

# CHEHALIS TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

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



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# Sweetest memories

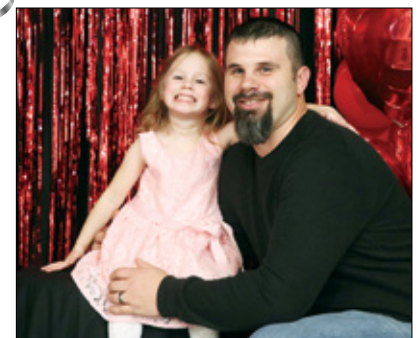
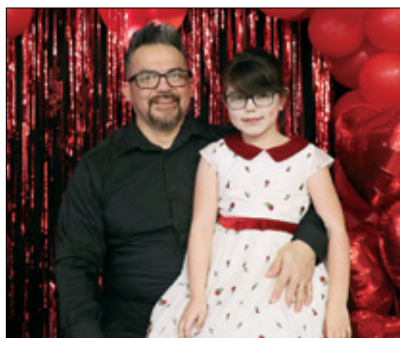
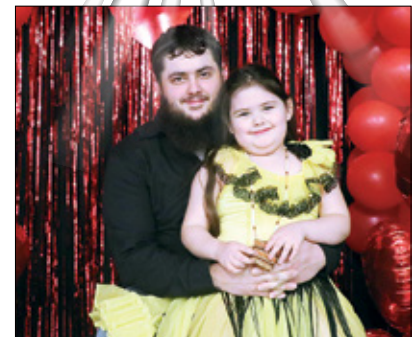
## Dads and their daughters dance the night away

During the Sunday evening following Valentine's Day, girls and their fathers dressed up and attended the third annual Daddy Daughter Dance on Feb. 16.

The sweetheart-themed event included many festivities for those who attended. There was live music by DJ Ocho, games, snacks and treats. Dads and daughters also posed for a photo to capture the memories. Events staff printed photos and provided picture frames.



Girls cherish time with dad at adorable annual dance just for them.



# Oakville seniors find great success in school

## Valedictorian wants to work in education

Mya Ortivez, 18, is an enrolled member of the Chehalis Tribe. The senior at Oakville High School will finish her K-12 education as valedictorian, an award given to the individual with the highest GPA in the class.

Mya's parents are Crystal and Shawn Ortivez. She has three siblings and two cousins at home.



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## Salutarian hopes to give back to tribe

Chehalis tribal member Cameron Hjelm-Snell, 18, is the salutarian for his 2020 senior class at Oakville High School.

The award is given to the individual with the second-highest GPA in the graduating class. Cameron received the honor for his senior class, which includes a group of people he grew up



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Chehalis tribal departments worked together to supply a delicious meal for the final ACE employee recognition luncheon on Feb. 28.

# Teamwork recognized at last ACE luncheon

## *Employee gratitude program brought tribal staff together*

Hundreds of tribal employees filled the Community Center Gathering Room for the ACE luncheon on Feb. 28 during the final Friday of the month.

This was the final luncheon for the ACE employee recognition program. Although the program officially ended in January, those in administration decided to hold one last gathering for the employees.

The three departments scheduled to cook for the event were waiting for the day and wanted to serve those who help with daily operations on the reservation.

Public Safety, Early Learning and Behavioral Health all helped prepare the meal for the rest of the staff.

The theme was Game Day and employees of Chehalis Tribal Government showed off their



**Misty Secena**

college pride with alumni attire. The meal included lasagna, salad, chips and soda. The highlight of the meal was chili prepared by Public Safety's

Jake Dickerson.

General Manager Misty Secena used the time with a majority of Tribal Government staff in attendance to give thanks to all of the employees.

Secena always acknowledges that it's teamwork and unity between various departments that leads to everything functioning properly.

Secena also introduced new staff members to everyone during the lunch.

Each new team member stood up and addressed the rest of the employees. This was an opportunity for everyone to familiarize themselves with the new faces on the tribal campus.



## CTLF 2020 Native Carvers Showcase

**MAY 29-30**

### ATTENTION CATERING BUSINESSES!



Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund is searching for a caterer to serve at our second annual showcase. **Requirements:** Must be a licensed caterer with his or her tribe or county, be able to obtain a Thurston County temporary kitchen permit and food handler's card, have event insurance for up to \$1,000,000.

