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Congratulations!

Dinner commemorates success of tribal graduates

By Bobbie Bush

Fourteen graduates were honored at the high school Graduation Dinner at 5 p.m. June 13 at Lucky Eagle Casino.

Families had tables set up with pictures and presents for their grads. JJ Shortman welcomed everyone to the dinner.

Dr. Mary DuPuis, MPA, DIDA Interim General Manager, Director of Education and Development, served as the keynote speaker.

"I would like to welcome all of our graduates that are here tonight as we honor your accomplishments. What I see as I look out from here are our

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The perseverance of the Chehalis Tribe was celebrated on July 8 in the Tribal Center.

'It's a good day to be Chehalis'

Event marks 160 years of federal recognition

By Frazier Myer

On July 8, the Chehalis Tribe celebrated the 160-year anniversary of federal recognition from the United States government.

The official executive order was signed on July 8, 1864, by the Department of Interior in Washington, D.C. It designated the territory as lands of the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation.

Events staff provided hot dogs, drinks and cake for those in attendance at the Chehalis Tribal Center. Everyone was given a crew neck sweater with the tribe's basket logo.

Tribal elders spoke during the gathering, highlighting the anniversary's significance.

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HEAD START MILESTONE

By Bobbie Bush

A new class of young minds is prepared for next step

Loved ones came to watch their adorable youngsters participate in the Head Start Program's Graduation Dinner on June 14 at the Chehalis Tribe's Community Center.

As the 21 Head Start students and their families came into the gym, there were tables designated for youth. It was great to see the support our families and students received in anticipation of this first educational milestone for the young ones.

Teacher Christopher Cabrera called the students up on stage for a rehearsal prior to all of the families arriving, then asked students to meet their parents and caregivers out in the middle section of the Community Center to get dressed in shiny caps and gowns.

The students lined up in their graduation attire and were ushered into the gymnasium. A stage with chairs was set up for them to sit while Teacher Chris spoke.

It was a beautiful event that showered Chehalis youth with support and strength.



Ready for the future

Story and photos by Frazier Myer

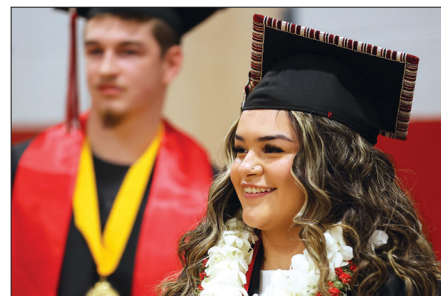
Oakville High School held its high school graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 15.

Multiple Chehalis tribal and community members received their high school diplomas with family and loved ones in attendance.

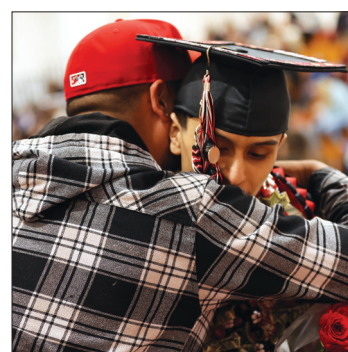
Chehalis tribal member and senior class president Courtney Price gave the class speech. He spoke about his experience during high school, playing sports and dealing with the complications of attending school during the COVID-19 pandemic. He acknowledged the class of 2024 for its many academic achievements throughout the four years of high school.

Chehalis tribal member Laela Baker presented the senior parent recognition speech. It was followed by a rose ceremony, which is a tradition for Oakville graduates to give roses to those who supported them during their years of schooling.

After Superintendent Rich Staley presented graduates with their diplomas, they made it official by turning their tassels, led by Courtney Price.



Oakville high school seniors are supported by proud loved ones during graduation on June 15.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Daniel "Danny" Gleason Jr.

Jan. 6, 1967–
June 22, 2024

Daniel "Danny" Lester Gleason Jr. was born in Centralia on Jan. 6, 1967. He peacefully passed away on June 22, 2024, surrounded by loved ones. He was the beloved son of Daniel Gleason Sr. and Isabelle (McJoe) Gleason.

