

CHEHALIS TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

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



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Tribes aim to regain control of funds

Lawsuit seeks to stop distribution of aid to corporations

By Frazier Myer

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) that became law on March 27 provides \$150 billion in direct aid specifically for COVID-19 expenses to states, tribal governments, territories and local governments.

Members of Congress understood the hardships the ongoing pandemic has caused for tribes and allocated \$8 billion of the funds to tribal governments to provide services to tribal members across the country.

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Tribes filed a lawsuit to keep COVID-19 aid funds in tribal government control instead of handed out to corporations.



Daniel "Bones" Gleason has retired after decades of creating connections and helping the Chehalis Tribe grow (pictured above with Mel Youckton and below at the Elders Luncheon).

Retirement heard around the region

After an illustrious career with the Chehalis Tribe, Daniel 'Bones' Gleason welcomes a new chapter

By Jesse Gleason

There are moments in history that are so big, we tell the stories of where we were when we heard the news. The 1969 moon landing, the Mount St. Helens eruption, talk show host Johnny Carson's last "Tonight Show" and baseball great Lou Gehrig's farewell speech are prime examples. The Chehalis Tribe faces another one of those times. Daniel "Bones" Gleason decided to turn the page to the next chapter in his story and retired on April 14. The name Bones is synonymous with the Chehalis Tribe, not only in the surrounding region but also throughout Indian country.

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RETIREMENT

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Bones began his career with the tribe in 1972 as a tribal police officer and held the position until 1975. In fall of 1976, he was hired for a dual role in enrollment and administration. He became the Director of Facilities, Enrollment and Administration, a position he held honorably through the years.

During his tenure, Bones also served as a manager of Social Services. During his long and illustrious career, Bones served on various sub-committees for the Chehalis Tribe and on the Business Committee for many terms as Vice Chairman and 5th member.

Many hats

Along with his committee work for our community, Bones held a seat on the Health Board as early as the 1970s, was an influential participant in SPIPA and WWIETIP and also NICS during its inaugural committee (he remained there until just a short time ago).

Additionally, he participated in the Health Alliance Office in Chehalis, a group consisting of Chehalis, Cowlitz, Chinook, Shoalwater and Nisqually tribes.

Bones has been responsible for blessing a majority of our gatherings. It is important to mention he was named Assistant Minister to the Shaker Church in 2014.

Early years

As a young man, Bones served in the United States Air Force from 1955-1959. He received basic training in California and Wyoming. This training took him across the pond, where he spent a year at the USAF base in Liverpool, 10 months in London and a year in Germany before returning to our community.

After the End of the Trail 1 convenience store opened, it was one of Bones' duties to make midnight runs to Puyallup and Plumber, Idaho, to collect cigarettes to stock our shelves. When asked why he traveled so late, he said he "had to go when there weren't any cops around."

Accomplishments

Bones said his biggest accomplishments for the tribe included "being here for the community and helping it grow." He said the greatest asset to our people is that we all work together no matter what the assignment.



Top: The Northwest Intertribal Court System (NICS) honored Daniel "Bones" Gleason for his years of service as Chairman of the organization.



Middle: Bones took part in hundreds of tribal events with close family members.

Bones has fond memories from his time as a representative for his people all across the region.

The advice he offers us is a perfect definition of who Bones is: "Look to the Creator and pray each day, continue to work together, help one another every chance you get. Lastly, keep a good mind and stay healthy."

Looking ahead

Bones intends to spend as much time with family as he can and get his steps in. If you know Bones, you know that means he will be active in retirement. When asked what he will miss the most, he replied: "Getting up every day to go to work and seeing everybody."

Daniel "Bones" Gleason is a vital thread to the fabric of our organization, tribe and of our history. A good teacher is like a candle – it consumes itself to light the way for others.

On behalf of the Chehalis Tribe, we thank you for your many years of service.



PUBLIC SAFETY

4 new faces join department's team

Althea Youckton achieves goal of law enforcement career

By Curtis Dupuis II

Corrections Officer Althea Youckton officially became a member of the Chehalis Tribe's Public Safety Department during a swearing-in ceremony on March 3.

Youckton has taken many steps toward starting a career as a corrections officer. Youckton attended the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Artesia, New Mexico. The six-week training prepares participants to handle various situations they might face in law enforcement.

