



CHEHALIS TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

May-June 2022

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Tribal Days swings back into action with baseball, art, Cancer Walk

By Frazier Myer

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

delivered four days of fabulous festivities during Chehalis Tribal Days from May 27-30. The annual event has been going strong for decades on the Chehalis Reservation and continues to evolve as the premier gathering the tribe hosts each year.

Events are centered around baseball and softball tournaments. As ballplayers compete on the fields of Tomahawk Stadium and Legends Field, attendees watch exciting games, enjoy fresh-cooked food and shop for traditional handmade crafts from vendors.

Tribal members from across the Pacific Northwest travel for the annual tournaments and to help the Chehalis Tribe keep the longstanding tradition thriving.

The previous two years,

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From left: Tribal youth participate in the Cancer Walk; Skylar White Eagle displays a berry bucket in the Chehalis Tribal Days art show.



Ball players give it their all during the games.



Photos by Frazier Myer and Jacob Secena



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Salmon is cooked over an open fire.

Ceremony celebrates sacred fish

*Community
shares
storytelling,
gratitude at
traditional
salmon feast*

By Frazier Myer

On May 21, the Chehalis Tribe held its annual Salmon Ceremony to honor the fish that have been a staple of the Chehalis people for centuries. The event welcomed the beginning of the fishing season and hope for a prosperous year on the river.

Because the salmon run has been low on the Chehalis River this spring, fish for the ceremony came from the Upper Skagit River and Columbia

River. Eleven fish were prepped and cooked the traditional way over an open fire at the fish pit behind the Natural Resources building. This year, tribal leaders decided to hold the event on a Saturday to give the entire community the opportunity to attend.

Chehalis Tribal Chairman Harry Pickernell Sr. welcomed those in

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TRIBAL DAYS

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COVID-19 protocols impacted the popular celebration. Event operators were able to bring the weekend's activities back into full swing.

In addition to baseball and softball, the tribe presented a vibrant art show, delicious fish-plate ceremony and its 14th annual Cancer Walk. Daryl Shortman's creative youth rock painting class helped channel energy.

Host team Chehalis played Little Boston from the Port Gamble Indian community in the men's hardball tournament. Little Boston battled its way back from the losers bracket to beat Chehalis twice in the championship round and take home the first-place jackets. The new generation of players is keeping the winning tradition going.

Although the host team came up short in the final round, multiple highlights kept the audience enthralled. Leroy Boyd blasted two home runs to left field and longtime pitcher Dustin Klatush showed he can still control a game from the pitching mound.

The softball championship game was played by two teams with unique names that competed until the last out. Ayee Cousin proudly took home first place by defeating Let Me Think About It, a team made up of mostly Nisqually tribal members.



Participants in the 14th annual Cancer Walk unite for a powerful chance to raise awareness.



Ayee Cousin took first place in the co-ed championship game.



Dakota Marcellay displayed a cedar sheath in the art show.



Daryl Shortman held a fun rock painting class for youth, which kept them busy during the weekend's festivities.



Sports wagering at Lucky Eagle is close

Once amendment is finalized, all bets are on

CHAIRMAN NOTE

In 2020, the Washington State Legislature passed a bill allowing sports betting in tribal casinos. On March 25, 2020, Gov. Jay Inslee signed House Bill 2638, which amends several laws and regulatory/licensing requirements in the Gambling Act and authorized sports wagering in tribal casinos.

Once the state completed its rule-making process setting up state procedures to regulate sports wagering, the Chehalis Tribe sent a letter to Gov. Inslee informing him the tribe intended to negotiate for sports betting.

For the past several months, the tribe and the Washington State Gambling Commission (WSGC) worked together to update the tribe's compact. The largest changes allow for sports wagering and a part-time high roller room.

Since coming to agreement with the WSGC, the process was to have hearings in the State Legislature. Earlier this month, both the House

and Senate held hearings on the compact amendment where the amendments were favorably received.

After legislative hearings, WSGC held its own hearing with public comments. At that meeting, commissioners voted unanimously to forward the compact amendments to the governor for review and signature.

