



CHEHALIS TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

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

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Participants craft beautiful designs during the Hazel Pete Winter Weaving Conference.

Glorious winter weaving

By Frazier Myer

Dozens of people gathered for the 2026 Hazel Pete Winter Weaving Conference to learn weaving skills and techniques from Master Weavers on Feb. 13-14 at the Chehalis Tribal Community Center.

Hazel Pete was a Chehalis Tribal member known for her unique skills of weaving and basket designs. The baskets and artifacts are made from natural material such as cedar and sweetgrass that is harvested by Natives throughout the year. Hazel passed on her skills and love for creating Tribal art to her children and Pacific Northwest Tribal community. Her family's lineage has carried on her teaching for generations and continue the tradition at weaving events.

During the two-day conference, weavers of all skill levels enjoyed each other's company and created various types of art.



DYNAMIC CLASSES

- Cedar, derby hat
- Sweetgrass weaving: medallion, coin purse
- Cedar headband
- Cedar "X" stitch
- Cedar hearts
- Paint cedar items: paddles, boxes
- Loom beading: bracelet, sun catcher
- Rawhide rattles, bouquets
- Beaded headbands

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Maggie Sanders
Chehalis Tribe General Manager

GM: It's an 'honor to serve'

Maggie Sanders to empower community

Good morning,

My name is Maggie Sanders; I am honored to join the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation as your new General Manager.

The dedication you show to The People of the Sands and the community is inspiring. My goal is to support our departments in achieving the long-term vision of the Business Committee.

I have scheduled time to meet with each department to learn more about ongoing projects and how I can best support your work. I am looking forward to overseeing the tribe's diverse government operations, supporting the strategic vision and community empowerment. It is my honor to serve the Chehalis community and look forward to working with our dedicated staff to achieve the Tribe's goals into the future.

Respectfully,
General Manager
Maggie Sanders



Weaving Conference



Photos by Frazier Myer

One-of-a-kind textiles are created and celebrated during the Hazel Pete Winter Weaving Conference.



We are hiring! Find career listings at chehalistribalenterprises.com

By Shelby McCrory

CONFEDERATED CONSTRUCTION CREW

This month, we're highlighting a major infrastructure project delivered by CCC that reflects our commitment to tribal partnership, environmental stewardship and community-focused development. The Skokomish T3ba'Das Waterline Extension is a \$2.5M+ project installing about 8,800 linear feet of waterline along U.S. Highway 101 to connect two existing water systems on the Skokomish Reservation.

The project will improve water system reliability and support future residential and community growth while meeting all stormwater and Endangered Species Act requirements. Guided by close collaboration with the Skokomish Tribe, construction is proceeding with careful attention to cultural and environmental sensitivities and remains on schedule for completion by June 30.

TALKING CEDAR BREWERY & DISTILLERY

Excitement surrounds the announcement of several major updates as the brewery and distillery grow and gain momentum in production, sales and brand recognition.

To strengthen presence in the Seattle market, a new On-Premise Sales Manager has been hired to focus on expanding sales with bars and restaurants while also coordinating events throughout Washington.

On the spirits side, the newest release – Triple Sec – is officially bottled and ready for sale. A partnership with Chris Elford, a James Beard award-winning bar owner and cocktail developer, is set to help launch the spirits during Cocktail Week, bringing high-profile exposure to the brand.



END OF THE TRAIL STORES

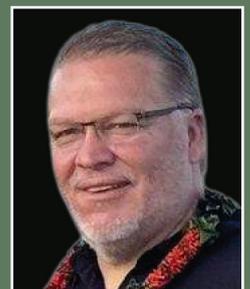
The EOT 4 deli has expanded its hours! It is now open 4 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on weekends, giving customers more opportunities to stop by and grab their favorites. The menu now includes made-to-order Angus cheeseburgers, grilled fresh and tailored to your preferences. Stay tuned for additional menu items coming soon.

