOUD  
RACHAEL MENDEZ  
AARON MYER  
ELAINE MYER  
SUZZANNE ORTIVEZ  
JOSHUA PHILLIPS  
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EDWARD SANCHEZ  
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JANET SANCHEZ  
JOSEPH SANCHEZ-  
ALLENBACH  
LEVI SANCHEZ JR.  
RICK SANCHEZ JR.  
SUSAN SANCHEZ  
VINCENT SANCHEZ  
NIKKI SANDERS  
LINDSEY SHADLE  
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JEANNETTE SIUFANUA  
CAIDEN STARR  
LEE STARR SR.  
BROOKE STEIN  
CHERYL STEIN  
BRENDON TORRES  
BILLY UDEN  
HEATHER WALKER  
DARIAN WASHBURN  
RAQUEL WELLMAN  
DUANE WILLIAMS JR.  
ANTHONY YOUNCKTON  
CAEL YOUNCKTON  
MARVIN YOUNCKTON  
STACY YOUNCKTON  
WINONA YOUNCKTON



## MORE WISHES

**Kaylena Delgado:** Happy 15th birthday! Love Mom, Dad, Domnic and Kaiden.

Three generations we'd like to wish a happy birthday to, love Rachel and family:

Dad – **Duane Williams Sr.**, son – **Duane Williams Jr.** and grandson – **Blaze Sanchez**

**Filiberto Sanchez:** Happy birthday! Love your baby brothers and sister and Mom.

**Malia Victoria Pickernell, Collin Dixon and Harry Jr.:** Happy birthday! From Mom, Dad, Grandma and Grandpa and family.



# students of the month

## Kaiden Delgado

**Second grade  
Rochester Primary School**

Kaiden Delgado is the son of Richard and Erin Delgado. Kaiden has a sister, a brother, two dogs, a cat and a bunny. He likes when his family gets together and goes on vacation at Silverwood Theme Park.

His favorite subject in school is math. Kaiden feels raising his hand,

asking questions and completing his work makes him a successful student. His advice for other students is to have a good day. If he could change one thing at his school, he would have longer recess time.

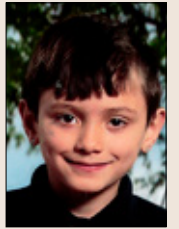
Kaiden enjoys being outside. He plays baseball and is interested in basketball. His favorite dinosaur is the T-Rex because that is the name of his dog. If he could have a superpower, he

would like to heal people.

After Kaiden graduates high school, he wants to play baseball with the Mariners or go to college to become a lawyer.

If he had a million dollars, he would buy a house and a car. If Kaiden was chairman of the tribe, he would give all of the homeless people houses.

"We are very proud of your hard work," love mom and dad.



## Payton Simmons

**Eighth grade  
Elma Middle School**

Payton, 14, has been on honor roll all year and holds a 3.9 GPA. She is the daughter of Taaffe Whipple. She has three brothers, three stepbrothers and a stepsister. She enjoys camping and road trips with family.

She likes going to her math class and feels her success derives from

paying attention in class. Her advice for others is to focus in class and study. If Payton could change one thing at her school, she would improve the lunches.

Payton is very active. She plays basketball, volleyball and fast-pitch softball and participates in FFA. Her favorite sport is fast-pitch.

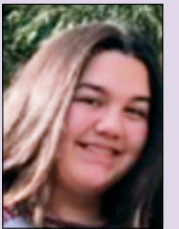
"I get to be around my friends and have fun," Payton said in regards to

participating in many activities.

If Payton had a million dollars, she would buy a big house on the coast somewhere tropical.

Her favorite people to spend time with are family members. She expressed how much she loves them all.

After Payton graduates from high school, she wants to go to the University of Washington to become an orthodontist or chiropractor.



## Segne Phillips

**Ninth grade  
Rainier High School**

Segne Phillips, 15, has a 3.68 GPA. She is the daughter of Joshua and Crystal Phillips and has three brothers and a sister. During her leisure time, she likes to hang out and travel with her family.

Her strategies to remain successful are always staying on top of things and maintaining good attendance. Her

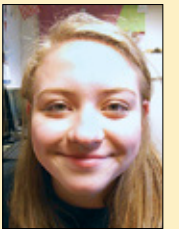
advice for others is to make sure to focus and put school before socializing with friends. She knows it's important to get her work done first.

Segne wants the best for all students at Rainier High School. She said if she could change one thing, it would be the overall learning environment. This would include better testing and studying methods and making sure students understand material.

In her spare time, Segne likes to listen to music, travel and hang out with friends and family.

After she graduates high school, Segne is going to attend a four-year college to become an eye doctor. She is considering the University of Washington Tacoma or UCLA.

If Segne was chairwoman of the tribe, she would do everything possible to ensure a flourishing tribe that is a good place to live and/or work.



# Great Job

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@chehalis-tribe.org](mailto:jsmith@chehalis-tribe.org). Tell us why your child should be considered. Deadline is the last Friday of each month.

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## Chehalis Tribal Head Start 2019



**Top row** (all rows from left): Teacher Nicole Postlewait, Rodney Davis, Frankie Boyd, Leon House Jr., Sophia Zertuche, Loi Siufanua-Boyd, Ivan Tinoco, Ranezmay Goble and Teacher Alisha Hosford. **Middle row:** Teacher Mireya Arellano, Elijah Palmer, Cael Youckton, Allistair Youckton, Cyllus Leal-Youckton, Alayna Jespersen, Collin Dixon and Director Mary DuPuis. **Bottom row:** Joslyn Humble, Aurora Carter, Kyra Arevalo, Ilias Charles, Autumn Fry, Benz Whitlock, Christian Mendez-Castro and Isable Sanchez. **Absent:** Marcus Youckton, Mia Servellon-Jespersen and Teacher Gisa Goldston.

## FIREWORKS LOANS

### REQUIREMENTS

- ➔ Stand owners only ➔ Land lease verification
- ➔ Permit application paid
- ➔ New applicants: CTLF program orientation, financial education mandatory, online loan application, three months income verification, show tribal and state ID with current address



Apply by  
June 15!

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Monday-Friday

## Practice a safe Fourth

Fireworks are an exciting and fun way to celebrate our nation's freedom, but they can be harmful or even deadly if not used properly. Fireworks can cause burns, contusions and lacerations and foreign objects can enter the eye. If someone you know is hurt or injured, call 911 immediately.

Follow these fireworks tips:

- Use fireworks outdoors only on flat, well-cleared areas.

- Always have water or a bucket of water on hand.

- Never use homemade fireworks or illegal explosives. They can hurt or kill you!

- Kids should never play with fireworks, especially firecrackers and rockets.

- Remember that alcohol and fireworks do not mix.

- Steer clear of others.

Fireworks have been known to backfire and shoot off in the wrong direction.

- Never throw or point fireworks at someone.

- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait several minutes and soak it in a bucket of water.

- Keep sparklers outside and away from your face, clothing and hair. Sparklers can reach 1,800 degrees F – hot enough to melt gold!

- Obey local laws. If they are not legal where you live, do not use them.