The governor's legal team is reviewing the amendment. Once the governor signs the amendment, the final step is for the amendments to be sent to the National Indian Gaming Commission for final passage. At that point, Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel will be able to implement the changes.

The most noticeable change tribal members will see is the addition of a sports book. This will be an area dedicated to taking bets on a variety of sporting events,

including Major League Baseball, NFL football, NBA/WNBA basketball and a variety of college sporting events.

The part-time high-roller room is unique to the Chehalis compact. This will allow the casino to implement high-wager betting during hours that have enough demand and return to regular-wager limits during off hours. You might have seen these high-roller

rooms at other casinos that are closed and locked. At Lucky Eagle, the space will always be usable.

Because the process is not quite complete (governor signature and approval from NIGC), it is still too early to say when changes will be implemented at the casino. The good news is that it's on the way. I will keep you updated on the progress.

Harry Pickernell,
Chehalis Tribal
Chairman



Youth represent tribe

By Jacob Secena

The 2022 Chehalis Tribal Royalty dinner was held at the Community Center on May 25. The Gathering Room was full of tribal and community members to support the young candidates. The royal group supported the Chehalis Tribe throughout Memorial Day weekend at Tribal Days and handed out awards and jackets after the championship game.

Attendees enjoy the Chehalis Tribal Days Pageant and selection of the 2022 Chehalis Tribal Royalty on May 25. Youth showed their community spirit and pride while representing the tribe. Below: Diedra Hawkes helps her daughter on stage.

CHEHALIS TRIBAL ROYALTY

Little Miss Head Start: **Tamika Starr**

Little Miss Chehalis: **Mila Rogers**

Junior Miss Chehalis: **Turtle Canales**

Miss Chehalis: **Alexis Starr**



Boom, boom POW! ★

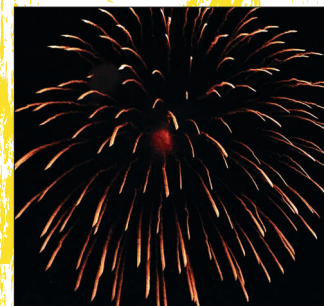
July Fourth holiday ushers in prosperous selling season for stand owners, a blast for everyone

Chehalis tribal members and their families had another dazzling year selling fireworks for the Fourth of July holiday. In the middle of June, owners began putting up their packed fireworks stands and opening for business. Sales were steady during the weeks leading up to July but really boomed the weekend of July 2-3 to prep for the holiday that landed on a Monday this year.

After stand owners at Bomb-Alley, Thunder Valley and Moon Road locations wrapped up selling fireworks for folks to enjoy at

their own parties, the Chehalis Tribe held its annual glittering fireworks show at Tomahawk Stadium. The display is put on each year by a group of dedicated pyro-techs from the tribe. The group's attention to detail ensures everyone always has a thrilling time during summer's sizzling nighttime show.

Tribal members created colorful fireworks shows throughout the night, illuminating the sky. This year's season was safe and successful for those on the Chehalis Reservation.



Albert Combs (left), co-owner of Monster Works Fireworks, sets up shop in Bomb-Alley. Tribal members and their families enjoyed quality time together at their stands during the 2022 fireworks season.





Photos by Frazier Myer and Jacob Secena

Volunteers tidy up gravestones and surrounding cemeteries on the Chehalis Reservation.

All hands on deck for Cemetery Cleanup

By Jacob Secena

The Chehalis Tribe cleaned its cemeteries on May 20 to show respect for loved ones who have passed away and are buried at the tribal grave sites.

Each year in the spring, the tribe continues this tradition. Grounds and maintenance crew keep the areas tidy, but this is a day to thoroughly spruce up the sites. Headstones are polished and volunteers pick up weeds and straighten items placed on the grounds to commemorate loved ones.

A crew also cleaned at the Ben Cemetery in Oakville, just off reservation land. It is named after the Ben family, Chehalis tribal members.

Everyone who helped straighten up the cemeteries was entered into a raffle for giving back to the community.



