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Culture Camp instructors (see list on Page 2) shared their skills with tribal and community members.

Traditional teachings

Many tribal artists taught at the 2024 Culture Camp at the Chehalis Tribal Community Center throughout the weekend on Aug. 10-11. This event helps with carrying on the traditional practices and teachings of Native Americans. Many Chehalis tribal members and community members are experts in their crafts. The event was well attended on both days with many people from the community there to learn from the talented instructors.



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The Chehalis Tribe's annual Employee Picnic offered all kinds of fun activities.

Thanks to our great employees

The Chehalis Tribal Government took part in many activities at the annual Employee Picnic at Columbus Park in Olympia. Chehalis tribal workers are provided the day off to enjoy an afternoon together with friends and family.

Each year, employees get a chance to relax while the tribe shows gratitude for staff and recognizes longtime employees. The Chehalis Tribal Government employees more than 250 people, many of whom have worked for the tribe for more than 15 years.

Events staff organized the day packed with festivities, including raffle prize giveaways, a corn hole tournament, inflatable games, a pasta bar lunch prepared by employees and swimming in Black Lake.

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Those who attended Culture Camp at the Community Center learned how to craft traditional items such as beaded hats, headbands, necklaces, baskets, medallions and drums.



CULTURE CAMP TEACHERS

Yvonne Peterson: Rawhide Rattles

Coby Higheagle: Drums Ready to Paint

Betty Pacheco: Cedar Mat Style Headbands

Samantha Hiatt: Cattail/Cedar Mats

Julia Higheagle: Sweet grass/ Cedar Pouch

Valea Higheagle: Cedar Heart Necklaces

Gabe Higheagle: "X" Stitch Cedar Baskets

Haila Old Peter: Cedar "V" Style Pouch Necklace

Billie Higheagle: Sweet grass Medallions

Dakota Marcellay: Cedar Dance Paddle

Anthony Choke: 7 Strand Cedar Headbands

Elaine McCloud: Cedar and Traditional Regalia on Teddy Bears

Jesse Gleason: Beaded Hats

Diedra Hawks: Ribbon Skirts

Lydia Klatush: Beaded Lapel Pens

Thank you to the teachers and everyone who attended.



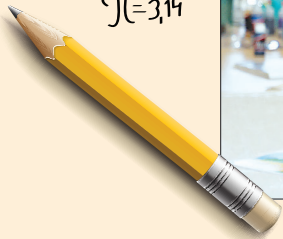


The Chehalis Tribe honored workers during its annual Employee Picnic at Columbus Park in Olympia. Each year, the tribe gives special gratitude to hard-working staff and their families with the celebration.

YOUTH



$E=mc^2$



Back to school in style

Tribe gives youth a strong start to 2024-25 year

Staff members from the Chehalis Tribe's Education and Community & Culture departments put together a back-to-school event on Aug. 14.

The annual day helps prepare tribal youth for a new year of learning.

Chehalis tribal employees set up tables inside the lobby area of the Community Center. Throughout the morning and early afternoon, parents and youth picked out backpacks and updated information with the K-12 program and Youth Center program.

Both programs assist parents and students throughout the year. The tribe provides a stipend for youth to cover expenses for school supplies, clothes and shoes.

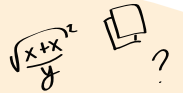
Youth had a blast and cooled off while playing in inflatable bounce houses. Barbecued hot dogs, chips and soda were provided for lunch.



$E=mc^2$



future



The Chehalis Tribe's back-to-school extravaganza ensures youth are ready to head back to classes.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

CORI ABELL
SEAN ADAMS
ALYSSA ALBERT
SKYLER BAKER
AUTUM BECKWITH
KAYSEN BRAY-SANCHEZ
KAIRI BURNETT
JIMMY BURNETT
JAMES BUSHNELL
ANGELICA CANALES
SYLVIA CAYENNE
DENNIS CAYENNE
MINETTA CAYENNE
JAMES CAYENNE II
DEBRA CAYENNE
OPHELIA CAYENNE
GERALD CAYENNE
DARREL CAYENNE
MASON COMBS
NORITA COMEAUX
JOAQUINA COTY
GERTRUDE DUPUIS
MARCELLAY
SHANNON FALK