TEAM MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to **Daryl Boyd**. He has been a valued member of our team since September 2024 and is now a PIC at the End of the Trail Store 3.

Daryl is a true team player who is always willing to step in and cover shifts when needed and consistently demonstrates strong leadership skills. As he becomes more involved in the day-to-day operations of the store, his dedication and positive attitude make a meaningful impact. Daryl has a bright future ahead at End of the Trail.

What he likes most about his role is working with the public and being part of a positive work environment fostered by his manager and co-workers. He values the opportunity to learn and grow with his team and appreciates the support and shared knowledge. Daryl enjoys traveling and spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren.



EARLY LEARNING

Spots still available this year, 2026-27 opens soon

Chehalis Tribal Head Start & Early Head Start are federally funded, family focused and community-oriented programs meeting the school readiness, social, emotional, health and nutritional needs of income eligible children and families. We still have openings available for this year and will begin registering children for the 2026-27 school year shortly.

What can our program offer your family?

- Free, full-time classes Monday-Thursday, 8-3:30 p.m. for children ages 6 weeks-5 years.
- Free breakfast, lunch & snack for all ages.
- Diapers, pull-ups, wipes, baby food and formula provided at no cost during the school day.
- Large, vibrant classrooms with new learning materials.
- Two expansive, age-appropriate playgrounds with new equipment and toys.
- Chehalis Tribal language and culture implemented.
- On-site health and developmental screenings.
- Creative Curriculum used in classroom lesson planning.
- Special services on site for kids who need



Individual Education Plans (IEP, 3-5 years) and Individual Family Services Plans (IFSP, 0-3 years).

- At-home learning kits sent home monthly (books, activities, developmental information, etc.).
- Family engagement events and activities throughout the school year (fishing, graduation, holiday celebrations, family nights, field trips for all ages, etc.).
- Federally funded program, embedded in our community since 1965.

- Safe and secure learning environment
- All children welcome
- Bus transportation for ages 3-5
- Expectant Mothers Program with prenatal and postpartum guidance
- Full-time classes with qualified, friendly staff

SIGN UP NOW!
 Chehalis Tribal Early Learning is at 420 Howanut Road, Oakville.
 Call 360-273-5514,
 fax 360-273-0510.



Wellness Center

Patient Access Technician

High school diploma or GED and one year of experience working in an office setting required. Further education/training in typing, general office procedures, word processing and personal computing preferred. Experience with American Indian/Alaska Native communities preferred. Must have a valid WADL. Open until filled.

Education

Early Head Start Family Services/ Education Coordinator

Bachelor's degree in early childhood education or closely related field is required. Must have two years experience working with children and families, preferably in Native American Communities. Prefer experience in Head Start/Early Head Start programs. Must have a valid WADL. Open until filled.

Early Head Start Teacher

High school diploma and one of the following: CDA credential or state-awarded certificate that meets or exceeds the requirements for a CDA credential, are enrolled in a program that will lead to an associate or baccalaureate degree or are enrolled in a CDA credential program to be completed within two years of the time of hire. In addition, prefer two years' experience serving child populations in the areas of child development, early childhood education, principals of child health, safety and nutrition, adult learning principles and family dynamics. Experience working with children and families in Native American communities preferred. Must have a valid WADL. Open until filled.

Public Safety

Lateral law Enforcement Officer

High school diploma or GED equivalent required. Advanced education is preferred. Must meet physical evaluation board standards upon hire. **For lateral position:** Basic Police Academy Certification recognized by the State of Washington or Bureau of Indian Affairs Basic Police Program required. Two years directly related experience as a police officer

Career opportunities

required. Prefer experience with American Indian/Alaska Native communities. Must have a valid WADL. Open until filled.

Human Resources

Benefits Coordinator I

An associate degree in human resources or related field and three years experience in benefits administration required. Bachelor's degree preferred. Prefer experience with American Indian/Alaska Native communities. Must have a valid WADL. Open until filled.

