

CHEHALIS TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

April 2024 FIND HISTORY, HERITAGE & RESOURCES AT CHEHALISTRIBE.ORG



inside

May birthdays / 6
Teach kids how to help in the kitchen / 10
Meet new dentist / 12

Enterprise news

Updates on tribe's business ventures
page 7



The greens are waiting

CTLF hosts its fourth annual golf fundraiser
page 4-5



Elders unite

An impressive number of elders took part in the annual luncheon at Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel's Events Center.

Luncheon delivers biggest and best gathering to date

By Bobbie Bush

On a clear and cold morning, 560 people gathered at Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel's Events Center to participate in the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation's 2024 Elders Luncheon. Tribal elders from many Indian Nations traveled to the event on April 18.

Chehalis elders prepared 500 bags of goodies the day before in anticipation of the invited guests' arrival. The Events Center was set up for a banquet-style lunch. Wayne Barr offered an opening prayer. The veterans color guard performed the posting of the colors. Rodney Youckton made a few announcements regarding the agenda and flow of events for the day, then Business Committee Tribal Chairman Dustin Klatush welcomed guests.

Outside of the main entrance to the casino, Chehalis people worked together to prepare the fish on a stick salmon specialty.

See **LUNCHEON** / page 2



INSIDE

Find more photos from the Elders Luncheon

PAGES 2-3



Mary Secena and Harry Pickernell Sr. wrap Denise Ross in a beautiful blanket at her surprise party.

Health director retires

Tribe shares lasting gratitude for Denise Ross' job well done

By Bobbie Bush

The Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center's lobby was full of more than 50 people who gathered to wish former Wellness Director Denise Ross well as she charts a new path in her life. Those who gathered on April 25 wanted to pay their respects and give praise for her 10 years of excellent service and leadership.

Denise did not expect the lobby to be full of people. She was moved, as was the audience. Comments from staff were peppered with teary eyes of gratitude for the support Denise has provided to the Chehalis Tribe through the years.

General Manager Liu Long addressed Denise and the group: "Today marks the moment we come together to celebrate the career of our Clinic Director Denise. For

See **RETIREES** / page 12

LUNCHEON

From page 1

Cooks included Shawn Ortiz, Hector Canales, Tony Youckton, Robert Cayenne, Jessie McMahan, Ricky Charles, Tara Livingood-Schott, Rachel Simmons, Mya Ortiz and Todd Delamater. They cooked 44 salmon.

Jessie Gleason served as the MC and opened the event with door prizes right away. There was a contest to honor the oldest elder. At age 92, Ivan Willup Sr. of the Swinomish Nation was the oldest male elder. Liza Smith, 85, was the oldest female elder in attendance.

The morning progressed quickly with door prizes. Pictures with Tacoma Rainiers baseball team mascot Rhubarb were very popular with all of the elders. A photo booth for instant pictures was set up front near the stage.

Everyone was ready to dig into lunch. The delicious meal included salmon cooked over an open pit on sticks, ham, green beans, mashed potatoes and a roll.

Our elders were blessed to see so many people and enjoy hugs from family, jokes with friends and lots of laughter. The camaraderie brought a lighter spirit to the luncheon than that of other tribal gatherings.

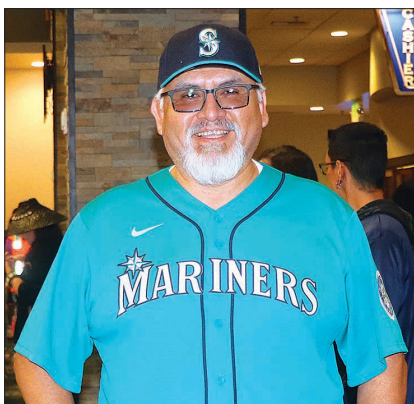
An invitation from the Hazel Pete Institute for a Weaving Event on May 10-11 was extended to guests.

The three-piece group Elvis Unplugged played a full set of Elvis hits such as "Jailhouse Rock" and "Love Me Tender" to "In the Ghetto" and "Viva Las Vegas." The group also offered a rendition of "What a Wonderful World" in the style of Louis Armstrong. It was a nice set and folks danced, laughed and even cried a little.