JASON GILLIE
NATHAN GOMEZ
GARY GUNNELS
DAVID GUNNELS
DASHAWN HERNANDEZ
JULIA HIGHEAGLE
BILLIE HIGHEAGLE
TONIA HIGHEAGLE
GEORGE JACK
LEGEND JESPERSEN
ALLEN JONES
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DUSTIN KLATUSH
CHARLES LATCH III
WHITNEY LEWIS
RUEBEN LOPEZ
MALIKAH MCNAIR
JULIE MILLER
KAYLA NYREEN
CHRISTINE ORTIVEZ

JUDE ORTIVEZ
ANIYA ORTIVEZ-HICKS
ETHAN OWENS
WILLIAM PALMER
JAMES PICKERNELL
WALTER PICKERNELL-DANIELS
TIMOTHY POLING
NICHOLAS PURCELL
DANTE QUILT
ELIJAH QUILT
CODY REVAY
RUTH RODGERS
NANCY ROMERO
MICHAEL ROMERO
RICHARD ROMO JR.
GEORGE SANCHEZ
FREDDIE SANCHEZ
DESTINY SANCHEZ-ALLENBACH
KAELYN SECENA
JOHN SECENA

BRYAN SECENA-SANDERS
TAMZIN SECENA-FERGUSON
JAMES SECENA-FERGUSON
ROGER SHORTMAN
SEAN SHORTMAN
JASON SLIGHTE JR.
ELI SNELL
SASHA STARR
ANDREW STARR
KELSEY SWANSON
BETTY (SHEENA) TANNER
JAKE TANNER
ROXANNE THOMPSON
KAREN THAILKILL
ROBERT VIGIL JR.
CAMMI WITTWER
ETHAN WITTWER
SAMUEL WRIGHT
THERESA YOUCKTON
KARLEA YOUCKTON
VANESSA YOUCKTON

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 photo (if desired) to news@chehalistrike.org.



PUBLIC SAFETY

Each year, the men and women responsible for keeping the Chehalis Tribe safe host a National Night Out party to connect with the community.



Bouncy house and police and water slide, OH MY!

National Night Out is the perfect time for tribal people to engage with those who serve, protect

By Bobbie Bush

Chehalis Tribal Public Safety department celebrated the 2024 National Night Out from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Aug. 9.

The event brought many parents, children, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins to the Chehalis Tribal Community Center playground and picnic area.

Police cooked a delicious batch of hot dogs and hamburgers with water or fruit juice and chips for everyone. This year, as folks arrived and filled their plates, they had a place to stop and eat at the benches.

The public outreach event connects tribal and community families with staff from Public Safety, Corrections and Emergency Management agencies as well as provide resources.

Several tribal programs set up table with resources, activities and information.

■ Vocational Rehabilitation: face painting, temporary tattoos and beach towels for the young ones

■ Social Services: Backpacks



and water bottles

■ Substance Use and Dependency program: Puzzles, flying discs, comic books and opioid overdose naloxone kits;

■ Domestic Violence Program in Behavioral Health: Snacks, coloring books and pencils

Freshly popped popcorn was also provided, along with a fun bubble machine, water slide and bouncy house.

Kids had a blast on the water slide while a person was stationed there to make sure they were safe and going up the ladder one at a time. Families gathered under the shaded awning.

Grays Harbor Fire District 1 brought their ladder truck to share with the folks and were very cordial to have a group photo

posted to The Chehalis Tribe News Facebook page.

Everyone seemed to have a great experience. It gets better every year!





By Hannah Howe

END OF THE TRAIL STORES

The organization has been working on updating its advertising presence on its buildings and getting ready for the fall season. EOT had its Customer Appreciation Day on Aug. 30, which was a big hit.

BLACK RIVER BLUES

The farm stand and U-pick area closed for the season on Aug. 18. The season was shorter than previous years; however, customers took advantage of the decreased time.

TALKING CEDAR RESTAURANT

September specials include:

Appetizer: Crab and artichoke dip

Entrees: Barbecue mahi mahi burger or creamy apple bourbon chicken

Dessert: Blueberry cobbler made with Black River Blues blueberries

Please check out the Talking Cedar website for updated hours.

