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The Chehalis Canoe Family lands at Solo Point on July 29 along with the Nisqually Youth Canoe Family.

Next-gen voyage

YOUTH PICK UP THE PADDLE ON CANOE JOURNEY

By Frazier Myer

The Chehalis Canoe Family participated in the 2024 Youth Paddle to Puyallup during the final week of July and first week of August. The annual tradition draws dozens of canoe families from various tribes to a decided-upon landing destination for final protocol.

Originally, canoe families planned to travel to Ahousat in British Columbia, Canada. After realizing it didn't have the amenities to house such as large number of people, Ahousat decided it wasn't ready to host the Canoe Journey.

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Golf enthusiasts united to support CTLF's fundraiser at Oaksridge Golf Course.

Swing for financial success

Tournament raises crucial funds to empower CTLF

By Tamra Marlowe

The fourth annual CTLF Golf Tournament on July 19 was a resounding success, bringing together golf enthusiasts, community members and supporters for a day of sport, camaraderie and philanthropy.

Held at the Chehalis Tribe's Oaksridge Course in Elma, the event was more than just a chance to hit the links. It was a spirited effort to raise crucial funds for the Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund, an organization dedicated to fostering financial empowerment through education, coaching and fair lending practices.

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JOURNEY

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The Puyallup Tribe decided to handle the challenge of hosting the journey and announced it to be a youth paddle to help pass on traditions to the next generation of tribal people.

On July 25, the Chehalis Canoe Family held a ceremony to bless Tulap, the Chehalis Tribe's 27-foot canoe that was recently repaired, to be placed back in the water.

Youth splashed Chehalis River water on the canoe to wake it up for the start of the 2024 Youth Paddle to Puyallup.

After departing the Chehalis Reservation, youth traveled various tribal tributaries on their way to Puyallup. They paddled through traditional Squaxin waterways and landed in Swantown Marina in Olympia on July 28.

The following morning, they paddled along with Nisqually Youth Canoe Family to Solo Point before the final stages of the voyage.

On the afternoon of July 31, the Chehalis Canoe Family completed the final pull along with 70 other canoes.

Each Canoe Family departed from Owen Beach and landed at Ole & Charlie's Marinas, land owned by Puyallup Tribe in the Port of Tacoma.

Chehalis Canoe Family member Mason Cayenne asked for permission to come ashore. As part of Mason's request, he told everyone in attendance that he and canoe skipper Shayden Baker were both celebrating their birthdays by taking the final pull of the 2024 Youth Paddle to Puyallup.

The final protocol took place Aug. 1-5. The Chehalis Tribe took the floor to share traditional songs and dances on Saturday, Aug. 3. Next year's voyage will be the 2025 Paddle to Elwha.



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The Chehalis Canoe Family paddles in the Port of Tacoma and lands on Puyallup territory for the final paddle of the 2024 Canoe Journey. Tulap was repaired before this year's journey.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Alexander Paul Shortman

May 4, 1998–July 16, 2024

Alexander Paul Shortman, age 26, a resident of Oakville and an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, died on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at Capital Medical Center in Olympia. He was loved by many.

Alex was born on May 4, 1998, in Olympia to Frederick P. and Carmen L. (Pickernell) Shortman.

He was raised in Oakville.

He was proud to be known as a gamer. In his earlier years, he loved playing baseball and basketball. Alex also enjoyed music.

Surviving relatives include mother Carmen Shortman of Oakville; father Fred Shortman of Oakville; brother Daryl E. Shortman of Tumwater; and numerous uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded by a brother, Frederick Shortman Jr.; and grandparents, Gerald "Gunny" Pickernell, Lorilee K. Pickernell and

Faith Secena.

A candlelight service was held at Tuesday, July 23 at the Oakville Shaker Church. An Indian Shaker service was also held on Wednesday, July 24 at the Shaker Church. Interment followed at the Chehalis Tribal Cemetery with dinner at the Chehalis Community Center.

Arrangements were entrusted to Coleman Mortuary in Hoquiam.

If you would like to take a few moments to record your thoughts for the family, please visit colemanmortuary.net.



It was another safe journey for the Chehalis Canoe Family. Thank you to all the tribal youth and everyone who made this a successful adventure.

ELDERS

Nature's *sweet* TREATS



By Bobbie Bush

Black River Blues Blueberry Farm, also known as Chehalis Tribal Farms, kicked off its first season under the tribal umbrella.

Chehalis tribal elders were given first pick starting at 8 a.m. July 21 at the farm on Moon Road in Rochester.

People arrived early and stayed late to

make the most of their time gathering and visiting in the sunshine. There were 46 Elders and helpers who signed in. Elders were given a big bucket to fill. After it was full, the bucket was taken to the weigh station and berries were emptied into a plastic sack to take home. A jar of delicious honey from the farm was included with a full flat of blueberries.