Danny is survived by sister Lynn Gleason, adopted brother Patrick and adopted sister Danielle. He was cherished by aunts Virginia "Dolly" Canales and Joan "Boots" Martin, both of Oakville. He is also survived by aunts Sharon Gleason and Nola Gleason, both of Nisqually, as well as uncles Eldon Gleason of Nisqually and William Heck of Las Vegas, Nevada. He leaves behind numerous cousins who meant the world to him.

Danny spent his formative years

in Oakville, where he attended school and formed lifelong friendships. He dedicated years of his life to service, working as a security guard at Lucky Eagle Casino and later as a Facilities groundskeeper for the Chehalis Tribe. His commitment and diligence were admired by all who knew him.

Throughout his life, Danny faced adversity with courage and grace. Despite a valiant battle with cancer, he remained a source of a soft smile and always a comforting exchange.

In his final moments, Danny was comforted by the presence of his father and auntie Dolly and auntie Boots, who stood by him with unwavering love.

Danny will be remembered for his kindness, unwavering loyalty to his

family and friends and love for the community he served. His warm smile and gentle spirit touched the lives of many.

Funeral services for Danny were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 26, at the Oakville Shaker Church. Burial was at the Chehalis Tribal Cemetery and dinner followed at the Chehalis Tribal Community Center. Family and friends came together to honor his memory.

Danny's legacy of love and strength will live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him. May he rest in peace, be reunited with loved ones who have gone on before him and dance like crazy in the heavens with his cousin Stella, knowing he was deeply loved and will be profoundly missed.

GRADUATES

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future tribal leaders," Mary said.

"According to OSPI, the Chehalis Tribe has the highest percentage of graduates from all Washington tribes. Cheryl, JJ, Leroy, Philip and all your staff, you do an excellent job with our students," she continued. "As Director of Education and Development, I see many of our young people in Head Start at the beginning of their educational journey and then again as they move into college or vocational programs, either through our Higher Education department or through Vocational Rehabilitation."

At the conclusion of her talk, Mary offered words of wisdom to the graduates, "My advice to you is to dream, to imagine, to pursue

the things that you are interested in. Travel, get out there and see the world. Don't feel bound by anyone else's dream for you. Dare to dream for yourself. You are now the authors of your own stories, so make it a good one. Naw quah lah – Thank you."

Parents and supporters were recognized by the graduates first with bouquets of flowers, hugs and praise all around each table.

When it was time for the graduates' gifts, everyone received a teddy bear with a cedar miter cap made by Heritage & Culture, fancy portable speakers and prizes from a pre-event raffle where each graduate's name was drawn and placed on the prize. Each graduate was then called to the stage and wrapped in a Pendleton blanket.

The dinner was delicious. Family shared laughs and some tears of joy. Congratulations graduates, parents and families!

14 CHEHALIS TRIBAL GRADUATES HONORED

Kade Sanchez: Insight School of Washington

Rita Burke: Revilla High School

Laela Baker: Oakville High School

Nathan Kluth: Oakville High School

Eddie Klatush: Oakville High School

Courtney Price: Oakville High School

Malikah McNair: Oakville High School

Bella Couillard: Oakville High School

Albert Jae Ortiz-Hicks: Taholah High School

Brooke Stein: Career Magnet Academy, Tennessee

Shania McCloud: Timberland High School

Tyler Klatush: W.F. West High School

"Ace" Aaron Youckton Jr.: Yelm High School

Jeremy Wilbur: Oakville High School

Peyton Wilson-Dean: Oakville High School

Nikkara Meddaugh: Oakville High School

Ben Johnson: Rochester High School



Lucky Eagle names new Facilities manager

Thomas Trott brings impressive experience

Dear team members,

We are excited to announce that Thomas Trott has been promoted to Lucky Eagle Casino's Facilities Manager!

Thomas started work for the Chehalis Tribal Government youth program in Facilities during high school. He then was hired by Forma Construction in 2016 and

became a union carpenter.

Wanting to give back and work for his community, Thomas applied and was hired as an HVAC apprentice for the Tribal Government in 2018. He worked his way up to supervisor before joining the Casino Facilities Team in 2021.

In 2023, he was promoted to Facilities Supervisor and then promoted into the Tribal Development Program as Facilities Manager this year.

Thomas has served on many tribal committees, such as the Hiring Committee, Heritage & Culture Committee and as Commissioner of TGA.

