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Handmade items and connections were created at Behavioral Health's Suicide Prevention and Awareness event.



The Chehalis Tribe congratulates Harold Chesnin on his 38 years of service.

Cultural resiliency

Vibrant community gathering encourages suicide prevention awareness

By Bobbie Bush

The day was bright, clear and cold on Jan. 18 as Chehalis Tribe's Behavioral Health hosted a Suicide Prevention and Awareness event at the Community Center.

The gathering was presented by Native Connections

Coordinator Melanee Stevens with help from a great group of volunteers.

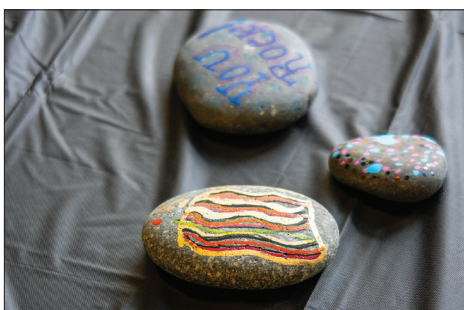
Nine community engagement stations offered cultural activities for 48 attendees, including materials and guidance to craft:

- Elderberry syrup
- Bath and foot soaks salts

- Fire cider
- Drums
- Dream catchers
- Beading
- Painting fabric bags
- Painting rocks
- Painting mini canvases

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From intricate dream catchers to colorful painted rocks, the event brought out the best in participants as they worked on art projects.



Best wishes for longtime attorney

Harold Chesnin retires after decades with Tribe

By Bobbie Bush

On Jan. 3, Chehalis Tribal staff gathered to offer hearty congratulations to Harold Chesnin on his retirement as Lead Counsel after 38 years of service.

Through the years, Harold's commitment and dedication to the development and protection of the Tribal Government while working in the Office of Tribal Attorney has been greatly appreciated.

When asked how he decided to become an attorney, Harold explained that he first majored in American and British history in college. Limited employment opportunities in those fields led Harold to a career as an attorney.

The Chehalis Tribe's Business Committee members expressed good luck wishes to the longtime attorney. Chairman Dustin

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Novalee Allison-Sancheez

Jennifer Bird

Michael Boyd

Daryl Boyd Sr.

Mia Boyd

Kelsey Bray

Virginia Canales

Luke Cayenne

Linkin Charles

Journee Charles-Cayenne

Amy Coats

Terry Coleman

Tommy Colson

Layne Colson

Marla Conwell

Levi Dupuis

Mary Dupuis

Axel Falk

Norma Flores

Xavier Flores

Timothy Garza

Margaret Gleason

Kiernan Gleason

Tom Hayden Jr.

Kimberly Heck

Shadow Hernandez

Halisa Higheagle

Lilia Hoheisel

Alayna Jespersen

Mackenzie Jones

Shyloh Kinkade

Tyler Klatush

Karen LeClair

Charlotte Lopez

Bradyn Lopez

Renaldo Lopez Jr.

Yevgeni Lukianov

Chaon MacDougall

Dakota Marcellay

Shelby McCrory

Aalyiah Meddaugh

Catherine Nemeth

Devin Olney

Albert Ortivez III

Albert Ortivez-Hicks

Sabrina Owens

Kilynn Owens

Meadow Owens-Ippish

Baily Parkinson

Chase Perez

Amari Pickernell

Steven Pickernell

Stephanie Pickernell

Bonnie Quirke

Jennifer Revay

Joseph Revay Jr.

Rita Rivera-Hernandez

Zedikiah Sanchez

Raymond Secena Jr.

Shaylah Seymour

Fredrick Shortman

Atticus Simmons

Patrick Simmons Jr.

Jerrie Simmons

Cheryle Starr

Catherine Starr-Scott

Mei-lien Tanner

Christopher Teague

Carla Thomas

Star Thomas

Sharon Tolbert

Mariah Vassar

Kesawin Washburn

Ryan White Eagle Jr.

Dakota Wilkins

Riley Youckton

Stevie Youckton

Coleton Youckton

Zayden Youckton

Kayden Youckton

Andrea Youckton



RESILIENCY

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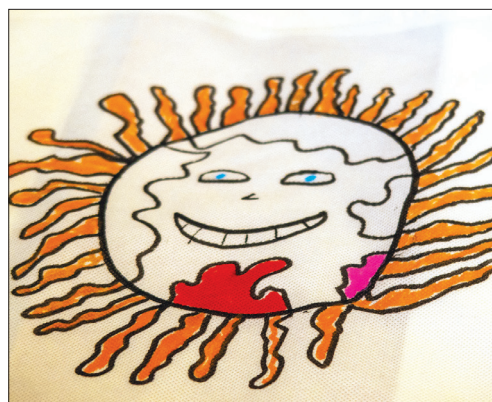
Amazing artwork was created, families and friends laughed and cried a little. The topic of suicide was very much in hearts and minds as Chehalis Tribal and community members worked on projects.