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Address: 17232 Moon Road S.W., Rochester

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What could be better than a trip to pick ripe blueberries? Elders enjoyed their visit to Black River Blues Blueberry Farm on July 21. They brought home honey as well.





On July 25, Chehalis elders spent time together and honored those celebrating birthdays.

Dinner marks another year around the sun

By Bobbie Bush

The Chehalis Tribe's elders come together to celebrate birthdays near the end of each month in the beautiful new Elders Center. The only time this did not happen was during COVID-19 closures.

At 5 p.m. July 25, Elders gathered to mark July birthdays for Elisa Sanders, Paula Reininger, Jorja Potter, Ronald Rogers, Marlene Hjelm, Linda MacDougall, Jodie Smith, Donald Williams, Allen Fricke, Gloria Jones, Stanley Youckton, Yvonne Peterson, Calvin Bray, Sharon Hall and Carmen Brown. Twenty-four people signed in to celebrate.

Dinner was catered by L&L Hawaiian Barbecue. Tom Hayden Jr. served elders as they arrived and he was very considerate. Virginia "Dolly" Canales made sure everyone had drinks and dessert.

After dinner, the tables were cleared



for bingo. Six games took place during the evening. Gloria nabbed two victories, Allen Bush won twice, Marlene nabbed one win and Cheryle Jones declared "Bingo" once. Congratulations to the winners and to all those elders who celebrated birthdays!



Housing head ready to serve community

Hello. My name is Tracy Parker and I am the new executive director of Chehalis Housing Authority.

Prior to working for the Chehalis Tribe, I served as community development planner for Squaxin Island Tribe for more than 22 years. I had the opportunity to work on a multitude of projects securing millions of dollars in funds for new housing, rehabilitation of existing homes and other priority projects benefiting the community.

Prior to Squaxin, I was the manager of Makah Planning and Economic Development for four years. In the mid-90s, I worked for Quinault Housing Authority as the office/accounting manager.

I received my bachelor's degree in business administration at the University of Washington in 1995. Prior to that, I worked for the Quinault Indian Nation in several capacities. I served on the ONABEN (Oregon Native American Business and Entrepreneurial Network) board. We provided curriculum, training and organization capacity building focused on developing entrepreneurship in native and indigenous communities. In addition, I served as a board member for the PRTPO (Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization), an intergovernmental partnership where we worked collaboratively to meet the mobility needs of the Peninsula region.

I am an enrolled member of the Quinault Indian Nation and descend from other bloodlines, including: Satsop, Chehalis, Chinook, Quileute, Hoh and Assiniboine/Sioux. I have been married to my husband Justin Parker, a Makah tribal member, for more than 26 years. We have five children and 10 grandchildren. I enjoy watching my grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins play sports. I also love attending tribal canoe journeys, tribal celebrations and potlatches where I can watch my kids and grandkids sing, dance and follow the traditions of their ancestors.

I am excited for this opportunity to serve the Chehalis Tribal Housing Authority and will work hard to fulfill the mission of CTHA: "To promote the wellbeing of the Chehalis Tribe's communities and residents by providing sustainable and reliable housing to Chehalis tribal members."

I look forward to working collaboratively with the Chehalis Tribe and tribal members to meet the needs of the community. I would love to hear your ideas and look forward to meeting you. Please feel free to stop by my office at the CTHA office.



Tracy Parker,
Executive
Director of
Chehalis
Housing
Authority

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NEWS



Muralist transforms fence

Stephan Smith is using designs meaningful to Chehalis Tribe

By Frazier Myer

Muralist Stephan Smith is painting a new fence on the Chehalis Reservation along the sidewalks on the roads of Anderson and Howanut.

Stephan is an enrolled member of the Quinault Tribe and is a descendant of Makah and Chehalis. He grew up in Seattle and moved to Oakland, where he has professional artwork throughout the Bay Area. Some of his murals are solo artwork and others are done in collaboration with his group of artists called Community Rejuvenation Project, based out of Oakland.

Though many of his skills are self-taught, Stephan said it was a bonus to be with friends who attended art school and are talented artists.

Since 2018, Stephan started to branch off from the group and started his own projects with more of a Native American design focus.

Stephan is also an experienced woodcarver. He has been carving for nearly three years and recently won the Honoring the Ancestors award for his carved red cedar Wolf Headdress. The piece is on display at the Washington State History Museum until Sept. 9.

Long line of artists

Stephan grew up in Seattle and in an urban environment, but said he attended events and powwows and always made it a point to stay in touch with his cultural Native American traditions and beliefs.