He has also completed many certifications, including HVAC, Aerial lift, Scaffolding, Forklift, CPO, Level 1-3 TGA commissioner training and Human Resources certification from NNAHRA.

I am very happy to have Thomas in this role and look forward to his continued growth.



JaNessa Bumgarner,
Chief Executive
Officer of Lucky
Eagle Casino
& Hotel

STAFF
NEWS

Camp Bishop 2024

REGISTER FOR COMBINED
YOUTH/FAMILY CAMP

Aug. 11-15

SPIPA Workforce

Development is honored to partner with the YMCA of Grays Harbor for this year's summer camp.

Join us for work skills training, cultural activities, pathways to success, seeing WEX youth at work, sleepover camp, games, arts, swimming, boating, great food, family, new friends and so much more.

CONTACT: 253-250-0550
or email cbear@spipa.org
or atopai@spipa.org for
registration instructions

■ Open to all members of SPIPA client households and non-clients who qualify for services

■ Youth 7-15 may attend without a guardian

■ Transportation provided from SPIPA Offices

■ Camp supplies provided

■ All food and housing provided during camp

■ Learn skills, connect with nature and family

■ Enjoy fishing, canoing, paddle boarding, yoga, ropes courses, games, arts and crafts, outdoor living and more!



CHEHALIS TRIBAL MEMBERS MARINERS BASEBALL TICKETS



Limited tickets are available. You must provide an email to have tickets sent. Chehalis tribal members ages 18-54 and those who haven't signed up before will be given priority over those who have already attended a game.

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
July 21	Houston Astros	1:10 p.m.
July 22	Los Angeles Angels	6:40 p.m.
July 23	Los Angeles Angels	6:40 p.m.
July 24	Los Angeles Angels	12:40 p.m.
Aug. 2	Philadelphia Phillies	6:40 p.m.
Aug. 3	Philadelphia Phillies	6:40 p.m.
Aug. 4	Philadelphia Phillies	1:10 p.m.
Aug. 6	Detroit Tigers	6:40 p.m.

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or 360-709-1781; Jodine Duenas at
jduenas@chehalistribe.org or 360-709-1721

SWEDE DAY FESTIVAL

Chehalis Tribal Royalty members Madoleen Goodard, Mila Rogers and Brooklyn Sofia joined Chairman Dustin Klatush to proudly represent their tribal community during the Swede Day Mid-Sommar Festival Parade on Saturday, June 15. The lively parade, a host of vendors and fun activities brought big crowds to the Rochester area.



Update on Briarwood property

The Chehalis Tribal Government purchased the Briarwood Farms property on Anderson Road. The tribe took ownership of the 140+/- acres in January and immediately ended egg production.

Natural Resources, Planning and Facilities have been working on a plan to keep the main warehouse building but demolish the 11 chicken barns and clean up the property.

Briarwood Farms staff removed manure from the property and a professional pest control company was hired to handle the rodents left in the buildings.

We have had some challenges repairing and updating utilities for the site, but we are on track to begin demolition this summer. The tribe has sent a Request for Proposals and will select a qualified demolition contractor to perform the work. If everything goes according to plan, the demo will be completed this fall and the site will be ready for whatever comes next.

The Planning Department has begun to gather community input on a plan for the property, which should be completed during the next six to 12 months. Stay tuned for further developments.

ACE FREHLEY

**SATURDAY
AUG 17, 2024**

DOORS 7PM | SHOW 8PM

**TICKETS START AT
\$45**

lucky eagle
CASINO & HOTEL

SPIPA HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAM UPDATES



PROGRAM YEAR END REVIEW



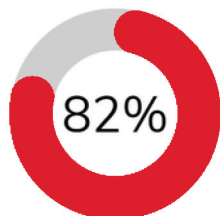
JULY 2023-JUNE 2024

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED
US IN ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR**

NWWP

Breast

389 out of 475 breast services completed.

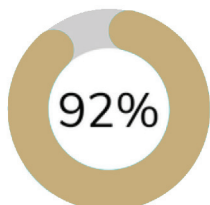


Goal for Breast Services: 475

- Chehalis: 82
- Nisqually: 106
- Shoalwater Bay: 120
- Skokomish: 5
- Squaxin Island: 76

Cervical

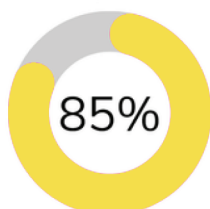
172 out of 187 cervical services completed.