A special recognition was given to veterans from all branches of the United States armed forces: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard. Members from each branch of services was asked to introduce themselves and share where they served. This portion was moving. Our people exhibited the Warrior Spirit of their ancestors when they answered the call to service.

The day concluded with the quickest drawing of door and raffle prizes in history. People stayed until the very end because they had a good time and hoped to win one of the 55-inch HD TV's.

The luncheon was a wonderful time! Hope to see you there next year.



The annual Elders Luncheon honored proud veterans and gave participants the opportunity to greet the Tacoma Rainiers mascot Rhubarb and visit with members from many other tribes.





Delicious salmon was prepared for the luncheon, intricate handmade jewelry was available for purchase and the three-piece band Elvis Unplugged offered an exciting assortment of songs for those in attendance, among other highlights.





Golf fundraiser supports CTLF's work

Rousing tournament offers prizes, bragging rights and a great time on the course

Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund will host its fourth annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser on Friday, July 19.

In 2021, CTLF initiated its inaugural Golf Tournament Fundraiser at the Oaksridge 18-hole Golf Course in Elma thanks to the generous support of the Chehalis Tribe, Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel and many others. The event was a resounding success!

Since then, proceeds from the yearly tournaments have empowered CTLF to serve our community by aiding families, individuals and businesses alike.

Through educational programs and financial assistance, we've helped people break free from predatory lending, develop sound budgeting strategies, pursue homeownership, explore entrepreneurial ventures and secure loans with fair terms.

The impact of CTLF's work is felt immediately and profoundly by Chehalis tribal members, non-tribal community members and local small businesses.

This year, the highly anticipated Win a Harley for a Hole-In-One is making a comeback! Participants also have the chance to win prizes for Longest Drive, Closest to the



Spend a memorable time on the greens during CTLF's annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser at Oaksridge Golf Course.

Pin and the Putting Contest. Players also can purchase raffle tickets for a shot at taking home fantastic prizes donated by CTLF supporters. Lunch will be provided post-tournament. Beverages will be available throughout the day.

In response to last year's tie between two teams, CTLF has introduced a tiebreaker to ensure

a clear winner. The victorious team of four players will earn bragging rights and have their achievement commemorated on the new CTLF Golf Tourney Trophy, which will be proudly displayed in our office year-round. Winners will receive custom CTLF polo shirts and complimentary entry to the 2025 tournament.



MORE INFO

CTLF's fundraiser is made possible by the collaborative efforts of sponsors and supporters.

The contribution of sponsorships and prizes makes it an unmissable occasion for golf enthusiasts.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available, including the chance for families and individuals to support the event by purchasing a custom 18"x12" sign for \$100.

The personalized donation signs will be showcased along the 18 holes, symbolizing the community's united commitment to CTLF's mission.

Contact CTLF at ctlf@chehalis-tribe.org or 360-709-1631 to secure your team's place or support this terrific event.

FRIDAY, July 19th 2024

CTLF

CHEHALIS TRIBAL LOAN FUND

4th Annual

- Four person Scramble Format
- Longest Drive, Putting Contest and more!
- Raffles!
- Lunch and Beverages


OAKSRIDGE
GOLF COURSE

1052 Monte Elma Road
Elma, Washington

8:30am – Putting Contest

9:00am – Shotgun Start

TITLE SPONSORS

CHEHALIS



TRIBE



lucky eagle
CASINO & HOTEL

Special Thanks To



Sysco™



PROMO NORTHWEST



Get a Hole-in-One to win a
Harley Davidson Motorcycle
valued at \$25,000!



Hole # 10 Sponsored by



CHECK YOUR PAYMENT METHOD

Payee: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

☐ **Credit Card**
Call (360) 709-1631

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

☐ **Team of 4** - 18 holes of golf, 2 carts, and lunches **\$500.00**

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

☐ **Individual/Family Sponsorship**

personalized sign recognizing your support of the CTLF **\$100.00**

To provide personalization details, contact
tmarlowe@ChehalisTribe.org or (360)709-1631