HEALTH/WELLNESS

Greetings from the Healing House

Contributed by Sissy DeLaCruz

Let me first introduce myself. My name is Gregori Gilanne "Sissy" DeLaCruz. I am a Skokomish tribal member and have lived there my entire life. I am married to a Quinault artist and we have five children together that range in age from 7 to 31.

I started as the Healing House Coordinator in August of 2021. The Meaning of the name is "Caring For Each Other" House. The home provides services for Chehalis community members who are struggling with past or current trauma in their lives.

Living in the day and age of COVID-19 proved very difficult to provide services and classes. In that respect, that is trauma.

We aim to keep the community as safe as possible during this time. Please watch for more classes, workshops and trainings to occur soon. The following are activities and services the Healing House offers:

- Some of the classes we hold provide a cultural experience such as making drums, paddles and bead work. We are careful not to teach the Chehalis community non-tribal ways during these classes. We respect



the authenticity of the Chehalis tribal Heritage & Culture Program and keep in mind that the clients we serve are a specific audience in need of deep healing. We welcome Chehalis tribal teachings.

- Located at the Healing House is Crime Victim Advocacy and Domestic Violence Services.

- A trauma sensitive yoga class is held at noon each Thursday.

- On Wednesdays, a grief and trauma counselor is available.

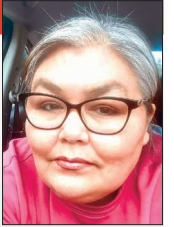
- A Wellness Garden will be planted in hopes of having elders and youth involved in growing and harvesting. Natural healing tea, medicines, salve, etc. will be gathered and made with love for healing.

- We offer a place for families to gather during the time of a lost loved one. The family is given the house for a day and offered a meal. They can utilize the space to plan arrangements or just visit with

GET IN TOUCH

If you have any questions, please contact Sissy DeLaCruz (pictured) or Erika Pickernell at **360-709-**

1676. We welcome any ideas you have to better serve the Chehalis tribal community.



each other.

- We will be hosting events such as the tribe's first Coastal Jam Session. This is where many tribes gather to share songs and dances in a joyful atmosphere.

- We have Mother's Day and Father's Day events.

- More classes for trauma relief practices will be implemented soon.

Please stop by to check out the Healing House. We welcome you to have a cup of coffee or tea and maybe even enjoy a meal we have planned for that day while you learn about our services.

I look forward to meeting the community members that I have not had the opportunity to greet.

An advocate for Behavioral Health patients

Familiar face at the Wellness Center to offer important resources

Jennifer O'Brien has been a family nurse practitioner for nearly six years and has been with the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center for more than four of those years.

As a family practitioner, O'Brien works with people ranging from infant to later adulthood. The CTWC is implementing a new service into those provided at the clinic.

O'Brien, who specializes in behavioral health, is going to provide resources to help those



Jennifer O'Brien

who need assistance with behavioral health needs. She will have resources to assist with a variety of conditions, including PTSD, anxiety, depression and ADHD.

O'Brien has experience in the field from schooling and at her previous job at Valley View Medical Center where behavioral health services were provided. The CTWC and tribal leaders are recognizing the importance of having such resources available to community members.

STAFF UPDATE

Mental health and abnormalities are often stigmatized, which can prevent individuals from seeking the proper help. O'Brien hopes to end the stigma toward mental health to enhance the quality of life for tribal members. She wants to create awareness among the community that she is here to provide support.

O'Brien will be available to help consult with patients about specific medication and help them receive the proper treatment plan.

She will also monitor the patient's lab tests to make sure medication is working and not interfering with other prescribed medications.

She loves working for the Chehalis Tribe's tight-knit community and enjoys the personal relationships her job allows her to create with patients. O'Brien understands that tribal community members wish to build a level of trust with providers to ensure communication is effective and patient needs are being addressed.

O'Brien has dedicated each Wednesday to help Behavioral Health clients with specific needs at the CTWC. She also can assist with those needs on other days.