Goal for Cervical Services: 187

- Chehalis: 54
- Nisqually: 38
- Shoalwater Bay: 32
- Skokomish: 14
- Squaxin Island: 34

Total Services

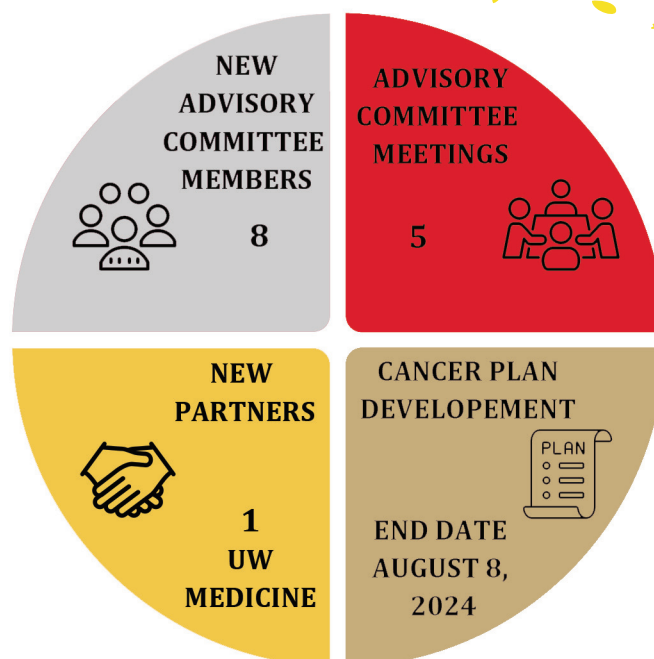


Goal Total Services: 662

- Chehalis: 136
- Nisqually: 144
- Shoalwater Bay: 152
- Skokomish: 19
- Squaxin Island: 110

Total served: 561

CCCP



Total Community Wellness Surveys completed



Total community events attended

CELEBRATION



Parade honors 'Uncle Tony'

Oakville Chamber of Commerce

Oakville's Independence Day Parade on July 6 recognized Chehalis tribal elder Tony Medina as grand marshal.

Tony worked in the Chehalis Tribal Youth Center for 26 years, retiring as manager in 2019.

In that time, he became everyone's beloved "Uncle Tony," often caring for kids who would grow up and send their own kids to hang out with him at the Youth Center in turn.

Many people have fond memories of Tony greeting the school bus with hugs, a funny made-up song and sometimes a snack.

Beyond the after-school program, Tony arranged field trips, holiday outings, special recognition ceremonies and made sure the Youth Center was represented in local parades.

Chehalis tribal royalty and Chairman Dustin Klatush also took part in the parade. Dozens of Chehalis tribal community members came out to enjoy the festivities.



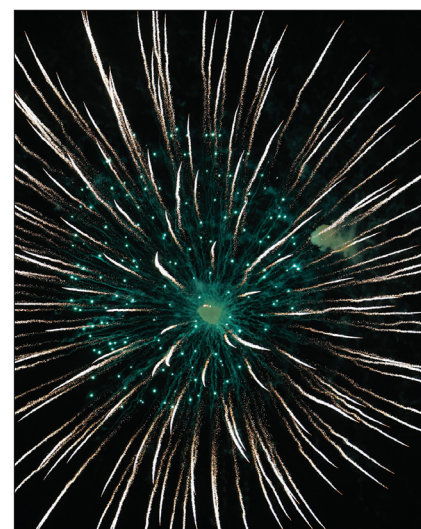
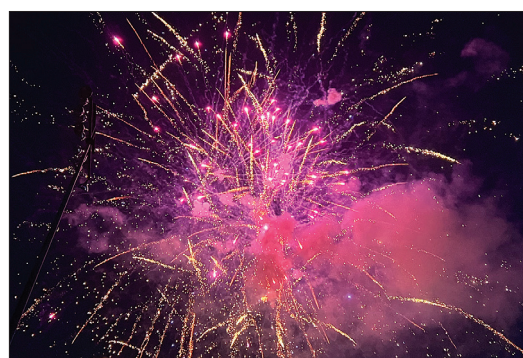
Chehalis tribal elder Tony Medina was named grand marshal of Oakville's 2024 Independence Day Parade. As Youth Center Manager, Tony dedicated years to empowering youth and creating rich memories.