No later than July 10

**TEAM
NAME**

Max 4 players per team

PLAYER 1

PLAYER 2

PLAYER 3

PLAYER 4

**PLEASE
NOTE:
Players
MUST
have
their
own
clubs. No
rentals
will be
on hand
for the
tourney.**

MAY BIRTHDAYS

LONDYN ADAMS

BOBBY BECKWITH

STEVEN BROUARD

TONY BROWN

JOSEPH BURNS

SAVANNA BUSH-BIRD

AURORA CARTER

BRANDON CASH

ILIAS CHARLES

LUCILLE CUSH

CHYLER DANIELS

LEO DANIELS-MEDDAUGH

RODNEY DAVIS

MATTEO DELGADO

JOSEPH DUPUIS

CURTIS DUPUIS

LINDSEY FAGA

ADAM FLORES

COLE FULTON

TIERA GARRETY

JANET GLEASON VAN

STEGALL

DUANE GLEASON-WHEELER

JESSIE GODDARD

ROGER GOLDMAN

MICHAEL HALTOM

DAMIUS HANSEN

GAVIN HERNANDEZ

VALEA HIGHEAGLE

MERRY BETH HOFSTETTER

CHRISTIAN HOHEISEL

PATRICIA JONES

JOEL JONES

SERENITY KLATUSH

AIREL KLATUSH

PAULA KLATUSH

JANICE LATCH

STEESHA MC JOE

LAUREN MCALISTER

DANTE MCGEE

TEIN MEAS

SARAH MOORE

EMILY MORDHORST

SHAWN ORTIVEZ

NORA ORTIVEZ

CYRENA ORTIVEZ

ELIJAH PALMER

TERESA PANNKUK

AIDIN PARKINSON

AMARA PENN

ROBERT PENN

AMBER PENN-ROCCO

SASHA PENN-ROCO

JACQUELINE PICKERNELL

HAROLD PICKERNELL SR.

BRADY PICKERNELL

WILLIAM PRESSNALL

LELA PULISFER

JOAQUIN

ROBLES

ARTIE

ROMERO

RAEYLYN

ROMERO

RAYMOND

ROOF

SHEYLEE

ROSEBRAUGH

ROSALINA SANCHEZ

GERADO SANCHEZ

AIDEN SECENA-SANDERS

ADDISON SEKISHIRO

ALEXANDER SHORTMAN

TIFFANY SIMMONS

ASA SIMMONS

ROBERT SMITH

JAMIE SMITH

ELI SNELL

VIOLET SNELL

RIKKI SUTTERLICHT

SUNDAY TEJEDA

THOMAS TROTT

AUSTIN VIGIL

FAWN

WITTWER

FARLEY

YOUCKTON

ANN-MARIE

YOUCKTON

JESSE

YOUCKTON

DESTINY ZIADY

SEND IN WISHES!

We would love to feature your messages to family and friends celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Please send your name, the full name of the person, your wish and a picture (if desired) to news@chehalistrike.org.





By Hannah Howe

END OF THE TRAIL

End of the Trail has signed a contract with Flora Racing for sponsorship in the 2024 race season. We are excited to see our logo on the racecar at all events and races this year.

TALKING CEDAR RESTAURANT

Our patio opened for the warm season on May 3 and we are open Fridays and Saturdays until midnight.

TALKING CEDAR BREWERY & DISTILLERY

Chehalis Light was introduced to our lineup recently. We also brought back Gullazo, our Mexican lager. We will release four flavored whiskeys in May: Freezer Jam (mixed berry), Ginger Drop (ginger, honey and lemon), Camp Coffee (coffee and maple) and Sugar Sands (maple). Also look for small-batch spirits: apple brandies and a cask of finished gin.

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES

Updates and construction continue on our hotel. Thank you for your patience through this process.

BLACK RIVER BLUES

Blueberry season is getting closer. Check our website and social media for an opening date.

OAKSRIDGE GOLF COURSE

We are back to full staffing, which means extended hours are back while weather permits. The clubhouse closes at 8 p.m.



We are hiring!

Visit or check out chehalistribe.org for current career opportunities

TEAM MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Meet Shelby McCrory! Shelby has been with Chehalis Tribal Enterprises since 2020 and is now our Executive Assistant. Shelby not only works hard to keep our executives on track, but she is always looking for ways to improve workflow in the entire office. Thank you Shelby for your continued hard work. We are thankful to have you on our team at CTE.