End of the Trail Stores

Graveyard Facilities Technician

Responsible for maintaining the day-to-day operations of store location by performing general maintenance tasks and ensuring all facilities are clean, safe and operating efficiently. Requires the ability to work independently while effectively managing multiple priorities in a fast-paced environment. General experience in related fields relevant to the responsibilities of this position is expected. Will also perform other duties as assigned, including assisting store clerks as needed.

On-call positions

On-Call Child Care Aide

High school diploma or GED required. Prefer experience working with children and families, preferably in Native American Communities. Open until filled.

On-Call Front Desk

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

The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation applies a Chehalis Tribal member and Native American preference policy to all employment opportunities.

Fundraiser

For dog and cat spay/neuters



Rez Animal Resources & Education

Helping dogs and cats on the Chehalis, Nisqually, Skokomish, Squaxin Island, and Shoalwater Bay Indian Reservations



Native Art Market

March 7 & 8
10am - 4pm

Chehalis Tribe Community Center
461 Secena Rd, Oakville

- ◆ Native Art
- ◆ Jewelry
- ◆ Clothing
- ◆ Food
- ◆ And More!

We're in need of raffle items for the event! To donate please contact info@rezanimals.com



Vending space available

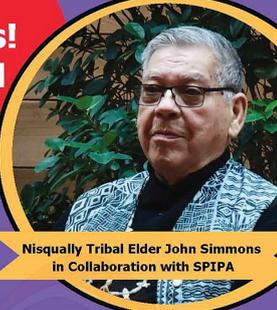
Spaces 8x8 (\$40 each) email spring.art.market@gmail.com to reserve your spot



Join Us!
MARCH 30TH



Rescheduled!
Intertribal Men's Health Listening & Talking: Cancer 101 Session



Nisqually Tribal Elder John Simmons
in Collaboration with SPIPA

Men and Their Caregivers: A Special Event in Nisqually!

Join us for an evening of learning, connection, and community!

Discover valuable information about different cancers in an interactive session led by a trusted healthcare professional.

What's in store?

- A welcoming space for men to connect, share stories, and support each other
- Breakout sessions for caregivers with Nisqually's Caregiving Specialist, Juanita Banuelos
- Delicious dinner, exciting raffle prizes, and a \$15 gift card for completing a quick Men's Wellness & Health Assessment

Questions?
Contact Cher Castello

 360.550.6224

 ccastello@spipa.org

WHEN & WHERE:

- Monday, March 30, 2026
- 5:30pm - 7:00pm
- Nisqually Elder's Building Lunchroom
4820 Journey St SE, Olympia, WA 98513



Raffle Items:




Fishing Basket

“ We wanted to have more tribal memorabilia and more representation up on our hallways and in our building that represent the Tribe. ”

RICH STALEY, OAKVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT



Oakville High School Indian Education Coordinator Dan Penn stood with the Chehalis Canoe Family as they honored Fred with a lovely coastal Salish song.

Fred Shortman paddles TO OAKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Chehalis artist's meaningful gift will grace the walls of OHS and celebrate tribal cultural representation

By Bobbie Bush

A group of Chehalis Tribal Elders and leaders, along with students and educators gathered Jan. 30 inside Oakville High School's big gym for an assembly.

Superintendent Rich Staley welcomed everyone and emphasized the need for respect and focus during the presentation of five carved and painted cedar paddles created by Fred Shortman to the school.

"We wanted to have more tribal memorabilia and more representation up on our hallways and in our building that represent the Tribe. There are five paddles that were commissioned to be created for and displayed in our school. So, you're going to hear that story and how that came to be," Staley said.

Oakville High School Indian Education Coordinator Dan Penn welcomed the group.

"It is the responsibility of the artist to create items that will carry on the cultural identity of the people. In our cultural practices and our oral traditions, we use a number of ways of remembering, sometimes it's smells, sometimes it's songs, and sometimes it's items like this. Prayer opened his heart to produce these things for all of you, young people and the ones that will come through the doors here after to be able to know about our communities, about this place and the stories of this land," he explained.