**CONTACT:** Diana Pickernell at 360-709-1631

Hosted by the Evergreen State College Longhouse in collaboration with Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund



# lucky eagle casino news

## Dedicated Team Member of the Year honored

Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel held its annual Team Member of the Year Gala at Great Wolf Lodge on Feb. 27.

The event, which included more than 250 attendees, is an annual celebration recognizing team members of the month, supervisors of the quarter and all nominees for the monthly awards.

The highlight of the event was the announcement of the 2019 Team Member of the Year.

The honor was awarded to Steven May, Help Desk Lead in the IT Department.

May, who has worked at Lucky



Steven May

Eagle Casino & Hotel for more than eight years, received recognition for his unparalleled teamwork, effort and willingness to help others.

Additional Executive Awards were presented to Robert Hack in Food & Beverage for Teamwork, Connor Nelson in Security for Extra Mile, Ron Wright in Player Development for GUEST service and Jerry Newman in Hotel for emulating our core values of PRIDE.

The event, which featured dinner and live music, was hosted by local radio personality Jerry Farmer.



## Laugh with Joel McHale

Comedian Joel McHale will perform live in concert at Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel in the Events Center on March 28.

McHale, the former host of E! Network's weekly comedy television show "The Soup," was raised on Mercer Island and attended the University of Washington, where he graduated in 1995.

McHale also starred in the NBC sitcom "Community" with Chevy Chase, Allison Brie and Ken Jeong. The show premiered in 2009.

The Emmy-nominated actor and comedian can next be seen in the TV series "Stargirl," which premieres later this year.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8.

Tickets start at \$45 for Star Players.

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# STAR

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# MULTIPLIER DAYS

**8 A.M.-MIDNIGHT  
EVERY SUNDAY  
IN MARCH & APRIL**

**lucky eagle**  
CASINO & HOTEL

# Mother



# Son

## DANCE

**7-11 P.M. APRIL 11, GATHERING ROOM**

- Music by DJ Ocho, dancing, photos, games, treats
- Mothers, aunts and Ki'yas, everyone is welcome!
- Pictures, games and treats

**CONTACTS:** Caytee Cline, 360-709-1818; Orinda Goddard, 360-709-1721; Skylar White Eagle Rosbaugh, 360-709-1826

## CHEHALIS TRIBAL YOUTH COUNCIL 3V3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

MARCH 20-22

**ENTRY FEE: \$150**

**AWARDS:** 1st-3rd place shirts  
and MVP one per age group

Vendor availability (first 8)

Hotel rooms through Lucky  
Eagle Casino, Great Wolf Lodge

**CONTACT**

Leroy Boyd, 360-628-7537

Amanda Jennings: 360-628-4125

**AGE GROUPS:**

- 18 and younger
- 16 and younger
- 14 and younger
- 11 and younger
- 9 and younger

\* Minimum of one girl per team



# job openings

The Chehalis Tribal Enterprises team is seeking candidates to fill the positions of:

## QA/QC Manager

**Job summary:** The main role of the QA/QC Manager is to provide leadership in the quantitative and sensory analysis of all beer and spirits produced at the brewery/distillery. The person is responsible for management and development of the Talking Cedars QNQC function.

**Requirements:** Four-year degree in microbiology, chemistry, fermentation sciences, food sciences or a related field. Five or more years in a similar or related field (QA/QC management experience in a production brewery/distillery).

## Lead Brewer

**Job summary:** The Lead Brewer is ultimately responsible for the successful implementation and daily function of the brewery, cellar, and packaging operations as dictated by the assigned production schedule and operational mandates.

**Requirements:** Four-year degree in microbiology, chemistry, fermentation sciences, food sciences or a related field. Two or more years experience in a similar or related field (management experience in a production brewery or food manufacturing facility).