Wellness Center and Behavioral Health employees bring awareness to a human-rights crisis affecting Indigenous peoples by wearing red on May 5.



Wear red for MMIW

Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center and Behavioral Health employees wore red on May 5 in support of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women awareness movement.

Native American women have been at high risk to go missing in the United States for years. Groups are advocating for more support from the federal government for those missing women and girls and to draw attention to the rates of disappearances and murders of Indigenous people.

Wearing red helps create recognition and show solidarity for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous women and girls.



USDA food pickup available

9:45 A.M.-1:30 P.M. AUG. 18
THE COMMUNITY CENTER

SPIPA's program offers food to help fill up your freezer, fridge and cupboards!

CALL: Debra Shortman, 360-709-1689 or 360-438-4216



Community Center hours

The exercise room and gymnasium are open **7 AM-5 PM** (pool hours vary in summer)

Please use the main entrance and sign in when entering the building for facilities use. First time? Fill out a Community Center release form!

Use the exercise room, gym or pool for 30 days in July and August to be entered into a drawing for a prize. Drawing at 11 AM Sept. 2.

QUESTIONS: Call 360-709-1721

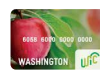


THROUGH SEPTEMBER Fruit and vegetable increase

Through September 30, 2022, participants will have **more** each month to buy fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables.

- » \$24 per child (age 1-5)
- » \$43 per pregnant or non-breastfeeding participant
- » \$47 per breastfeeding participant

Here are ideas to help you plan:



USE WIC FIRST!

Use your WIC Card first at the register, before other benefits like SNAP.



THINK FROZEN TOO!

If you have freezer space, frozen vegetables and fruits are great for smoothies and easy sides at mealtime.



MAKE IT EASY!

Choose already cut-up fruits and vegetables, or packaged lettuce and vegetables for quick meals or snacks.



BUY YOUR FAVORITES!

Fill your fruit bowl with seasonal fruit, like oranges and pears. Shop often for kale, beets, sweet potatoes, and broccoli.



STOCK UP NOW!

Buy more fruits and vegetables that keep longer, like apples, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, onions, and winter squash.

CHEHALIS DATE
AUG. 11

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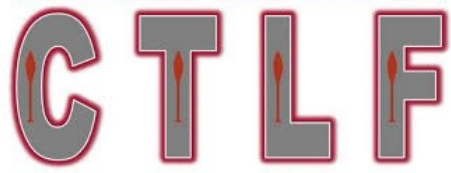
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 26TH 2022



2nd Annual Golf Tournament

9am shotgun start

Sponsorship and Golfer Registration Form

Email completed form to tmarlowe@chehalistribe.org

CONTACT: TMarlowe@ChehalisTribe.org Direct: (360)709.1631 Cell: (360)922.9170



OAKSRIDGE
GOLF COURSE

1052 Monte Elma Road
Elma, Washington

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!!

☐ **Title Sponsors \$2,000 (2 available)**

Sponsor logo on marketing materials and gift bags. Prominent Sponsor signage at check-in and lunch, items in gift bags, 2 complimentary foursomes and carts, 8 lunch tickets. ~ Sponsor has 5 minute presentation before shotgun start.

Also enjoy ongoing representation on the new CTLF website for one year, acknowledgement with logo in the CTLF annual report and various community outreach materials.

☐ **Putting Green Sponsor \$1,200 (1 available)**

Sponsor logo on marketing materials, gift bags, and at putting green, items in gift bags, sponsor logo visible at check-in and lunch, 1 complimentary foursome and carts, 4 lunch tickets

☐ **T-Box Sponsors \$500.00 (18 available)**

Sponsor logo on marketing materials and at sponsored t-box, items in gift bags, 1 complimentary foursome and cart, 4 lunch tickets. *Sponsor tee assignments made on request of first payment priority

☐ **Goody Bag Donation: (Please list any item you wish to donate)**

☐ **Raffle Prize Donation: (Please list any item you wish to donate)**

☐ **Donation \$**

☐ **Single Player** 18 holes of golf, cart, and lunch \$125.00

GOLFERS	NAME (PLEASE PRINT)
PLAYER 1	
PLAYER 2	
PLAYER 3	
PLAYER 4	

PLEASE NOTE: Players MUST have their own clubs. No rentals available

PLEASE CHECK YOUR PAYMENT METHOD: ☐ **Check**

All sponsorship payments must be received by July 25th.