PHENOMENAL *Fourth of July* FUN

The Chehalis Tribe celebrated the 2024 Fourth of July with its annual fireworks show on the Chehalis Reservation.

The event is a popular display attended by people from the surrounding area. Thank you to everyone who helped make it another successful, fun and safe year!



JULY BIRTHDAYS

RYLEE ADAMS
SHAYDEN BAKER
CONNIE BAKER
JASMINE BAKER
CARLOS BILL-SANCHEZ
FAU FAU BOYD
LAURA BOYD
RENE' BRACERO JR.
CALVIN BRAY
ELIZABETH BROWN
NATALIE BROWN
CARMEN BROWN
CANDACE BROWN
FRANKIE BROWN
BENAI'AH BURNETT
ARIELLE BURNETT
PAI'NUH'NAH CARTER
THEODORE CHARLES
HALLE COLSON
ALBERT COMBS JR.
KAMRYN COUILLARD
KENNETH DANIELS
NAYELI DAVIDSON
ERIN DELGADO
ALEXANDER FLORES
ALLEN FRICKE JR.
RONALD GAINES JR.
HECTOR GAINES

ELVIS GILLIE
ADAM GUNNELS
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 III
ANDRE KLUTH
NATHAN KLUTH
CHLOE LOPEZ PALMER
LINDA MACDOUGAL
LANDEN MASHBURN
MELISSA MCALISTER
JACINDA MEDINA
ALICIA MEDINA
MICHELLE MURRELL
GARY ORTIVEZ III
SHYANN ORTIVEZ
HALEY PARKINSON
JESA PENN-ROCO

QUERIDA PEREZ
JOHNNY PEREZ
YVONNE PETERSON
LEELOO PETTIT
FRANCES PICKERNELL
JORJA POTTER
PAULA REININGER
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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@chehalistride.org.



2024

YOUTH PADDLE TO PUYALLUP JOB OPENINGS



TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT AVAILABLE

**Kitchen
Manager**
\$32/hr

Lead Cook
\$28/hr

Line Cook
\$23/ hr

Scan the QR code to apply
for these positions



**Food
Service
Worker**
\$19.28/hr

**Casual
Labor ***
\$19.28/hr

Security * \$21.42/hr

Scan the QR code to apply
for these positions



Canoe Journey hosting dates: July 30-Aug. 5

Some positions may work before and after the event. Applications at puyalluptribe-nsn.gov or use the QR codes. Positions are open to all applicants (Native American hiring preference). Background checks are required. Must have valid Food Handler's card. * not required to have card



WIC services through SPIPA



ABOUT: The organization meets the special nutritional needs of pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum moms; infants; and children up to age 5.

NEXT DATE:
Aug. 8

DO YOU QUALIFY?:
Find out if you qualify for WIC at doh.wa.gov/you-and-your-family/wic/wic-eligibility

CONTACT:
wicnutrition@spipa.org
or 360-426-3990

USDA FOOD PICKUP



11 A.M.-2 P.M.
**AUG. 16 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

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ANNIVERSARY

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Trudy Marcellay explained that in the 1860s, the U.S. Government was having treaty negotiations with regional tribes in the Pacific Northwest. They wanted to move the Chehalis natives off their traditional lands into Quinalt territory near the Pacific Ocean. The tribe refused to sign that treaty, and that's when the executive order was drafted and authorized.

Rodney Youckton also spoke during the event. He wanted to express how important it is for the tribal community to have knowledge of the history of the Chehalis people. He said that at one time, the Chehalis people roamed the land from Southwest Washington all the way down to the Columbia River. This territory was lost as settlers moved in and eventually pushed the tribal people onto reservations spanning only 1,440 acres.

Although the history can be uneasy to think about, Youckton said, "Our people persevered, we fought and we never gave up."

Chairman Dustin Klatush gave thanks to those who helped put the event together and expressed how glad he was to see so many people in attendance. "It's a good day to be Chehalis," he said.



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