**FOLLOW US ON
SOCIAL MEDIA**





2024 CHEHALIS TRIBE CULTURE CAMP

We are looking for teachers
and cooks! If you're interested
please contact



Cheryle Starr



Saturday & Sunday
August 10 & 11th



cstarr@chehalistribe.org



Saturday & Sunday
8:00AM



tmarcellay@chehalistribe.org

Trudy Marcellay

Carving, weaving, beading, sewing, and artists.



www.chehalistribe.org



REZ ANIMAL
Resources & Education

DONATE NOW

Help for pets

Our nonprofit agency Rez Animal serves the Chehalis, Nisqually, Shoalwater Bay, Squaxin Island and Skokomish tribal communities

THANKS TO DONATIONS, WE OFFER:

- Emergency vet care
- Spay/neuter services
- Adoption
- Animal rescue

253-370-6392, rezanimals.com

Chehalis Tribal Days MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND



**PLUS A
COASTAL
JAM!**

MAY 24-27

- Men's hardball +1 token
- Women's softball +1 token
- Co-ed softball +1 men's token and +1 women's token

\$400 entry per team

✓ Make checks payable to: Chehalis Tribe,
P.O. Box 536, Oakville, WA 98568

Awards: First through fourth place,
MVP, all-stars and best bat

6TH ANNUAL ART EXHIBIT

Chehalis tribal members who are interested in displaying their art should contact Sheilah Bray at 360-709-1783 or sbray@chehalis-tribe.org.

15TH ANNUAL CANCER WALK

Show your support with family and friends!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES & MORE

Contact: Call Philip Youckton at 360-709-1752, email pyouckton@chehalis-tribe.org or text 360-688-3380 for questions about the tournaments, Cancer Walk, Coastal Jam or vendor spaces

FOOD VENDORS: Chehalis tribal members only

BLOCK OF ROOMS AVAILABLE AT LUCKY EAGLE CASINO & HOTEL: Call 360-273-2000 or 800-720-1788



Kids in the Kitchen

Together we can prevent diabetes!

Cooking together as a family helps children learn basic kitchen skills. Kitchen time is also a great time to learn about your child's day and is a good way to spend more time with your child at home. Kids are more likely to try new fruits and veggies if they help make them. Below are some ideas for what your child can do to help in the kitchen.

Remember:

- Wash hands before touching food.
- Watch children when they are using sharp kitchen items: knives, box graters, blenders or hand mixers.
- Watch children when they use the stove top or oven.

Ways Your Child Can Help in the Kitchen

2 Years	3 Years	4 to 6 Years	7 Years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wash fruits and veggies • Tear lettuce • Snap green beans • Make "faces" out of fruits and veggies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add ingredients to bowls • Knead dough • Spread peanut butter • Stir • Shake closed containers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peel fruits and veggies • Cut soft fruits • Mash beans and veggies • Measure dry ingredients • Clean up counters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-heat oven • Measure wet ingredients • Microwave • Crack eggs

Information adapted from www.ChooseMyplate.gov



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.
Washington WIC doesn't discriminate.



Material funded by USDA SNAP. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.
For more information, visit www.GetFreshCooking.com/EagleAdventure.

USDA FOOD PICKUP

**11 A.M.-2 P.M.
JUNE 20 AT THE
COMMUNITY CENTER**

SPIPA's program offers food to fill up your freezer, refrigerator and cupboards. Items are first-come, first-served (one pickup per household). Each month features different items. Please allow priority to elders and low-income households. Must present tribal ID at time of pickup.

CALL: 360-426-3990



Time for a checkup

Dr. Deborah Behre will offer podiatrist clinics at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center on the following dates:

May 21 1-4:30 p.m.

June 4 8-noon

June 18 1-4:30 p.m.