## Assistant Brewer

**Job summary:** Assistant Brewers provides Brew House support, are utilized as shift brewers and will also work in the cellaring department as needed. To add to their knowledge base, they will receive basic training in the lab department. The focus of this position will be the operation and upkeep of any and all brewing equipment, as well as maintaining quality control throughout all aspects of the Brewing and cellaring process. Assistant Brewers will be responsible for receiving and processing raw materials,

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**Address:** 18120 Anderson Road SW, Oakville, WA 98568  
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**Send your resume to:** [mjones@chehalis tribe.com](mailto:mjones@chehalis tribe.com)

gathering and weighing out hops and malt and otherwise staging brewing ingredients to keep production running smoothly and all beers at optimal quality level.

**Requirements:** Two-year associates degree in microbiology, chemistry, fermentation sciences, food sciences or a related field. One more more years in a similar or related field (working in some type of production facility).

## Brewery Cost Accounting Manager

**Job summary:** The full-charge accountant of our new brewery and distillery enterprise, including production costs and inventory control. Energetic and highly motivated professional to join our new Talking Cedar team – the innovative craft beverage destination in the Pacific Northwest. Coordinate with our whole team and support management through accurate and timely financial reporting. This is a unique opportunity to apply your experience and knowledge of cost accounting as well as the full accounting cycle.

**Requirements:** Accounting degree, CMA preferred. Orchestrated Beer Software experience preferred. Four or more years cost accounting experience. Compensation depends on qualifications. Excellent benefits.

## Marketing Coordinator

**Job summary:** Energetic leader of our marketing activities



promoting our tribal End of the Trail convenience stores and Talking Cedar Brewing brands. Broad marketing knowledge and skills develop and execute strategies to optimize our business objectives. As a team player, you will coordinate with our operational managers and business partners to achieve sales goals through traditional and digital marketing channels including web page, social media, billboards, blogs, signage and press releases. Your business creativity will be used to launch a new customer rewards program that supports our

overall marketing strategy.

**Requirements:** Marketing or communications degree. Two or more years marketing experience. Compensation depends on qualifications. Excellent benefits.

## Golf Course Maintenance

Two positions are open.

**Job summary:** Outside maintenance staff are responsible for operating small equipment and performing all general hands-on grooming of the golf course and grounds. Golf course maintenance experience preferred. Part-time leading to full-time, weather permitting. Minimum wage.

**\* All positions are open until filled**

## Census Day Dinner

**DATE:** April 1

**TIME:** 5-7 p.m.

**WHERE:**

Gathering Room of the Community Center

The Chehalis Tribal Planning Department is hosting a Census Day Dinner with food and raffles! Six computers will be set up for those who need to fill out their Census response. T-shirts will be handed out to tribal members (youth sizes available) that respond to the Census for their residence and provide us with proof.



**\*For every uncounted tribal member it could cost the tribe up to \$3,000.**







# Classes teach inmates coping skills

*Behavioral Health guides individuals along the path to rehabilitation*

The Chehalis Tribe's Behavioral Health Offender Re-Entry program works with inmates housed at the jail to help reinforce new behavior patterns.

Techniques they teach inmates are intended to help eliminate old destructive ways of life. These could be a number of things from substance abuse and addiction to domestic violence.

The Offender Re-Entry program has a series of resources that include GED classes, chemical dependency courses, relational life-skills training, parenting classes and cultural preservation classes.

Behavioral Health's Bobbie Bush teaches culture class at the jail usually once a week. As the instructor, she brings in various supplies to create arts and crafts items such as cedar weaving, beading projects, coastal paintings and drums.

Soon, they will make turtle shell rattles, which tribal member Raven John volunteered to help Bush prep before the items were taken into the jail.

"We work with the inmates to help them understand that there is life after incarceration," Bush explained.

She described that "creating something from nothing" has always been one of the strengths Native American people possess. For generations, native people have taken raw materials and combined them to create items



**Behavioral Health's Bobbie Bush and Chehalis tribal member Raven John prep materials for a culture class.**

**"We work with the inmates to help them understand that there is life after incarceration." - BOBBIE BUSH**

for sustainability. Some items, such as forms of art, were meant to guide the individual spiritually. Cultural classes focus on the spiritual level of participants.

Twenty-one people are now in the classes. To be a part of the special program, inmates have to be in good standing with the court, jail and probation office

and go through the process of getting accepted.