Mail Check to:
CTLF PO Box 536
Oakville, WA 98568

☐ **Credit Card**

Credit card payments:
Call (360) 709-1631

Sponsoring Company: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

BIRTHDAYS

June

PAYTON ALBERT
ALLEN ANDREWS
ZACHERY BAKER
ERIC BECKWITH
TYLER BECKWITH
WARREN BECKWITH
BRIAN BENDA
BEVERLY BISHOP
CHARLES BLACKETEER
LATISHA BOYD
LEROY BOYD
JANESSA BUMGARNER
HECTOR CANALES
MELENA CANALES
WAYPETEMAHQUAH CHOKE
LEONA CLARY
AUTUMN COOPER
SORYN DAVIDSON
LOYALA DAVIS
RIVER DELEMATER
KAYLENA DELGADO



Emily Holmes-Pickernell: Happy 19th birthday! Love Mom, Dad and Piggy.

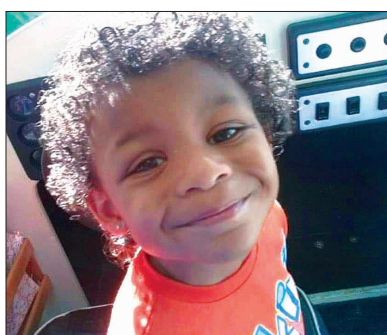
DAVIS DUPUIS
ROBERT DUPUY
JORDAN EICHELBURGER
ERICA ESSELSTROM
KEZIAH-MARAY GLEASON
SONJA GLEASON
RENA HERNANDEZ-KLATUSH
TYSON HOHEISEL
EMILY HOLMES-PICKERNELL
FARICA HOWE
JORDAN HUTCHINSON-ALBERT
MARILYN JOHNSON

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JEFFERY KLATUSH
PAUL KLATUSH
KONNER KLATUSH
JEREMY KLATUSH
MICHAEL LECLAIRE
ADAM LOWER
ANASTAYSA LUKIANOV
TANNER MCCLOUD
ANDREA MCGOUGH
RACHEL MENDEZ
LINDSEY MILLER
ELAINE MYER
AARON MYER
SUZZANNE ORTIVEZ
JOSHUA PHILIPS
DANIKA PICKERNELL
HAROLD PICKERNELL JR.
MALIA PICKERNELL
BAILY REVAY-FERN
BRYCE REYNOLDS
MARIO ROBLES
DUSTIN SANCHEZ
EDWARD SANCHEZ

RICK SANCHEZ
FILIBERTO SANCHEZ
LEVI SANCHEZ JR.
VINCENT SANCHEZ
SUSAN SANCHEZ
BLAZE SANCHEZ
JANET SANCHEZ
JOSEPH SANCHEZ-ALLENBACH
NIKKI SANDERS
JEANETTE SIUFANUA
CAIDEN STARR
BROOKE STEIN
CHERYL STEIN
BRENDON TORRES
BILLY UDEN
HEATHER WALKER
DARIAN WASHBURN
RAQUEL WELLMAN
DUANE WILLIAMS
WINONA YOUCKTON
CAEL YOUCKTON
STACY YOUCKTON
MARVIN YOUCKTON
ANTHONY YOUCKTON

July

SHAYDEN BAKER
CONNIE BAKER
JASMINE BAKER
CARLOS BILL-SANCHEZ
FAU FAU BOYD
RENE' BRACERO
CALVIN BRAY
ELIZABETH BROWN
NATALIE BROWN
CARMEN BROWN
CANDACE BROWN
FRANKIE BROWN
ARLIELLE BURNETT
PAI'NUH'NAH CARTER
THEODORE CHARLES
HALLE COLSON
ALBERT COMBS
KAMRYN COUILLARD
KENNETH DANIELS
NAYELI DAVIDSON
ERIN DELGADO
ALEXANDER FLORES
ALLEN FRICKE
RONALD GAINES
HECTOR GAINES
ELVIS GILLIE
MARIE GRISWOLD
ADAM GUNNELS



Shayden Baker: Happy 18th birthday SonShine Boy, from your family. We love you so much!