Her time at the academy changed Youckton's life. Along with numerous daily workout drills, she was stunned with a Taser gun and sprayed with oleorium capsicum (similar to pepper spray). If she had to choose between the two, the Taser would win over the spray.

While at the training center, she learned a great deal about the profession. But ultimately, Youckton learned a lot about herself and her ability to push through challenging times.

Youckton is normally a quiet individual and can seem like a shy person, but participating in the academy was life changing in many ways. "I was able to open up more," Youckton said. "You find your voice down there."

Youckton is originally from California. She is married to Chehalis tribal member Philip Youckton. They have two children, ages 5 and 7.

She began working for the tribe in 2011 as part of the custodial crew. She held several other positions before deciding to pursue a career working inside the tribal jail. Youckton said spending nine years working in various tribal departments played a crucial role in her success. She understands the importance of building relationships and being willing to help out with events or activities when needed.



Chief of Police Kelly Edwards welcomes Corrections Officer Althea Youckton to the Public Safety Department.

'I felt honored. It is a big accomplishment for me in my life.' - ALTHEA YOUCKTON

Law enforcement is a career path officer Youckton contemplated when she was younger. She has a strong desire for community involvement and providing assistance.

She credits her children, husband, mother-in-law Winona Youckton and other family members who helped motivate her to pursue this career path. Their

support helped her push through hardships at the police academy when she missed her family and anticipated coming home.

A few weeks after returning home, she was recognized during a swearing-in ceremony with her husband, Public Safety staff and community members. The ceremony was conducted by Chief of Police Kelly Edwards.

"I felt honored," Youckton said. "It is a big accomplishment for me in my life."

Officer Youckton is hoping to eventually become a uniformed patrol officer in Indian Country. She plans to focus on her duties within the Chehalis Tribe's jail and

wants to continue engaging with the tribal community.

Because Youckton has two young children, most of her hobbies include spending time with them and raising them. She attends sporting events and school activities and goes to the movies and on adventures with her family. Althea is also a "gamer." She loves video games and said that she grew up challenging herself.

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Corrections a big step toward reaching goals

By Frazier Myer

Chehalis tribal member Samuel Boyd started his career with the Public Safety Department after he was sworn in by Chief of Police Kelly Edwards on March 3.

Boyd grew up a majority of his life on the Chehalis Reservation. He played numerous sports for Oakville High School and represented the tribe in tournaments. He has held many different jobs for the tribe.

On the government side, he worked at the Community Center and convenience stores. He also worked at Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel in food and beverage for many years.

Boyd was manager at a Panera Bread restaurant prior to coming back and working for his tribal people. He was encouraged by a friend at a different facility to enter the field. Boyd has an outgoing personality and loves working with people. He wanted to find a way to use those qualities to help people in his own community.

During his short time working



Samuel Boyd

in the jail, Boyd has had the opportunity to give advice to inmates and help them out.

"It's the small things that I enjoy," Boyd said. Even if it's just trying to

help someone that is expressing thoughts of doubt or depression, which is common for people in jails.

"If I can change one person's life, then that makes the job worth it. One thing I try to tell inmates is to take things day by day," Boyd said.

He said his personable skills help things operate easier within the jail and allow him to gain the respect of inmates. Boyd has worked in the jail since July 2019 and said that his personality, physical structure and cultural knowledge make him a good fit for the job. He was able to add onto those skill sets during six weeks of training at the police academy in

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Artisia, New Mexico.

His biggest takeaway from academy is to never get complacent or overconfident. Even though he is in the position to help inmates, he isn't there to make friends and knows he must keep his guard up at all times.

While at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Boyd struggled at first. He had to remind himself that, "things are only as hard as you make it." He took everything day by day to avoid becoming overwhelmed during the six weeks.

Boyd was exposed to defense spray, stunned with a Taser and learned various techniques to physically control an inmate

without actually hurting him. He worked out and prepared himself every day while at academy. That, combined with cutting out sweets, caused Boyd to lose 20 pounds while in New Mexico.

Something else he did every day was make friends and create relationships with other officers. Boyd was sent to the academy with fellow Chehalis Tribal Corrections Officer Althea Youckton.

He said that during the time there, they became really good friends. Boyd and Youckton became friends with two other officers at the academy. The four of them still talk every day.