TALKING CEDAR BREWERY & DISTILLERY

Talking Cedar Distillery released its new spirits and the brewery released its Chehalis Light in the restaurant's store front.

OAKSRIDGE GOLF COURSE

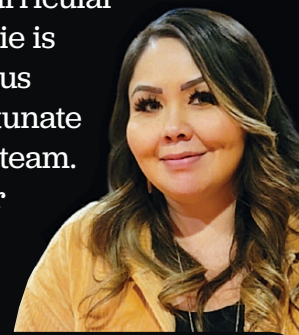
As the summer season comes to an end, take advantage of the last sunny days before fall.

We are hiring!

Visit chehalistribalenterprises.com for current career opportunities.

TEAM MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Mackenzie Jones has worked for Chehalis Tribal Enterprises since 2014. She advanced from administrative assistant to our director of operations. She treats everyone with respect and ensures Enterprise ventures stay on track with regular meetings and an open-door policy. Mackenzie responds to calls, texts and emails promptly, all while raising a child who is deeply involved in extracurricular activities. Mackenzie is the glue that holds us together. We're fortunate to have her on our team. Thank you for your dedication to the Chehalis Tribe!



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ELDERS

FABULOUS Food AND *friends*

Group of 31 elders gather to celebrate birthdays

By Bobbie Bush

The Chehalis Tribal Elders' program hosted its monthly birthday dinner on Aug. 22.

Dinner featured salad, pork loin roast, roasted brussel sprouts and new potatoes. Ray Secena brought in smoked fish heads.

Cake was served after dinner.

Elders sat in their usual spots. There were 31 who attended the celebration.

A competitive trivia game was held after dinner. Skyler White Eagle asked the questions.

First place was won by Penny Gleason and Ted Gleason. Second place went to Marie Bird and Ringo James "Ringo" Pickernell. Finally, third place was a fierce contest with a tie between Sylvia Cayenne and Gloria Jones' team against Allen Bush and Bobbie Bush. Sylvia and Gloria won the tie breaker.

It was a very enjoyable evening and we hope to see more elders at the next birthday dinner!



Chehalis tribal elders celebrated birthdays on Aug. 22 with a delicious meal, cake and trivia.



In Season:



Acorn Squash!



NUTRIENTS IN ACORN SQUASH:

Vitamins: C and A; potassium, calcium, magnesium, folate, and fiber.

SELECTION:

Select acorn squash that are dull and heavy for their size.

STORAGE:

Store acorn squash in a cool, dry area away from extreme temperatures and sunlight. Acorn squash can stay fresh for up to 3 months.

QUICK FIX TIPS:

- Serve acorn squash cooked and mashed with cinnamon or ginger.
- Peel, cut up, and add acorn squash to pies, soups, pasta sauces, or stews.
- Cook squash, cut into cubes, and add to a vegetable medley for a delicious side dish.

Cherokee Corn & Beans with Acorn Squash

Prep Time: 60 Minutes

Serves: 8

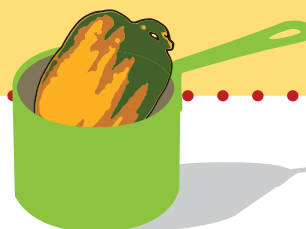
Cups of Fruits and Vegetables per Serving: ½

Ingredients:

- 1 acorn squash
- 1 tsp canola oil
- 1 small onion
- 1 can (15-oz.) low-sodium chili beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (15-oz.) gold and white whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 can (15-oz.) low-sodium veggie broth
- hot, cooked rice, for serving

Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 375° F.
2. Place squash on oven rack and bake for 15 minutes, or until softened slightly.
3. Peel squash and cut into 1-inch chunks. Set aside.
4. In a large saucepan, heat oil over MEDIUM heat.
5. Add onion and cook for 5 to 7 minutes. Add a splash of water to the pan after about 3 minutes to help the onions cook.
6. Add chili beans, corn, squash, and veggie broth.
7. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 20 to 25 minutes, or until the squash is tender.
8. Serve over rice.



Nutritional Information per Serving:

Calories:220; Total Fat:1.0g; Dietary Fiber:5g; Sodium:314mg

Recipe is courtesy of Produce for Better Health Foundation (PBH).