The program has to make sure that inmates remain in compliance with the jail's rules and regulations so they do not enable those locked up to get in further trouble.

There is a specific process the program has to go through to get supplies approved by the jail staff. They have to take inventory and keep count of all materials brought into the jailhouse.

Inmates cannot keep the items on them while in jail so they are kept in a storage locker or mailed to the inmate's home address.

Arts and crafts supplies and tools used in designing also

are not allowed inside the jail. Therefore, there is prep work to get everything ready for classes. For instance, in the creation of the turtle shell rattle, it's necessary to punch holes in the deer hide and use rulers to measure and cut the materials.

Participants will use a deer hide, alder stick, turtle shell and synthetic stringing to create the rattle. Items were purchased at Centralia Fern and Hide and Shipwreck Beads.

Classes are two hours long and some of the deer hide needs to be damp to work with it.

Bush is doing test runs to make sure they can lace the rattle together within a certain timeframe.



# HEALTH/WELLNESS



A representative from Clarus Eye Centre provides information about diabetic retinopathy during the third annual Elders Caregivers Conference.

## Wealth of resources to care for elders

The Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center hosted its third annual Elders Caregiver Informational Conference at the Community Center on March 3.

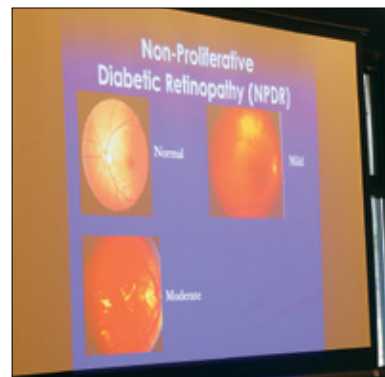
Christina Hicks, Community Wellness manager, organizes the event every year.

The purpose is to present the elders with resources that are available.

Tribal elders might have been unaware of some of

these resources. And there are resources that they are aware of but didn't know the full details behind certain organizations.

Throughout the day, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., elders sat in on numerous informational sessions inside the Gathering Room. Representatives from six different organizations were scheduled to present ways they can assist specific needs depending on the individual.



The list of medical providers included:

- DSHS/LMTAAA: Medicaid/Medicare
- Alzheimer's Association: Dementia



### MORE INFORMATION

For additional details about specific resources, please contact Christina Hicks at [chicks@chehalistribe.org](mailto:chicks@chehalistribe.org) or 360-709-1741.

- American Heart Association: High blood pressure
- Foot & Ankle Surgical Associates: Diabetes foot care
- Clarus Eye Centre: Diabetic retinopathy
- Assured Home Health: Hospice

## WIC THROUGH SPIPA



CHECKS TO BUY FOOD, HEALTH EDUCATION, SERVICES REFERRAL, BREASTFEEDING HELP

**NEXT DATE:** 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. April 9 at the Wellness Center

**CONTACT:** Debbie Gardipee-Reyes, 360-462-3227 or Patty Suskin, 360-462-3224. Chehalis: Debra Shortman, 360-709-1689

## USDA Food Program

The South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency's program offers an assortment of food to fill your freezer, refrigerator and cupboards. The next date is April 17 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.





# Protect yourself with proper hand washing

Hand washing is an essential tool to avoid getting sick or spreading germs. Help yourself and your loved ones stay healthy by washing your hands often, especially during these key times when you are likely to get and spread germs:

- Before, during and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone at home who is sick with vomiting or diarrhea
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the toilet
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal, animal feed or animal waste
- After handling pet food or pet treats
- After touching garbage

Washing your hands is easy, and it's one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs.

Clean hands can stop germs from spreading from one person to another and throughout an entire community – from your home and workplace to childcare facilities and hospitals.

## 5 hand-washing steps

1. Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap and apply soap.
2. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your

hands, between your fingers and under nails.

3. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the “Happy Birthday” song from beginning to end twice.

4. Rinse hands well under clean, running water.

5. Dry hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

## Hand sanitizer wipes

Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to get rid of germs in most situations. If soap and water are not readily available, you can use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. You can tell if the sanitizer contains at least 60% alcohol by looking at the product label.