Boyd hopes to one day become a police officer for the Chehalis Tribe.

His work as a corrections officer is helping him gain experience and knowledge. He views this opportunity as a step toward reaching his goals.

Everyone at the department has been instrumental in helping him improve every day and give him the tools to handle situations that might occur in the jail.

Full-blooded Hopi: Time with tribe a privilege

By Frazier Myer

Officer Jamie Lomahohnaya became a member of the Chehalis Tribe Police Department after his swearing-in ceremony on March 3.

Lomahohnaya is a member of the Hopi Native American Tribe in northern Arizona. He served in the U.S. Army until his retirement from the military in 2013. The Army veteran was deployed four times during his time of duty – twice to Afghanistan and another two times to Iraq.

"It was always a goal of mine to pursue a career in law enforcement," Lomahohnaya said.

He said that on the Hopi Reservation, they had a program called the Hopi Rangers, a group similar to patrol work that deals more with laws pertaining to cattle and livestock.

Lomahohnaya didn't receive



Jamie Lomahohnaya

an answer back from the Hopi Rangers for a month or two, so he decided to join the military. Ironically, the rangers accepted him when he was already about to

leave for the Army.

He followed through on his commitment and joined the Army, but being a police officer still remained a goal in the back of his mind.

Lomahohnaya explained that he already sought and applied for a job with the Hopi law enforcement agency on his own reservation just before retiring from the military. He was offered and accepted the job opportunity where they serve and protect his homelands. The area is spread out over more than 2,500 square

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miles and has a population of nearly 10,000 people.

When he started his job with the Chehalis Tribe, Lomahohnaya said his first impression was that "it's really small compared to the Hopi Reservation."

He sees a lot of differences between the Chehalis Tribe and where he comes from. In the professional realm, he is learning tribal laws specific to the area; in the personal realm, he is enjoying the cultural and tribal community.

Lomahohnaya acknowledges and respects that all tribes are unique and can be complex. He

is grateful for the opportunity to work for the Chehalis Tribe and learn about its traditions and ways of life.

"I feel it is a privilege to get to know a different culture and the people," Lomahohnaya said.

He understands the significance of different tribal ceremonies that tribes hold and is looking forward to learning about practices held by indigenous people in the Pacific Northwest.

Because he works on reservation lands, he says it's a privilege to be able to do this.

Lomahohnaya is new to the region and would like to get to know more about the area and the native people. He looks forward to working for the Chehalis Tribe and learning its ways. He said community members should feel free to ask him questions about the Hopi Tribe and its traditions.

Determined officer follows family tradition

By Frazier Myer

After nearly two years of experience with the staff, Alicia Potts was finally sworn in to the Chehalis Tribe Public Safety Department as a Lieutenant Corrections Officer on March 3.

Suquamish tribal member Alicia Potts-Lawson – better known just by her maiden name “Potts” – is a familiar name within the department. She has become known and respected on the Chehalis Reservation because of her involvement with the community and tribal staff during the recent years.

Along with her standout personality, Potts also has a story that happened during police academy that stands out as well.

Her story involves a freak accident that prolonged her becoming an official member of the tribe’s Public Safety



Alicia Potts

Department.

Potts was following in her father’s footsteps and planned to lace up the boots just like the recently retired Mason County Sheriff.

“I’m a typical daddy’s little girl,” Potts said.

She would even walk around the house acting like a police officer and explained that she has many other family members serving in law enforcement around the state.

Initially, she started out with the tribe working toward becoming a full-fledged patrol officer. That plan was altered when she required emergency surgery after the mandatory Taser course in police academy.

While at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in

Artisia, New Mexico, each officer has to be stunned with a Taser gun to prepare for serving in the line of duty and to graduate the academy. When it was Potts’ turn, the shock dislocated one of her legs and snapped her hip bone.

Emergency surgery involved putting pins in to help hold the bone in place. It unfortunately never healed and required a complete hip replacement. The recovery process took more than six months.

Potts was informed that because of the damage done to her hip, her dreams of becoming a patrol officer would be put on hold, possibly indefinitely. However, the Chehalis Tribe didn’t give up on her. In a sense, she was already an adopted member of the community.