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Tribal Loan Fund empowers growth

Greetings from the Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund!

We're excited to share the latest updates and achievements that reflect our mission: Brick by Brick, Paving the Way to Financial Empowerment through Education, Coaching and Fair Lending. Here's a look at what's been happening:

Funding enhances support

We are thrilled to announce that the Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund has secured a \$1 million grant from the state Department of Commerce. The substantial funding will significantly enhance our ability to provide consumer, auto and home improvement loans, offering more flexible and accessible financial solutions for our community.

Additionally, we've received \$500,000 from the USDA Rural Business Development program. This support will strengthen our small business services and lending capabilities, fostering entrepreneurship and promoting the growth of small businesses among our tribal members and other residents in our region.

Empowered auto buyers

We are excited to launch our new Empowered Auto Buyer Program. This initiative, seeded



in part with support from the Chehalis Tribe, is designed to provide tribal members and others with the knowledge and resources needed to make informed and confident decisions when purchasing vehicles. Our program focuses on helping you find vehicles that are safe, reliable and offer excellent value, ensuring you make the best choices for your family and your budget.

Expanding our team

To better serve our community, we are expanding our team and enhancing our operational capabilities. This growth will enable us to more effectively support our various initiatives and respond to the needs of those we serve.

Affordable housing initiative

We are developing a comprehensive affordable housing strategy to support our community's homeownership goals. As part of this effort,

we are conducting a feasibility study to create a Down Payment Assistance (DPA) program. This initiative aims to improve resources available to tribal members and others, facilitating homeownership and enhancing living conditions.

Additionally, we are pleased to share that we have received a \$10,000 grant from the state Department of Financial Institutions. This funding will be used for homebuyer education and support, further assisting individuals and families in navigating the homebuying process and achieving their homeownership dreams.

Strengthening partnerships

We are dedicated to building strong partnerships with public, private and nonprofit organizations. Our collaboration on the upcoming Financial Freedom Fair exemplifies this commitment. The event will provide valuable information and resources to help individuals achieve financial independence and manage their personal finances effectively.

Board vision, tribal support

We extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated volunteer Board of Directors.

Their leadership, vision and commitment are essential to the success of our initiatives and the advancement of our mission. Their strategic guidance continues to drive our efforts forward.

We also wish to recognize and thank the Chehalis Tribe for its unwavering support and partnership. The tribe's assistance in seeding the Empowered Auto Buyer Program and its ongoing collaboration is vital to our ability to serve the community and achieve our goals. Together, we are making meaningful progress toward financial empowerment and community development.

Save the Date: Brick by Brick

We are excited to invite you to our Brick by Brick annual dinner and auction, scheduled for Dec. 6 at Great Wolf Lodge. This highly anticipated event is a wonderful opportunity to support our mission while enjoying an evening of fine dining, engaging company and exciting auction items. We look forward to celebrating with you and showcasing our accomplishments.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Brick by Brick, we are building a stronger, more empowered community.

Warm regards,
Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund Team

USDA FOOD PICKUP



**11 A.M.-2 P.M.
OCT. 18 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). Please allow priority to elders and low-income households. Must present tribal ID at time of pickup.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CALL: 360-426-3990**

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: Oct. 14

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

Employment opportunities

Behavioral Health

Administrative Assistant

High school diploma or GED with four years directly related experience required. An associate's degree in related field with two years directly related experience may be substituted. Knowledge of medical/behavioral health billing practices and general knowledge of third-party payers preferred. Prefer experience with American Indian/Alaska Native communities. Must have valid WADL.

Education & Development

Head Start Teacher's Aide

High school diploma or GED required. Must be enrolled in a program that will lead to an associate or baccalaureate degree or are enrolled in a CDA credential program to be completed with two years of time of hire. Prefer one to two years' experience serving child populations in the areas of child development, early childhood education, principals of child health, safety and nutrition, adult learning principals and family dynamics. Prefer experience working with children and families, preferably in Native American communities. Must have valid WADL.

Human Resources

Training & Development Coordinator

Bachelor's degree in organizational development, education, human resources, business administration or related field and five years experience teaching or facilitation required. APHR, SPHR or SHRM certification preferred. THRP certification required within six months of employment. Must have a valid WADL. Prefer experience with American Indian/Alaska Native communities.