The group welcomed guest Damian Castellane, a Puyallup Tribal member who spoke at length with youth during the event. Damian played Ruckus Largo in the LeBron James-produced Netflix movie "Rez Ball." The inspirational film is about a Native basketball team that faces challenges after the team's captain dies by suicide. This is not an easy topic to discuss, write about or make a movie about community response, but it is an important one. Damien grew up around Squaxin Island Tribe and Skokomish Tribes. He is from the Satiacum family in Puyallup.

Panera lunch was delivered thanks to Christina Hicks. Dinner was provided by the Native Connections program with fish cooked by Buck-Buck Ortez and crew. After dinner, attendees watched "Rez Ball" together.

You might wonder why the community engagement activities were scheduled with a movie viewing about Native basketball. Prevention and awareness of suicide provided the motivation.

This thought occurred to me as the movie was being cued up for the group: "Working through our cultural practices and learning how to cope with powerful feelings of anger, grief, loss, hatred, love, infatuation and longing to belong are the key tools to enabling resiliency for myself, my family, my Tribe and community."



Puyallup tribal member Damian Castellane, who was featured in the movie "Rez Ball," spoke with youth during Behavioral Health's Suicide Prevention and Awareness event on Jan. 18. Participants worked together to build community resiliency through cultural activities.



'This has been an amazing place to work'

Tribe bids a fond farewell to Building Officer Don Terry

By Frazier Myer

Chehalis Tribal Government held a retirement party for Don Terry on Jan. 9.

Don has worked in the Planning department as Chief Building Officer for more than 18 years.

Dozens of Don's friends, family members, co-workers and colleagues gathered inside the Tribal Center to celebrate his next chapter. Chairman Dustin Klatush started by recognizing Don and all the success he's had with the Tribe.

Planning Director Amy Loudermilk explained that Don has been working with the Tribe full-time since 2006 but has worked with the Chehalis Tribal Government on various projects as a contractor since 1994.

Don has been a part of every construction project on the Chehalis Reservation for the past 30 years.

"He's always had the Tribe's best interest at heart," Amy said.

Many other Tribal employees spoke during the retirement party and took time to share their appreciation for everything Don has done through the years.

Planning department co-



For 30 years, Building Officer Don Terry had a role in construction projects on the Chehalis Reservation.

workers expressed their thoughts and thanks. Diana Pickernell and Marla Medina gifted Don with a Chehalis Tribal Canoe Paddle. Don also received a beaded medallion from Chairman Klatush.

Don spoke about his time with the tribe. He said, "This has been an amazing place to work. My heart's definitely here."

Don officially retired on Jan. 10.



“He's always had the Tribe's best interest at heart.”
— AMY LOUDERMILK,
PLANNING DIRECTOR

BEST WISHES

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Klatush, Sheilah Bray, Cheryle Starr and Farley Youckton all shared their deep appreciation for the work that Harold has helped with on the Chehalis Reservation.

Several staff members shook hands and congratulated Harold on his life's work. He was then presented with a beautiful cedar hat that Chairman Klatush said was the first one he had ever made.

When asked what he planned to do moving forward, Harold said he might do some volunteering. "Thank you very much, I really appreciate it."

Congratulations and good luck in all of your endeavors Harold.



Harold Chesnin retired as Lead Counsel in the Chehalis Tribe's Office of Tribal Attorney after offering a wealth of legal counsel since 1976.



By Natalie Thomson

END OF THE TRAIL STORES

As of Jan. 31, EOT2 has started accepting SNAP EBT!

SNAP benefits can buy food for you and your household, such as bread, cereal, vegetables, fruit, meat, fish, poultry, dairy products, seeds and plants.

SNAP benefits can't be used for beer, wine, liquor, cigarettes, tobacco or any non-food items, such as pet items, soap, paper products, household supplies, vitamins, medicine and hot food.

TALKING CEDAR BREWERY & DISTILLERY

Sip Magazine awarded medals to Talking Cedar in its 13th annual Best of the Northwest Spirits Awards.