Once she was able to return to work, Potts was limited and on crutches for support. She helped out with various office

jobs, even working alongside General Manager Misty Secena.

She used the opportunity to meet people and become more involved. She was constantly attending events and volunteering whenever the tribe needed assistance.

Chief of Police Kelly Edwards and Jail Manager Scott Williams witnessed her commitment. Potts thanks them for the mentorship they provided and for giving her the opportunity to remain in law enforcement.

Prior to coming to the tribe, Potts was a certified corrections deputy working at the Mason County Jail, which made her qualified when a lieutenant position opened up with the jail.

Although she aspired to work out in the field like her family members, she is able to continue a career of serving and protecting.

LAWSUIT

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These services are critical to tribal communities in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

On April 13, the Department of Treasury published on its website a certification form for eligible entities to complete. This confirmed its intent to treat Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs) as “tribal governments” for the purpose of making payments under Title V of the CARES Act.

On April 17, the Chehalis Tribe and Tulalip Tribe of Washington joined efforts with the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians in Maine and three federally recognized Indian tribes in Alaska to file a lawsuit to prevent the Treasury Department from using tribal funds to support corporations or non-government entities.

The Alaska co-plaintiffs are the Akiak Native Community, the Asa’carsarmiut Tribe, and the Aleut Community of St. Paul Island. The five parties are requesting the court issue an injunction against the illegal disbursements.

There are 574 federally recognized tribes within the United States that hold a



The Chehalis Tribe continues to disperse much-needed COVID-19 aid supplies to the community amid the pandemic and subsequent stay-at-home order.

government-to-government relationship with the U.S. According to the tribal governments, if the Treasury Department gives funds that were set aside to provide relief for tribes to ANCs, it will diminish funding available for tribal governments.

The opposition to Treasury’s inclusion of ANCs is because they are considered state-chartered and state-regulated private business corporations, not tribal governments as directed in the CARES Act.

Leaders from the Chehalis Tribe and Tulalip Tribe provided statements in opposition to the recent ANC considerations.

“We are opposed to any effort to consider Alaska Native Corporations or other entities not on the list of federally recognized Indian tribes as a ‘tribal government’ under the CARES Act relief fund,” said Harry Pickernell Sr., Chairman of the Chehalis Tribe. “We do, however, fully support the ability of tribal governments to transfer any relief funds that they receive from Treasury to ANCs or other non-governmental entities if those tribal governments determine that is in their best interest.”

The federal government has specific trust laws in place with federally recognized tribes, not

shareholders of corporations. Federal funding for tribal programs is historically low, which has caused tribal needs to go unmet. The funds allocated as part of the CARES Act was meant for tribes that provide services to its enrolled members, not dividends to shareholders or any other non-governmental entity.

“The notion that corporations incorporated under state law should be considered Tribal governments is shocking and will come at the expense of tribal governments, who are responsible for providing critical needs such as healthcare, housing, and education to their citizens,” said Teri Gobin, Chairwoman of the Tulalip Tribes. “We are struggling right now because we have no revenue coming in, and it’s going to take years to recover,” Gobin added.

The tribes’ lawsuit does not seek any delay of Treasury’s statutory requirement to distribute funding to Tribal governments by the CARES Act deadline of April 27, 2020. Rather, the Tribes’ request that the Court order Treasury to disperse all \$8 billion to Tribal governments, but not to ANCs, in accordance with the CARES Act.

HEALTH/Wellness



Dedicated Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center staff continue to keep the community healthy and safe amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wellness Center is here for you

We are again able to let you know that because of the measures the Chehalis Tribal Government and community have taken, we have not received reports of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 (coronavirus) on the Chehalis reservation.

Your physical, mental and spiritual health is important to us. During the past several weeks, the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center has instituted several measures and is continually updating the clinic's process to reflect the most up-to-date standards of care to patients.

Although the Wellness Center is limiting in-person visits to sick and urgent care needs, we do have the option of providing an appointment with you over the phone or by telemedicine to support other health needs during the pandemic.

Call the clinic to schedule your appointment and our staff will help you determine the best option.

If you develop a cough or cold symptoms and are interested in getting tested, please call the clinic for more information. We

FOR MEDICAL CONCERNS

■ Wellness Center hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

■ The pharmacy is filling 90-day refills for any medication they can. A delivery option is available for those at high-risk or who are self-quarantining.