- Sanitizers do not get rid of all types of germs.

- Hand sanitizers might not be as effective when hands are visibly dirty or greasy.

- Hand sanitizers might not remove harmful chemicals such as pesticides and heavy metals.

## How to use hand sanitizer

- Apply the gel product to the palm of one hand (read the label to learn the correct amount).
- Rub hands together.
- Rub gel over all the surfaces of your hands and fingers until your hands are dry. This should take around 20 seconds.



Source: [cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html](https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html)

## Mammogram clinic

**Swedish Mobile Mammography will be at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center**

**9 A.M.-3 P.M. MARCH 30**

**Call the clinic at 360-273-5504 to schedule your appointment. If you have eligibility questions, contact Christina Hicks, NWWP Outreach Worker, at 360-273-5504, ext. 1741. Women should have a mammogram done yearly beginning at age 40.**



# Aqua

# YOGA



**1 P.M. THURSDAYS**



**Who:** Chehalis Tribal Community

**What:** A 60-minute class offered as an aide of healing and taught by Michelle, owner of Joonbug Yoga

**Where:** Community Center Pool

**HEALING BENEFITS OF AQUA YOGA:** This low-impact class improves strength, flexibility and range of motion. The soothing quality of the water element releases stress, tension and promoting overall relaxation for the body, mind and spirit.

**CONTACT:** Elaine Myer at 360-709-1877



## SALUTATORIAN

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with as he spent his entire K-12 schooling in Oakville School District.

Cameron is the son of Melanie Hjelm-Snell and Eli Snell. He is the oldest of four brothers, who are ages 14, 10 and 8.

Cameron says that in his time at Oakville, he hasn't noticed much change up until high school. Now, the school boasts some upgrades and is becoming more modernized.

One thing he does enjoy is that the school implemented guitar classes. He enjoys learning how to play and practices with an acoustic and an electric. He takes the class with his friend Nate Boyd.

Although he's about to graduate, he plans to continue learning guitar skills after high school.

He finished his math requirements early and was assigned to work as an office assistant for the school during part of the day. He said he enjoys the challenge because it's a break from school work and nice to not have to worry about it like other classes.

Cameron thinks there are many skill sets that led to his success in the classroom, such as a strong listening ability.

"Being able to pay attention to instructions is pretty important," he said.

The one skill he accredits a lot of his success to is "personal reflection skills." He described it as an ability to reflect on what you are working on or what you have worked on and to apply it

to yourself.

The class is working on a senior portfolio and slideshow right now. These are separate projects, but they highlight what each student accomplished throughout their senior year and the years prior to that.

He's had many memories during his time at Oakville. His favorites are joking around and laughing with his friends.

This year, as part of current world problems class, Cameron and his classmates attended an actual court case to get an in-depth look into what it's actually like inside a courtroom.

"It's not like on TV, it's a lot slower there," Cameron said.

After the case was over, the judge selected Cameron to put on his robe.

"It was pretty cool" to be selected, he said.

Cameron plans to attend a community college or smaller local college. He eventually wants to look into universities or start his professional career afterward.

He is considering starting out close to home at Centralia College and has applied for a salutatorian scholarship with the college.

One day, Cameron hopes to come back and help out the Chehalis Tribe in whatever way he can. His advice to other Native American students who might be struggling in school is to "push on through."

Being the first born in his family is what motivates him to be successful.

"I try to set a good example for my brothers," Cameron said.

## NEW TRIBAL COURT FILING FEE SCHEDULE

Fees the Chehalis Tribal Court will charge starting April 1:

TYPE OF PETITION	FILING FEE
Adoption	\$0
Child custody/parenting plan - uncontested	\$50
Child custody/parenting plan - contested	\$150
Child support without dissolution	\$50
Court bar admission	\$150
Court bar exam	\$50
Annual bar dues	\$100
Dependency (YINC)	\$0
Dissolution - uncontested	\$100
Dissolution - contested	\$150
Elder protection petition	\$0
General civil, including probate	\$100
Third party (non-parent) child custody petition, guardianship petition, adult or juvenile	\$50
Harassment/protection order	\$0
Name change	\$50
Paternity	\$50
Restraining/protection order	\$0
Unlawful detainer	\$100

## YOUTH PREVENTION PROGRAM INFORMATION NIGHT

MARCH 26, GATHERING ROOM

5-5:30 p.m. LIGHT MEAL PROVIDED

5:30-6:30 p.m. PROGRAM INFORMATION

Learn about the what the program offers to the youth and community. Monthly substance-free family fun nights and prevention classes in the Youth Center. Youth Council involvement.