Fred Shortman then addressed the audience. "Hi guys, I am Fred Shortman. I've been involved with the Oakville community for a while from

coaching Little League to coaching football. And I was honored to be asked to create these paddles, even though I had no idea what to do," Fred said.

"It seems crazy, but each paddle was made from second growth red cedar. Grandmother Cedar gives her grandchildren: the bark to weave baskets and hats; she provides shade to keep us cool; she keeps us dry from the rain and protects us out of the sun. (These are the beautiful gifts that she shares with us.) In the old days, the animals used to talk. Now we must listen to and figure out their language and message. So, in that aspect, I use language powerfully. I'll discuss the stories. So, with the strength of our people, we listen and learn," he continued.

Volunteer students Micah and Petey displayed the paddles as Fred described them and shared the story of each image and how each design represents aspects of cultural knowledge and qualities of Spirit.

Students and staff welcomed Chehalis Tribal artist Fred Shortman, who crafted five red cedar paddles that will be displayed inside the school commons. The art is a rich example of tribal heritage, storytelling and strong community connections.



- Bear Spirit:** Embodies strength, courage, communication and protection.
- Chehalis Basket:** Has the Blue Mountain design and represents the Tribe and Oakville community weaving together connections.
- Eagle:** Power, nobility, integrity, clarity of vision and the ability to thrash out the clutter of the world.
- Salmon:** Shows sustenance, endurance, abundance and survivorship.
- Acorns:** "And the last one, of course, is the acorns. Everybody knows what the acorns are, right? Who are we? Acorns! That's right! We go nuts!" was the joke Fred shared.

The emphasis was on how each paddle is part of a whole and how the parts are woven together for the betterment of all communities. Each paddle has a "web design" carved into the main design to show the connection.

Finally, Fred was asked to rise. An Acorns blanket was wrapped around him by Dan and Glenda Comeonout. The Chehalis Canoe Family youth sang a beautiful coastal Salish song honoring Fred for sharing his stories and art.

"Our older cousin, and he's mentored many of us over the years. His gifts, his words and how he allows us to get through things today. We can offer your song to help hold you up, give you a little bit of medicine. I'll be standing strong as you move forward. Here is a little explanation of that song. That song belongs to Pete's father. And so that's why we asked him to lead that song. It's nerve-wracking for our youth to come up and do this in front of their peers. It's a very real sense

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Woven works of art

Class guides participants through intricate process of creating coiled baskets

By Bobbie Bush

Trudy Marcellay, Chehalis Tribal Heritage & Culture Coordinator, taught a coiled basket class on Jan. 22 at the Elders Building.

She introduced the instruction portion of the class to the seven attendees with a background of coiled baskets and how materials have been adapted to meet market demands through time.

Intern preservation officer Nikki Garrety, a student at The Evergreen State College, was introduced to the group. She brought several older baskets from the Tribal archives, some coiled and one twined. Descriptions of materials and techniques were provided by Trudy.

It was explained that weavers have their own style. Signature marks and techniques were used to help keep a tangible record of their works. Icons were done in geometric designs in sets of five for the Sacred number. There were five salmon runs, main housing sites, village sites and prairies from the base of Mount Rainier to the ocean for our people.

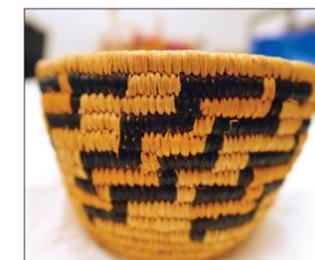
Children would sit with basket makers in their family and only make the bottoms for a long time. One of our Elders said all he ever did was weave the bottoms. He never created a full basket. Those in the family who were gifted weavers would take over that job.

Other family members would hunt, gather, fish, work, take care of babies and all the other tasks necessary to support the basket makers. After contact, basket makers modified their patterns to what the settlers desired. These new patterns were often based on needlework or embroidery patterns and were easily adapted to coiled or twined basketry.