He is 40 years old now and started taking painting seriously nearly 20 years ago.

As he's grown older and learned more about his tribal people, Stephan discovered he comes from a long lineage of Native American artists in the Pacific Northwest.

His mother, Mae Jack, taught him many of the old customs and



Stephan Smith works on a fence mural that will bring color, life and traditional elements for all to enjoy on the Chehalis Reservation.

traditional cultural ways of the native people that she learned from her grandmother (Bessie).

Finding inspiration

Stephan said part of his inspiration for the fence's mural design comes from his mother

and other tribal elders he has spoken to who are familiar with the history of the Chehalis tribal people and the land.

He stated that a main source of inspiration came from understanding the reservation was built on a prairie. This knowledge spurred him to focus on creating a more natural look for the mural.

Stephan plans to integrate the Chehalis tribal basket design with various other silhouettes of objects, art and animals that represent the Chehalis tribal people and the land where they are located.

Contributions welcome

Stephan is working on the project through August. He invites the community and artists of all skill levels to contribute to the project.

He will be available to help young artists who would like to learn or enhance their skills.



A solid fence erected along the sidewalks provides a blank canvas.



By Hannah Howe

OAKSRIDGE GOLF COURSE

The golf season is in full swing. Because many weekends have tournaments scheduled, please call ahead for open golf times.

CHEHALIS TRIBAL FARMS

Black River Blues Blueberry Farm opened its farm stand and U-pick on July 24. Follow Chehalis Tribal Farms' Instagram or Facebook for more details.

TALKING CEDAR RESTAURANT

August specials include:

Appetizer: Steak bruschetta

Entrees: Tuna melt, pan-seared sea scallops and cilantro-lime prawn salad

Dessert: Bittersweet pickled orange slices with pistachio ice cream

Restaurant hours have changed. Please check out the Talking Cedar website for updates.

END OF THE TRAIL STORES

End of the Trail is sponsoring Flora Race Team this season. Show support at South Sound Speedway!

TALKING CEDAR BREWERY & DISTILLERY

Talking Cedar's first in the Blenders series went on shelves in July. It's a blended malt whiskey made with barrels from the prestigious Seattle distillery, Westland. Expect new brewery offerings in the coming months, including our Amber and Chehalis Light in cans.

We are hiring!

Visit chehalistribalenterprises.com for current career opportunities.

TEAM MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Ken Pickernell has been with End of the Trail since 2022. He has gone above and beyond as maintenance lead. Ken keeps the facilities looking like a million dollars and even stops by the store on days off to be sure things are square. If he sees areas that need love, he takes care of it. He is dedicated not only to the store and his co-workers but to ensuring the tribe has something to be proud of and will be profitable for generations to come. Thank you for your hard work!



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CTLF

From page 1

A day of golf and giving

Under a sun-drenched sky, the golf course came alive with the sound of laughter, the clink of golf clubs and the cheerful banter of participants.

The tournament attracted a diverse group of players, from seasoned golfers to enthusiastic amateurs, all united to support CTLF's mission: Brick by Brick – Paving the Way to Financial Empowerment through Education, Coaching and Fair Lending.

The format of the tournament was a four-person scramble, a popular choice that encouraged teamwork and made the event competitive and fun. With a new Harley Davidson motorcycle as a hole-in-one prize, teams strategized, celebrated successful shots and enjoyed friendly competition.

As the day drew to a close, players enjoyed burgers and hot dogs provided by Great Wolf Lodge and raffle prize drawings.

The real star of the day was the mission behind the tournament. Funds raised will support CTLF's efforts to equip individuals and businesses with the tools they need to thrive economically.

Community spirit

The success of the tournament was not only in the funds raised but also in the sense of community it fostered.

Major sponsors the Chehalis Tribe, Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel and Key Bank, along with local sponsors, volunteers and participants all came together to demonstrate strong support for CTLF's mission. The camaraderie was palpable with everyone united



in their commitment to enhancing financial literacy and access to fair lending.

CTLF Executive Director Tamra Marlowe expressed her gratitude: "This tournament is more than just a fundraising event; it's a celebration of our community's dedication to empowering individuals through financial education. We are incredibly grateful for the support and generosity of everyone who participated."

The golf tourney was a clear reminder of the power of community and the difference that collective effort can make.

Funding the future

Looking ahead, CTLF remains committed to expanding its programs and reaching even more individuals and small business owners with its invaluable resources. This year's tournament sets a high bar for future events, promising continued support for financial empowerment initiatives and reinforcing strong ties within the community.

With the support of dedicated individuals and generous sponsors such as the Chehalis Tribe, CTLF is well-positioned to continue its mission.



The Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund's fourth Golf Tournament brought players and the community together for a great cause.

“We are incredibly grateful for the support and generosity of everyone who participated.”
CTLF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TAMRA MARLOWE

Photos by Joseph Charles and Frazier Myer





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DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Aug. 23	San Francisco Giants	7:10 p.m.
Aug. 24	San Francisco Giants	1:10 p.m.
Aug. 25	San Francisco Giants	1:10 p.m.
Aug. 26	Tampa Bay Rays	6:40 p.m.
Aug. 27	Tampa Bay Rays	6:40 p.m.
Aug. 28	Tampa Bay Rays	1:10 p.m.

2024 FINANCIAL FREEDOM FAIR

10 AM-3 PM AUG. 24

**Chehalis Tribal
Community Center,
461 Secena Road Oakville**

RESOURCE TABLES

- Visit with professionals from various industries
- Gather useful materials and contacts for personalized support
- Enter to win prize drawings

IMPACTFUL PRESENTATIONS

- Learn the steps to become ready for homeownership
- Explore topics of spending, saving and borrowing
- Gain knowledge around investing and retirement plans
- Learn how to purchase a vehicle with confidence
- Join a conversation about entrepreneurship

BREAKOUT SESSION TOPICS

- Homeownership
- Credit Management
- Spending & Saving
- Banking & Investing
- Business Ownership
- Empowered Auto Buying
- G.W.E. Disbursements *
- Minor's Trust *

*Minor's and Vulnerable Adult's Trust and G.W.E sessions are for Chehalis tribal members only

CHEHALIS TRIBAL YOUTH

Satisfy the required financial education requirements for distributions while learning how changes in the financial markets affect your trust funds, and how the investment manager is handling the minor's trust accounts during volatile times. Attend the Spending & Saving and Minor's Trust sessions to have at least 3 hours of education.

ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO

- Concession booths with free hot dogs, snack foods, drinks
- Kid's Corner will have a place for little ones to play, watch movies and have fun while adults learn
- Cooking on a budget demonstrations
- Gifts of swag bags and T-shirts while supplies last

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schedule of
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YOUTH



The Chehalis Tribe once again invested in the future with its 2024 Summer Youth Worker Program.

Summer jobs prep kids

Trusted tribal employees mentor youth workers

By Frazier Myer

More than 20 young Chehalis tribal members ages 14-18 worked for the Chehalis Tribal Government as part of the 2024 Summer Youth Worker Program.

The six-week program is set up to help Chehalis Tribal youth learn from trusted professionals in various tribal government departments. Work ethic and the value of earning money is taught. This is a great opportunity for youth to make extra spending cash

for the summer and money for back-to-school clothes.

Young adults took part in various activities throughout the first week before they were placed in designated departments for the summer.

A \$pending Frenzy class and interviews with tribal government department directors and managers gave youth real-world finance and career experience.

Many Chehalis Tribe employees are enrolled members who participated in the Summer Youth Worker Program. Chehalis Tribe Chairman Dustin Klatush said he was a youth worker when

he was younger.

"I started when I was 14 years old," Klatush said. "One of our main jobs was to go out and pick up garbage. We didn't have all these businesses that we do now."

Youth are mentored in various tribal departments, giving them the ability to learn in a position that they might want to pursue professionally.

"It's good to see the kids out here. It's good to interact with them as the chairman," Klatush said. "Just talk to them. Let them know that we care that they're here working for the tribe and doing work and getting paid."

“Let them know that we care that they're here working for the tribe and doing work and getting paid.”
CHEHALIS TRIBE CHAIRMAN
DUTIN KLATUSH

2024 YOUTH WORKERS

Community Center:

Micah McNair, Dominic Delgado, Ulises Klatush, Kaytlin Holmes-Pickernell, Hollie Brockmueller

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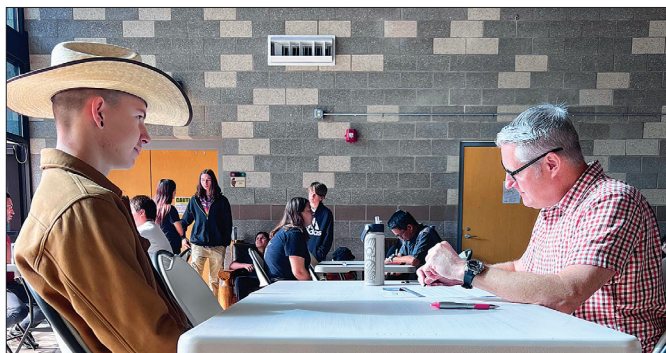


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Youth took part in job interviews with tribal government department directors and managers to prepare for summer positions with the Chehalis Tribe. They also learned about responsible spending.