CONTACT: Caytee Cline at 360-709-1818

## Spring Detox Class

5:30-7 P.M. MARCH 27  
IN THE GATHERING ROOM



Spring is here! Herbalist Winter Strong will share the benefits that plants can have on our minds and bodies. A spring detox will allow for mental clarity and physical clarity.

Contact Caytee Cline at 360-709-1818



# MARCH BIRTHDAYS



## Cyllus Leal-Youckton:

Happy birthday CyPy!!  
Thank you for making Momma's life that much sweeter. Love you son.



JAYLYNN ALBERT  
SEAN ALLEN  
ANTHONY ANDREWS  
ALEXIS BECKWITH  
KAMI BECKWITH  
TYSON BLACK  
JOHN BLACKTEER  
MERCEDES BRACERO  
SKYLAR WHITE EAGLE-ROSBAGH  
ANTHONY BROWN  
DEVIN BOYD  
FALISITY BUMGARNER  
ARICK BURNETT  
DAVID BURNETT  
JOSHUA BURNETT  
SARRA BURNETT-LISLE  
STEVE BURNETT  
JASON CANALES  
QUINTEN CANALES  
LINDA CARPENTER  
ALLISON CARTER  
HAEZEN CHARLES-CAYENNE  
JACE CAYENNE  
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ROSE CHOKE  
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JIM HAYDEN  
GARRET HICKS  
COLBY HIGHEAGLE  
CIARA HOWE  
JACEE HOYLE  
ANDREAS JACOBS  
RAVEN JOHN  
ANNIE JONES  
COLLEEN KLATUSH  
DALE KLATUSH  
OLIVIA LATCH  
CYLLUS LEAL-YOUCKTON  
JEFFREY LECLAIRE  
NADIE MCALISTER  
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ZANDER SANCHEZ  
AUGUST SECENA-SANDERS  
CHRIS SECENA  
KYLEE SECENA  
LOLA SECENA-FERGUSEN

## MORE WISHES

**Allison Carter:**  
Happiest of birthdays to our one and only BRAT. From family and loved ones!

**Garret Hicks:** I would like to wish my son a very special 30th birthday! Love Mom!

AMY SHIVERS  
BRENT SIMMONS  
NOAH SNELL  
ANASTASIA STARR  
BEV STARR  
VINCENT VISAYA  
CHARLOTTE WEBER  
ROBERT WERTZ  
NATHAN WITTWER  
DEREK YAWN  
AARON YOUCKTON II  
DAVID YOUCKTON  
GUY YOUCKTON  
MEL YOUCKTON  
ARIELLA ZAYTSEV



**Haezen Charles-Cayenne:** Happy 15th birthday to an amazing young man! Love Auntie Crystal, Uncle BuckBuck and girls.



**Mel Youckton:** Happy birthday Melvin, from your family!



# YOUTH



The Chehalis Tribal Community Center Gymnasium was filled with spectators during the tribe's first youth tournament in many years.

## Tribe hosts youth basketball tournament

Forty-one teams came to demonstrate their skills in a youth basketball tournament hosted by Chehalis Tribal Youth Center staff from Feb. 28 through March 1.

The tournament was the first the Chehalis Tribe has hosted in years. Work in the months leading up to the first game was extensive. After the first game tipped off, tournament staff was busy at work for three days straight to make the weekend successful.

Teams played in three different gymnasiums. So many teams participated that they had to play at Oakville High School the first day. The remaining games took place on the two basketball courts in the Community Center.

There were five brackets for various age groups including tournament brackets for ages 9 and younger, 11 and younger co-ed, 14 and younger boys, 14 and younger girls and 16 and younger boys.