Call the center at **360-273-5504**. If you are having a medical or life-threatening emergency, **call 911**.

CLEANING TIPS

For advice on cleaning and disinfecting your home and how to safely care for a loved with COVID-19, go to chehalisTribes.org.

anticipate an increased ability to test our community during the coming weeks.

It is more important than ever to get a good night's sleep on a regular schedule, stay hydrated, eat a balanced diet that includes a

variety of vegetables and fruit, get exercise every day (such as taking a walk in the morning) while following physical distancing rules.

Check local and national news for updates periodically, but don't get overwhelmed or consumed by media reports.

Instead, use this time to call loved ones. Phone calls, text messages, Facetime, Google Duo and Facebook video chat are all great ways to stay connected.

Although our lives are drastically different, let's continue doing things we love. Pray, teach, read, listen to music, chat with friends and enjoy the company of those who are part of your inner circle.

Evidence exists that containment strategies such as social distancing and the stay-at-home order in Washington have lowered the rate of virus transmission. For now, it is important to maintain these practices.

We want to continue to encourage you and support your health care needs. Please let us know how we can help.

Frequently asked questions

Can the clinic test for COVID-19?

We have the ability to test for COVID-19 and anticipate increased capacity in the coming weeks.

Priority will continue to go to those with severe illness or have symptoms and are at the highest risk for severe illness. This includes our elders (age 55 and older), pregnant women and people who are immunocompromised or have chronic health conditions, such as heart disease, diabetes and lung disease. It also includes those working in the health care environment and first responders.

What should I do if I am sick?

It is important to know that most people with mild symptoms of a cough or virus, including COVID-19, can recover at home.

There are no medications specifically approved for treating COVID-19. Feel

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Believe, support survivors

Community must send the message that sexual violence will not be tolerated

Hi everyone!

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. In honor of that, I wanted to share information with all of you about sexual assault, consent and what we can do to support survivors.

What is sexual assault?

According to the Department of Justice, the term sexual assault “means any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by federal, tribal or state law, including when the victim lacks capacity to consent.”



Samantha Sandstrom

Types of sexual assault

- Harassing or calling you degrading sexual names such as slut, etc.
- Fondling, groping, grabbing or pinching the sexual parts of your body.
- Constantly pressuring you to have sex when you don't want to have sex.
- Forcing you to have sex or engage in unwanted sexual activity. This includes rape, forced physical touching of any kind, drugging or restricting you to where you are unable to consent to sexual activity or using weapons or other objects to hurt the sexual parts of your body.

Remember CCOW

Clear: An enthusiastic yes! Not the absence of a no.

Coherent: Conscious and alert. If someone is under the influence of drugs or intoxicated, they can NOT consent.

Ongoing: Ask before you do something new. If the answer is ever no or stop, then STOP.

Willing: Free of pressure or coercion. Both parties want to engage in sexual activity of their own free will.

STOP! This is not consent

- If it is not clear that the other party wants to engage in



sexual activity.

■ If you are unsure whether he or she is sober enough to engage in sexual activity.

■ If the other party tells you to STOP or says NO at any point during or before the sexual activity.

■ If he or she feels pressured to engage in sexual activity.

Rape and sexual assault are NEVER the survivor's (victim's) fault. However, it is the most underreported crime because many survivors will not seek help out of shame, embarrassment or fear of retaliation by the person who assaulted them and their community.

As a community, we can send a strong message that sexual violence will not be tolerated, survivors will have access to support and urge that perpetrators will be held accountable.

How to help

When it comes to sexual violence, most survivors will first seek help with someone they trust, such as a family member or friend. Below are things you can do if a survivor chooses to confide in you about his or her experience of sexual violence:



Listen: Actively listening to what a survivor has to say. This is not the time to

play on your phone or talk about yourself or your own experiences. Actively listen to what he or she is

telling you.



Believe: If someone you love comes to you and says he or she has been assaulted or abused, you need to believe it. Humans are curious creatures and like to solve problems. Your first instinct might be to play detective, but we aren't all detectives. It is not our job to determine whether our loved one is telling the truth.



Support: You are already doing this one with listen and believe. However, you also can check in regularly to see how he or she is doing or suggest speaking with an advocate and offering to go for support.