Wellness Center

Billing & Coding Specialist

High school diploma or GED and a minimum of three years of recent verifiable experience with third-party billing using

current billing standards required. Must have a minimum of two years of experience working within electronic health records. Certificate in billing or coding preferred. Prefer experience with American Indian/Alaska Native communities.

On-Call Childcare Aide

High school diploma or GED required. Must have a valid WADL. Prefer experience with American Indian/Alaska Native communities.

On-Call Front Desk

High school diploma or GED required. Must have a valid WADL. Prefer experience with American Indian/Alaska Native communities

Contact: Courtney Bushnell for any job descriptions at 360-709-180, 360-273-3861 (fax), recruiting@chehalistribe.org.

Chehalis Tribal Enterprises

Staff Accountant

Complete timely and accurate balance sheet account analysis and reconciliations. Prepare accrual, reversing and adjusting journal entries as needed. Responsible for assisting in the month-end and year-end closing process to ensure financial statements are thorough and accurate. Able to manage multiple projects and deadlines maintaining accuracy simultaneously.

Confederated Construction Company

Contracts Administrative Specialist

Must have three years of experience in a professional office setting as contracts administrator support duties. Some accounting experience required.

Send your resume to: hyanito@chehalistribe.com, 360-273-1251, 360-273-6665 (fax), 18120 Anderson Road S.W., Oakville, WA 98568.

*** Employment opportunities are all open until filled.**



SPIPA-Native Women's Wellness Program Intertribal Breast Cancer Walk

OCT. 12

REGISTRATION 10 A.M.,
WALK 10:30 A.M.-2 P.M.

Chehalis Tribal Community Center

Contact: Community Wellness Manager Christina Hicks at 360-709-1741 or chicks@chehalistribe.org.

Volunteers are needed: If you can help set up and clean up or are a breast cancer survivor who would like to share your story, please call.

- Incentives
- T-shirts
- Photo booth
- Raffles
- Cancer survivor story
- Honoring cancer survivors
- Lunch
- Cancer education/pledges
- Bring the whole family!

Are you due for a mammogram?

DEC. 7

10 A.M.-NOON
4525 S. 19th St. Tacoma

What: SPIPA Health & Wellness is partnering with Carol Milgard Breast Center to provide mammograms.

To sign up: Contact SPIPA NWWP Coordinator Delia Culp at 360-426-3406 or 360-968-3768. Carol Milgard Breast Center will contact you to schedule once NWWP Screening forms are done. Walk ins are not accepted. Patients are required to be scheduled by Nov. 22.

Women age 40 and older are eligible to receive mammogram services if:

- No breast pain
- No new breast lumps or concerns
- Meet income guidelines
- Photo ID

If you don't have insurance, SPIPA will pay for services. If you have insurance, SPIPA covers co-pays and out-of-pocket costs. Help with transportation and gas is available.



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VISION STATEMENT

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



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IN LOVING MEMORY



Rueben E. Lopez

Sept. 16, 1985-Sept. 1, 2024

Rueben E. Lopez was born on
Sept. 16, 1985, and passed away on
Sept. 1, 2024, at the age of 38.

A candlelight service was held for
him on Sept. 5. A funeral service was
held for Rueben on Sept. 6 at the
Chehalis Tribal Community Center.

He was buried and laid to rest at
the Grand Mound Cemetery.



Meet new Wellness Center lead

I am Jovan Salazar.
I was born and
raised in Houston,
Texas, as part of a
large family of eight
with six brothers
and two sisters. I am
a dedicated family
man and have been
married for 12 years
with three children
and another on the
way.

My passion for
health care stems
from more than two
decades of service to
my country, including
10 years as a flight
paramedic, during which I completed
four combat tours in Iraq and
Afghanistan.

For the past 12 years, I have
managed and led health care clinics
and hospitals, ensuring the highest
quality of care for patients.

After retiring from 22 years of
military service, I transitioned to
the Chehalis Tribe and now serve
as director of the Chehalis Tribal
Wellness Center.

I remain committed to providing
the exceptional care the community
deserves. If you have any concerns or
issues, I am always available to help.



Jovan Salazar,
Wellness Center
Director