SHARON HALL
TOM HAYDEN
RIGOBERTO HERNANDEZ
CHRISTINA HICKS
MARLENE HJELM
MIKAELA HOHEISEL
JAKEB HOYLE
KIMBERLY JOE
GLORIA JONES
ELI KING-GLEASON
CECILY KLATUSH
CHRISTOPHER KLATUSH
DALE KLATUSH
ANDRE KLUTH
NATHAN KLUTH
CHLOE LOPEZ PALMER
LINDA MACDOUGALL
LANDEN MASHBURN

MORE WISHES

Marlene Hjelm: Happy birthday to the best momma and grandma. From Melanie, Eli and all the boys.

Rhapsody Simmons: Happy 17th birthday, love mom!

Gordon Starr: Happy birthday. You are growing up so fast. Sending love on your special day. Your family loves and cares about you.

MELISSA MCALISTER
JACINDA MEDINA
ALICIA MEDINA
MICHELLE MURRELL
GARY ORTIVEZ
SHYANN ORTIVEZ
KRISTA PARENT
HALEY PARKINSON
JESA PENN-ROCO
QUERIDA PEREZ
JOHNNY PEREZ
YVONNE PETERSON
FRANCES PICKERNELL
JORJA POTTER
PAULA REININGER
RONALD ROGERS JR.

EDUARDO SANCHEZ
RICK SANCHEZ
ELISA SANDERS
WILLIAM SECENA
SAMUEL SEYMOUR
GRANT SHORTMAN
JOHN SHORTMAN
RHAPSODY SIMMONS
UILANI SIUFANUA
RAIN SLIGHTE
JODIE SMITH
GORDON STARR
JEDEDIAH STARR
ANDREA STECKSTOR
JOYCE THOMAS
DANNY THOMAS
OMAR THOMAS
ELIJAH THRAILKILL
RYAN WHITE EAGLE BRACERO
JIMMIE WILLIAMS

DONALD WILLIAMS

FARLEY YOUCKTON

PHILIP YOUCKTON

ZOLA YOUCKTON

ANDREW
YOUCKTON

DALLAS YOUCKTON

LOLA YOUCKTON

STANLEY YOUCKTON



Graduates in the spotlight

The Chehalis Tribe would like to congratulate all of those who graduated this year from all levels of school. The tribe honored Head Start students with an adorable graduation parade. These youth will bravely walk into kindergarten at the end of the summer. Additionally, many enrolled tribal members completed high school and some earned a college degree.



*Congratulations
on a job well done!*

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT

Jeremiah Jones-Baker: Oakville High School

Kayley Trott: Associate's degree from Centralia College

Diedra Hawkes: Associate's degree from Centralia College

Kaylena Delgado: Rochester High School and associate's degree from Centralia College



Families, friends and the tribal community celebrate Head Start students graduating and reaching an important milestone in their young lives.

HR training series hones leadership skills

By Denise Mino

The Chehalis Tribe recently graduated its first cohort of leaders in its latest training offering for managers and directors in tribal government.

Designed and developed by Human Resources, the Leadership Essentials training series wove together best practices in leadership within the framework of sovereign tribal governance to develop stronger, more confident leaders.

Participants in the pilot program were selected based on interest and availability to actively take part in the six-week program.

The course structure, based on a cohort and shared learning model, included weekly classroom learning and assignments outside of class such as reading, completing assessments, journaling and coaching conversations with the instructor.

Topics of the course included leadership theories and practical application, employee life cycle, discipline, crucial conversations, employee engagement and appreciation, feedback and coaching.