Being there for someone who has experienced sexual violence can be difficult. If you are still unsure how to best help and support this person, please reach out to an advocate for help.

If you or someone you know who has experienced sexual violence or domestic violence and needs help or support, please call or text the 24/7 support line at 360-789-3627.

I hope you all are staying safe and healthy!

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QUESTIONS

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free to call the clinic for more guidance and testing options. Stay isolated from your family, stay hydrated, rest and monitor your symptoms while following these guidelines:

[cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html)

What should I do if I have severe symptoms?

If your illness is worsening, such as difficulty breathing or increasing confusion, seek medical attention, BUT PLEASE CALL FIRST if you are able. We will be able to provide recommendations over the phone that can help limit the spread of infection.

If you are having a life-threatening medical emergency, call 911 and notify dispatch personnel of your symptoms and whether you are being evaluated for COVID-19.

If possible, put on a face mask before emergency medical service personnel arrive.

How can I keep myself, others healthy?

■ Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing, going to the bathroom and before eating or preparing food.

■ Continue maintaining physical distance of greater than 6 feet when you are out.

■ Wear a mask when you are around town, use good hand hygiene when putting on and taking off your mask and be mindful to not touch your face. The mask you wear protects other people from you and their mask is protecting you from their unseen droplets.

■ Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

■ Stay home when you are sick or even starting to feel sick, limit your contact with members in your household. If you feel better within one to two days, it likely is any number of other common viruses.

■ Cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow or with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Tony Medina: Happy birthday Uncle Tony! We love you.

Courtney Price:
Happy birthday,
love Dad!!!



MORE WISHES

Alamia Youckton:
Happy birthday! Love
Mom, Dad, Preston
and Gramma.

KENEDY ADAMS
BEVERLY ANDREWS
AMY ANDREWS-
MASHBURN
KELLI BAKER
AMANDA BATRES
DARYL BECKWITH
CRISTINA BLACKETER
GLEN BOBB
RODNEY BOYD JR.
SAM BOYD
LYKAIOS BRACERO-
ROSBAGH
KEVIN BRAY
ANNIE BURNETT
GREG BURNETT
NADINE BURNETT
HECTOR CANALES JR.
GAUGHE CULVER
CLAUDEA DANIELS
JOSELYN DELAMATER-
NEIFERT
DOMINIC DELGADO
EMMA FERN
REMY GARRETY
DAN 'BONES' GLEASON
ELDON GLEASON
JESSE GLEASON
DENNIS GUNNELS
STEVEN GUNNELS
JEAN HALTOM
DEIDRA HAWKES
DAKOTA HERNANDEZ
AMBER HIGGINS
RHONDA HIGGINS
JESSICA HILL
LYNN HOHEISEL
MAKYA KLATUSH
CHARLES LATCH JR.
AVERY LOCKET
JAVIER LOPEZ SANCHEZ

RYCKER LONGINO
MAX LYONS
NORMARAYE LYONS
JORDAN LOPEZ
TONY MEDINA
JARED MORDHORST
JAZMYN NATH
ANGELIA OLIVER
GARY ORTIVEZ JR.
DALIA PEREZ
BONNIE PHILLIPS
SEGNE PHILLIPS
TRACEY PICKERNELL
DANIEL POLING JR.
RANDALL POWELL-
JOHNSON
COURTNEY PRICE
MAUREEN PRINCE
KALEAH QUILT
APRIL REYNOLDS
RONALD ROGERS SR.
AYDEN SANDERS
ANTONIO SANCHEZ
BRANDY SANCHEZ
FREDDIE SANCHEZ III
JAVIER LOPEZ SANCHEZ
ROBERT SANCHEZ
CHAVEZ SECENA
DARYL SHORTMAN
ANDREW STARR
JAMES TEAGUE
GAVIN VIGIL
ENYO VISAYA
JONATHAN WILLIAMS
BOWEN WITTWER
HAWK WITTWER
WAKIZA WITTWER
AIDEN YOUCKTON
ALAMIA YOUCKTON
GILES YOUCKTON

MAY BIRTHDAYS



Art Medina: Happy birthday Dad! We love you SO MUCH, from your family!

Janice Latch (left): Happy birthday Mom! You are the best. Love Cal, Sheilah, Harry, Stephanie, Kevin, Thresia, Selena, Matt and Charles.