PLATINUM

Ginger Drop:
Platinum
in flavored
whiskey

DOUBLE GOLD

Kayak Gin:
Double
gold in gin

DOUBLE GOLD

Cabin Coffee:
Double
gold in
flavored
whiskey

SILVER

Blenders:
Silver in
whiskey



TALKING CEDAR RESTAURANT

February specials:

Appetizer – Sesame Crusted Ahi

Entrees – Pesto Lobster Ravioli, Smoked and Stuffed Pork Tenderloin

Dessert – Blueberry Creme Brulee

Cocktail – Casino Royale, Peach and Honey Hard Iced Tea.

Visit talkingcedar.com/restaurant to see the full menu.

Live music

Enjoy exciting musical acts from 6-8 p.m. each Thursday.



TEAM MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Tony Field has worked for Talking Cedar Restaurant since it opened in 2020. As Executive Chef, he has dedicated himself to his job and can often be found working around the clock to keep the place going. Tony's extensive culinary expertise is used

to curate new specials each month. Outside of work, Tony enjoys golfing and working on cars in his auto shop. Thank you Tony for all you do for Talking Cedar. We really appreciate all of your hard work and dedication to the Tribe.



Follow us on social media @ChehalisTribalEnterprises

Oakville girls give it their best shot

Many Chehalis Tribal members and community members played Oakville High School basketball this season. Oakville girls' basketball team lost in overtime 41-39 against Columbia Adventist Academy on Jan. 28. Senior Night for OHS basketball was Feb. 6.



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:
March 6

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

Happy feet, good health

DR. DEBORAH BEHRE WILL OFFER PODIATRIST CLINICS AT THE CHEHALIS TRIBAL WELLNESS CENTER ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

CLINIC DATES

⇒ **Feb. 18:** 1-4:30 p.m. ⇒ **Apr. 8:** 8 a.m.-noon
⇒ **Mar. 4:** 8 a.m.-noon ⇒ **Apr. 22:** 1-4:30 p.m.
⇒ **Mar. 18:** 1-4:30 p.m.

Podiatrists diagnose and treat conditions of the foot, ankle and related structures of the leg. They are the most qualified doctors to care for your feet. They go through four years of training in a podiatric medical school and three years of hospital residency training. Don't miss your chance to be seen by Dr. Behre.

CALL THE CHEHALIS TRIBAL WELLNESS CENTER AT 360-273-5504 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT



USDA FOOD PICKUP

**11 A.M.-2 P.M. FEB. 21
COMMUNITY CENTER**

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



MORE INFORMATION: CALL 360-426-3990



PAVE YOUR WAY TO HOME OWNERSHIP

Become an empowered home buyer!

10 A.M.-1 P.M. SATURDAY, FEB. 15

THE HEALING HOUSE
12615 HWY, 12 S.W. ROCHESTER
WA 98579



HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- The basics of homeownership
- Financial preparation
- The home buying process
- Types of loans, financing options
- Understanding legal, contractual obligations
- Maintaining your home
- Long-term planning
- Resources for first-time home buyers

REGISTER NOW

**CALL 360-709-1631 OR EMAIL
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TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!**

Brick by Brick

PAVING THE WAY TO FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION, COACHING AND FAIR LENDING

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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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Vice Chairwoman: Sheilah Bray
Treasurer: Farley Youckton
Secretary: Cheryle Starr
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Thomas Trott

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Are you due for a mammogram?

9 A.M.-3 P.M. MARCH 27

Assured Imaging will be at the
Chehalis Reservation. Women age
40 and older are eligible to use the
Swedish Mobile
Mammography bus if they:

- Meet income guidelines
- Bring photo ID, insurance card
- Have no new lumps or concerns
- Fill out SPIPA forms
- Are able to stand for exam

CONTACT: Call CTWC at 360-273-
5504 to schedule your mammogram

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

NATIVE WOMEN'S HEALTH
PROGRAM-CHEHALIS TRIBAL
WELLNESS CENTER



ALL NATIVE MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

MARCH 7-9

CHEHALIS TRIBAL
COMMUNITY CENTER
461 SECENA ROAD,
OAKVILLE

COST

\$350 entry fee must be
paid before first game
(make all checks payable
to Chehalis Tribe)

True double

Mens All Native + 1 token

1st-4th place awards

MVP and All-Stars

Questions? Contact Philip
Youckton at pyouckton@chehalis-tribe.org
or text
360-688-3380



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