Additional presenters were brought in to discuss sovereignty and the structure of the Chehalis Tribal government as well as cover enterprise-wide topics in the areas of human resources, financial services and grants management.

Denise Mino, Human Resources Learning and Development, created the course with input from leaders throughout the organization.

"It was amazing to be able to bring customized leadership training to the Chehalis Tribe," Mino said about the training series. "Leadership is such a broad topic and it was a challenge to distill down what leaders in our organization needed to know. But with input from others across tribal government, I believe we were able to accomplish that goal successfully. The participants were a great group of leaders who were open to the learning and coaching process. In class, there were rich, peer-to-peer conversations and sharing of leadership insights. It was a beautiful and collaborative learning experience."

As part of the course, each participant developed a series of



SMART Goals to help guide their leadership learning journey. In the end, each of the participants were able to meet their learning goals and increase their leadership capacity. That was the overarching purpose of the program.

At the graduation celebration on June 29, leader participants spoke about how they identified their learning goal, what they did to accomplish it and how they see themselves leading teams and programs after the course.

"I would recommend this program for anyone. It is not only a teaching on how to become a leader, but it is a blueprint to being a good person," said Leadership Essentials participant Jedediah Starr.

Like all good change initiatives, the pilot group will be meeting again to identify ways of improving the learning process as well as the content and offerings. Human Resources is looking forward to offering the leadership training series again a little later this year.



“It was a beautiful and collaborative learning experience.

– DENISE MINO,
HUMAN RESOURCES
LEARNING AND
DEVELOPMENT

”

The first cohort in the Leadership Essentials training series was made up of eight leaders in the organization

- Melody Dady:
Behavioral Health
- Jake Dickerson:
Public Safety
- Garth Hamilton:
Financial Services
- Amy Loudermilk:
Planning

- Shawn Ortivez:
Natural Resources
- Jedediah Starr:
Tribal Gaming Agency
- Meghan Walker:
Wellness Center
- Philip Youckton:
Culture & Community



MARINERS TICKETS

July

7/22 vs ASTROS 7:10 P.M.
7/23 vs ASTROS 1:10 P.M.
7/27 vs RANGERS 12:40 P.M.

August

8/6 vs ANGELS 1:10 P.M.
8/6 vs ANGELS 7:10 P.M.
8/7 vs ANGELS 1:10 P.M.
8/9 vs YANKEES 7:10 P.M.
8/23 vs NATIONALS 7:10 P.M.
8/24 vs NATIONALS 1:10 P.M.
8/25 vs GUARDIANS 1:10 P.M.
8/28 vs GUARDIANS 1:10 P.M.

If you would like to attend a Mariners game, limited tickets are available for each game and are first-come, first-serve! Chehalis tribal members ages 18-54 who haven't yet signed up will be given priority.

Contact Kelsey Bray at 360-709-1721 or kelsey.bray@chehalis-tribe.org for tickets!

Questions: Philip Youckton at pyouckton@chehalis-tribe.org, 360-709-1752 or 360-688-3380.

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

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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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SALMON

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attendance and spoke about the ceremony's history. It started in the late 1980s to signify the importance salmon has had on the tribe's sustainability throughout history.

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The right to fish the river is part of the tribe's sovereignty from state law and grants the tribe access to fish.

"Every day, we fight for that right," Chairman Pickernell said. He expressed that it's a privilege to be able to stand up for his tribe's right to harvest on the Chehalis River.

He thanked the Fish Committee and everyone involved who helped make the event possible. Tribal Business Committee Treasurer Sheilah Bray attended the ceremony and handed out thank-you cards to the Fish Committee and volunteers.

The Chehalis Tribal Canoe Family sang traditional songs and played drums to bless the day while those in attendance dished up their salmon plates.



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**Clockwise from top left:
The Chehalis Canoe Family
performs; elders get a plate
of food; and Cheryl Starr,
Chairman Harry Pickernell
Sr., Ginger Garity and April
Reynolds enjoy the annual
Salmon Ceremony.**