As teams were knocked out of the tournament, the playing field narrowed down to a few teams battling it out on championship Sunday. The final two games of the event were rematches in the 14 and younger boys and 11 and younger co-ed.

First, the boys played their championship.

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Elwha won the 9 and younger bracket and championship sweaters.



Little Rippers pushed out of the loser's bracket to claim the top prize.

## BASKETBALL

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This was a matchup between Puyallup and Nisqually. The team from Puyallup lost to Nisqually in the opening round and fell short in their attempt to avenge the loss. Nisqually took home the championship after blowing out the competition.

In the co-ed, the final game of the tournament between the Little Rippers and Nisqually came down to the last few possessions. The Little Rippers lost to Nisqually in the first game of the bracket on Friday evening and battled their way from the loser's bracket. In their attempts to make it to the championship round, Little

Rippers had to win two games Sunday.

The Little Rippers took the momentum from that day and kept it going through the championship game. Nisqually led most of the way through the game but couldn't hold on as the Rippers took the lead in the final minutes and edged out Nisqually with a score of 58-52.

Chehalis Tribe played host. Though none of the teams took home championship sweaters, youth showed their hospitality toward the hundreds of guests from neighboring tribes.

It was the help of the many volunteers, including the Chehalis Tribal Youth Council, that made for a successful tournament.



**Above:** Nisqually Lobos 14 and younger boys dominated their competition and dazzled the crowd throughout the entire tournament.

**Left:** Eleven and younger teams battle it out in the championship round. Little Rippers defeated Nisqually 58-52.



# CHEHALIS TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

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

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### VISION STATEMENT

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She attended Oakville schools throughout her schooling. She said she has seen an evolution since her days in grade school. She explained Oakville has improved its teaching staff and has done a better job at enforcing policies to improve the quality of learning.

She is taking English, current world problems, early childhood education and math and is teacher's assistant in two classes. She is an assistant for a freshman woodshop class and a first grade class. Her favorite topic is English. They are working on a senior portfolio and slideshow right now. This is a project that demonstrates the best work, accomplishments and awards.

Mya is compiling her greatest achievements, including athletic and academic awards. She was a multiple-sport athlete and played in volleyball, basketball and fast-pitch during her high school years.

Her favorite sport is basketball, but she was sidelined with a knee injury and unable to play her entire senior season. She recently had surgery to repair a torn meniscus and ACL.

Mya plans to attend Centralia College to study Early Childhood Education. She hopes to have a career teaching

in a preschool or similar environment. Eventually, she wants to come back and work with her tribe and the youth in the community.

She likes to help people and would suggest that if someone is struggling in school, he or she should find an individual who is willing to provide assistance. She also understands that sometimes people just need motivation to help guide them toward success.

Mya's family is what motivates her to be successful. She wants to set a good example for her family and make them proud. Her biggest role model is her mother because "she's always helped and supported" her throughout the years.

Her favorite teacher is Ms. Evans, who she's had since freshman year. She acknowledges that Ms. Evans knows how to work with students and control the classroom without seeming authoritative.

"We couldn't really slack in her class," Mya said. "It really helped push me through my senior year."

Mya served on tribal royalty off and on since she was a young child. She hopes to set an example to other tribal youth and show them that they can accomplish their goals while representing the tribe. She wants to teach others to be kind and serve as someone who the younger generation can look to for advice.



Planning Department staff members Don Terry and Bryan Sanders install news address signs throughout the Chehalis Tribal Reservation.

## Address signs give local first responders a hand

The Chehalis Tribal Planning Department began installing signs to help greatly improve the safety of residents during the last week of February and the first few days of March.

The project was designed to improve locating and navigating tribal lands. The department installed signs on all of the properties within the reservation jurisdiction. This included areas of Oakville, Grand Mound and the Chehalis Reservation.

All 280 signs will be up by the third week in March. All

locations are verified with E911 Thurston County and Grays Harbor County for GPS locations.

Signs are blue and white and are painted with high-visibility reflective vinyl so they are recognizable at nighttime. The purpose of the signs is to allow emergency first responders to easily locate a residence when time is essential.

Previously, some addresses were a faded color or hard to read from the road. In other instances, there were no labels indicating the address.