BOBBY BECKWITH
TONY BROWN
JOSEPH BURNS
SAVANNA BUSH-BIRD
AURORA CARTER
BRANDON CASH
ILIAS TALON MARCEL
CHARLES
LUCY CUSH
CHYLER DANIELS
LEO DANIELS-MEDDAUGH
RODNEY DAVIS
MATTEO DELGADO
CURTIS DUPUIS
JOSEPH DUPUIS
LINDSEY FERN
ADAM FLORES
COLE FULTON
TIERA GARRETY
DEWEY GLEASON-WHEELER
JESSIE GODDARD
ROGER GOLDMAN
SARAH HALL
MICHAEL HALTOM



Harry Pickernell Sr.: Happy birthday Harry! We love you. Love Stephanie, Ty, Harry Jr., Jessica, Philly, Alexis, Kiara, Collin and Malia.

DAMIUS HANSEN
GAVIN HERNANDEZ
VALEA HIGHEAGLE
BETH HOFSTETTER
CHRISTIAN HOHEISEL
PATRICIA JONES
AIREL KLATUSH
PAULA KLATUSH
SERENITY KLATUSH

JANICE LATCH
LAUREN MCALISTER
DANTE MCGEE
STEESHA MC JOE
TEIN MEAS
ART MEDINA
GEORGIA MEIER
EMILY MORDHORST
CYRENA ORTIVEZ
NORA ORTIVEZ
SHAWN ORTIVEZ
ELIJAH PALMER
TERESA PANNKUK
AIDEN PARKINSON
AMARA PENN
ROBERT PENN
SASHA PENN-ROCCO
SHEYLEE PHILLIPS
BRADY PICKERNELL
HARRY PICKERNELL SR.
JACQUELINE PICKERNELL
WILLIAM PRESSNALL
LELA PULSIFER
JOAQUIN ROBLES

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YOUTH



We ♥ class of 2020



Football field lights were turned on to honor this year's graduating seniors, who will sadly miss out on many memorable year-end highlights.

Special recognition for high school seniors facing end of K-12 career without activities

By Frazier Myer

The 2019-20 school year ended abruptly when Gov. Jay Inslee ordered that all schools would be closed for the remainder of the year to combat the spread of COVID-19.

Although the state granted a pass for seniors that were already on the path to graduate, this meant the pandemic would disrupt the much-anticipated traditional graduation. As a result, high schools across the state are coming up with different ways to honor the graduating class of 2020.

Because the state is on a governor-mandated stay-at-home

order, many school districts used social media to deliver the message to the group of graduates and connect with the community.

On the night of April 17, Rochester High School and Oakville High School both turned on the football field lights to show a special recognition for their senior classes. The Chehalis Tribe held its own ceremony with a special flare.

When it became dark at 8:20 p.m., members of the Facilities team turned on the lights at Tomahawk Stadium. Shortly after the lights were shut off, a firework show began

in the middle of the ball field. Tribal members lit off fireworks while a few dozen people watched from their cars and hundreds viewed the show live on social media.

The fireworks lasted about 10 minutes and helped highlight the 15 tribal members that are graduating from various high schools this year. Although things are unusual, people everywhere are making efforts to create positive thoughts and memories. For the class of 2020, the tribal people will remember when Tomahawk Stadium was illuminated in their honor.

GRADUATING SENIORS

OAKVILLE

Nathan Boyd
Cameron Hjelm-Snell
Mya Ortivez
Leo Daniels
Jasmine Klatush

ROCHESTER

Grace Quilt
Kirsten Secena
Avery McJoe

YELM

Richard Romo

TAHOLAH

Makya Ortivez-Hicks

INCHELIUM

Kesawin Washburn



The Chehalis Tribe sheds light on the community by honoring its high school graduates for the class of 2020.

Oakville works to serve the community

Dear Oakville community,
Oakville School District wanted to let you know that during this global pandemic and stay-at-home response to COVID-19, we are working hard to continue to serve the community and our students in the safest and healthiest way possible.

Gov. Inslee has asked the school to make five concepts our priorities during the Stay Home Stay Safe initiative. Here is what the school district is focusing on:

Food service

- Our food service and transportation teams are providing breakfast and lunch to more than 250 students daily.