Call 360-273-5504 to schedule



Focus on men's health

**11 a.m.-1 p.m. June 6
in the Gathering Room**

ON THE AGENDA

11 a.m.: Depression, Anxiety and Stress presented by Matthew McIver

11:45 a.m.: Sharing My Story by Chehalis tribal elder Rodney Youckton

Noon: The importance of men getting an annual exam, PSA and colon screenings by Dr. Whipple

Age 45 is the time to start colon cancer screening. All men will receive lunch and a gift. Limited to 40 participants. One gift per attendant (no pick-ups for others)



**Contact: Call Community Wellness
Manager Christina Hicks at 360-709-1741
or email chicks@chehalis tribe.org**

WE ARE HIRING

OPEN POSITION

- ☒ Driver I
- ☒ Mobile Unit Driver
- ☒ Patient Services Representative

Exciting news! We are hiring and looking for talented individuals to join our team

APPLY NOW



**Hope and
Healing Clinic**
Sò·kwalisn

Visit our website
www.hopeandhealingclinic.com



CHEHALIS TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

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

Articles and opinions expressed are not necessarily those of this publication or the Chehalis Tribal Business Committee.

SUBMISSIONS

Tribal members are encouraged to submit birthday and anniversary wishes, letters, articles, photos 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/staff.

NEWSLETTER STAFF

Communications Specialist
Frazier Myer, Communications
Specialist Trainee Bobbie Bush,
Designer Audra J. Hill and the
Information Technology Team

TRIBAL CENTER

Main line: 360-273-5911
Address: 420 Howanut Road
Oakville, WA 98568
Office: 360-709-1726
Fax: 360-273-5914

VISION STATEMENT

To be a thriving, self-sufficient, sovereign people, honoring our past and serving current and future generations.



BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Dustin Klatush
Vice Chairman: Leroy Boyd
Treasurer: Sheilah Bray
Secretary: Charlotte Lopez
Fifth Council Member:
Rachelle Wells-Ferguson

© copyright 2024

The Chehalis Tribal Newsletter is a publication of the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation

12

Clinic welcomes skilled dentist

Dr. Richard Yoo sets up shop in home state

As a Washingtonian, I was born and raised in the Lakewood area. I attended the University of Washington where I majored in biochemistry.

After graduating, life took me to South Korea, where I taught English for four years. After having an unforgettable experience, I returned to the states to pursue my lifelong goal of dentistry.

I attended the prestigious

University of Michigan School of Dentistry, which has consistently ranked in the top five dental schools in the world.

Upon graduating, my education and skills would take me into the public sector, where I worked for the State of Michigan.

Being homesick and wanting to share my services with my home community, life was kind enough to bring us back to Washington.

I am honored and privileged to share my skills and knowledge with the Chehalis tribal community. During my short

time here, I have felt the care and greatness the tribe has to offer.

I value the relationship that I have with each of my patients, so I do my best to create a comfortable and relaxed environment. Making informed decisions about your body is crucial, so I make sure to take time in explaining available options and answer all questions that you might have regarding treatment.

My hope is to show that the dental clinic isn't scary, but is a place that cares and helps patients.



Dr. Richard Yoo has joined the Chehalis Tribal Dental Clinic.

RETIRES

From page 1

years, Denise has been the driving force behind our health initiatives, dedicating herself tirelessly to the well-being of our community. Her expertise and commitment have made a permanent impact on all of us. On behalf of everyone here, I would like to extend our warmest congratulations on your well-deserved retirement. May this new chapter be filled with joy, adventure and endless happiness.

"I also wanted to convey a message from Chairman Dustin, who unfortunately cannot attend your retirement party today. He sends his best wishes to you as well."

Importance of increasing eye care access

Ensuring all people with diabetes receive an annual retinal examination can help prevent diabetes-related blindness.

Exams identify people at high risk for losing their sight who require treatment. In addition to preserving vision, eye exams and laser treatment of high-risk individuals is cost effective, saving many health care dollars annually by preventing diabetes-related vision loss.

For many people with diabetes, there are no symptoms of eye disease and travel to a specialty eye clinic for a dilated eye exam can be difficult. Some people might defer the exam because of this. Only half of American Indians and Alaska

RETINAL EXAMINATION

The Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center will offer native diabetic patients diabetic retinopathy exams from 2-3:30 p.m. May 22/30, 10-11:30 a.m. May 28 and 9-11 a.m. June 11/13. For questions, contact Christina Hicks at **360-709-1741**.

Natives with diabetes obtain the annual retinal examination needed to identify high-risk disease and prevent vision loss.

DIABETIC EYE DISEASE