- We have been serving three meals on Fridays to support students through the weekend.

- We have been serving meals on four routes and delivering them straight to family's homes.

Daycare

- We have staff ready to provide care for students whose parents serve in the medical field.

- Oakville Community Center has generously offered their facility for our students. Thank you!

Class of 2020

- Our goal is to provide Oakville Class of 2020 with the opportunity to finish their credits



During these times of uncertainty, Oakville School District is committed to providing excellent support for children and their families. The district is offering meals to go for those in need, at-home learning resources and more.

to be able to graduate on time.

- We have met with teachers and students to design projects for students to gain the necessary credits to earn a diploma.

- We are committed to seeing this group through!

Continuous learning

- Students in grades K-11 have continuous learning opportunities

online and in paper and pencil format.

- The district provided more than 100 Chromebooks to families who needed help getting their students access to continuous learning.

- Our staff has reached out to each family and is charged with providing regular support to student learning.

Meaningful employee work

- Staff will continue to be engaged with families.

- Our No. 1 goal for staff is to find ways to regularly communicate with students and families.

Sincerely,
Rich Staley
Oakville School District
Superintendent

Protecting our youth during critical time

Hello Chehalis Tribe community!

I'm working as the youth prevention coordinator under a new grant the tribe received. The goal of the program is to reduce substance abuse among youth. Specifically, we're focusing on alcohol and marijuana.

I just wanted to share a few quick highlights of the program and inform the community that we'll offer classes at the Youth Center every other Friday once we return to regular programming. The classes will cover the dangers of alcohol and drugs and the

negative effects these substances have on the body. They also will teach outlets and activities to stay away from drugs and alcohol.

We scheduled classes and a spring dance for April 11. However, because of the stay-at-home situation, we plan to reschedule.

Another really great highlight of the program is monthly family activities or outings. This month, COVID-19 caused obstacles in making this possible, but the Emergency Operations team and Behavioral Health staff

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Members of Oakville School District helped deliver meals to the tribal community during the statewide stay-at-home order.

CHEHALIS TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

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

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SUBMISSIONS

We encourage tribal members to submit letters, articles, photographs and drawings to be considered for publication in the newsletter (materials are subject to editing). Contributing writers, artists and photographers include Chehalis tribal community members and staff.

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Game bags were handed out to Chehalis families to give parents and children a fun way to connect and stay busy at home.

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distributed game kits to families on the Chehalis Reservation. Each bag included a board game, card game, crayons and a coloring sheet. I hope that you all have fun with them.

Stay safe, stay home. I miss everyone and coming to work each day and serving the community. I look forward to seeing you all when we get back to our normal routines.

*Sincerely,
Caytee Cline, Behavioral Health*



DIY for young kids

Try these free, fun ways to keep your little ones entertained while sheltering at home:

■ **Create a class:** Line up favorite stuffies or toys and have your child teach them a weather lesson, read a favorite book, offer a drawing lesson or come up with a story using different voices for their friends.

■ **Neighborhood bingo:** Create a sheet that your child can check off while you take a walk together (ideas: lawnmower, stop sign, dog, flag, bicycle, purple flowers, black truck, white fence, boulder, manhole cover, raised garden bed, stepping stones, hose, daisies, welcome sign). Don't forget the free space in the middle!

■ **Art:** All you really need is a thumb or finger and paint

(learn how to make your own paint courtesy of Babble Dabble Do – search for “3 easy homemade paints” on YouTube) to make a masterpiece. Draw a tree for your child and let him or her create leaves.

■ **Life skills for free:** The next few weeks will be a great time to teach kids how to bake a cherished recipe, learn how to count money, tell time, wash a car or plant fruits and vegetables and help weed and water throughout the season.

■ **Outside chalk:** Draw a cool maze to follow, bring the solar system to life or make a picture with kind words for your neighbors.

■ **Come up with a silly song:** Parents can write down the lyrics while kids come up with dance moves.

USDA FOOD PROGRAM

9:45 A.M.-1:30 P.M. MAY 13 CHEHALIS
TRIBAL COMMUNITY CENTER

South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency's program offers an assortment of food to fill your freezer, refrigerator and cupboards. SIGN UP: Call Debra Shortman at 360-709-1689 or 360-438-4216