The group will be dyeing their own raffia this spring. Natural raffia is easy to come by, but dyeing the material takes time. Cattail was used inside the ribs of the coil. Historically, the Chehalis Tribe used sweetgrass over sweetgrass for coiled basket construction.

Each student was asked to bring a basket kit or bag to the next class. Kits needed to include scissors, big-eye tapestry needles, a spray bottle for water, patterns or photos of baskets, cloth Band-Aids, a thimble (if desired) and wipes.

Heritage & Culture classes with Trudy run every two weeks and are open to the Tribal community.



Left: Basket examples of geometric designs used before contact. Top: Baskets based on needlepoint and embroidery patterns.



Chehalis Tribal artist Fred Shortman designed and crafted five red cedar paddles (from left): Bear Spirit, Chehalis Basket, Salmon, Eagle and Acorns.

PADDLES

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of vulnerability, but they're showing you their true identity, their true self. And so, when you see these ones, feel free to ask them, 'Hey, can you sing for me?' Let them know about that because that's how they get on with each other," Glenda said.

Dan asked Chehalis Tribe Chairman Dustin Klatush to say a few words.

"My old school, man. I am an Acorn. Always be an Acorn. Acorn pride, let's go! I played basketball at the school. Thank you, guys. These kids are in your hands.

Thank you to our Elders here also," Dustin said.

Near the end of the presentation, Fred asked the superintendent to come forward.

"Hope you are a Seahawks fan! I know a bunch of people would take that from you. That's the Williams Creek old growth red cedar," he said as he placed a carved paddle necklace over Rich's head.

"All right, so these five paddles are going to get hung up in the high school or middle school cafeteria shortly. So, with that, thank you for your attention. You guys did an amazing job. So, give yourselves a round of applause for it," Rich said.

PROTECTING OUR ELDER

WHAT IS EXPLOITATION?

When someone takes advantage of an Elder for their own benefit. This can include:

- Misuse of money property, benefits, personal resources
- Using manipulation, pressure, or threats to control decisions
- Exploitation can be committed by anyone, including family, friends, caregivers or others who seem trustworthy

TYPES

- Taking money, per capita, or benefits without permission
- Pressuring an Elder to give money, loans or gifts
- Misusing debit cards, checks or bank accounts
- Forcing or manipulating someone to sign documents
- Using intimidation, guilt or fear to gain control

If you are concerned about exploitation or if you believe you or someone you know might be experiencing exploitation, please reach out to Chehalis Tribal Social Services. You do not have to handle this alone.

CONTACT US

Melanie Hjelm: Front Desk, 360-709-1632

Ryan Lyle: APS Social Worker, 360-709-1745

Amy Mendoza: Interim Director, 360-878-4904

All calls are taken seriously. Asking for help is a sign of strength.

WIC services through SPIPA



ABOUT: Organization meets the special nutritional needs of pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum moms, infants and kids up to age 5.

NEXT DATE:
March 12

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

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



INCOME TAX FILING FOR CHEHALIS TRIBAL ELDER (55+)

Appointments are available by appointment only, with one-hour time slots between 10:30 AM and 4 PM

Location:
Chehalis Tribal Elders Center
57 Niederman Rd
Oakville, WA 98568

*Tax services donated by Lisa Rivera, CPA

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!
Email: ctlf@ctloanfund.org
Phone: (360)226-0619

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Hudson Adams
Novalee Allison-Sanchez
Jennifer Bird
Michael Boyd
Daryl Boyd Sr.
Mia Boyd
Virginia Canales
Luke Cayenne
Linkin Charles
Journey Charles-Cayenne
Amy Coats
Terry Coleman
Tommy Colson
Layne Colson
Marla Conwell
Layne Dupuis
Mary Dupuis
Axel Falk
Norma Flores
Timothy Garza
Margaret Gleason
Kiernan Gleason
Tom Hayden Jr.
Kimberly Heck
Shadow Hernandez
Halisa Higheagle
Lilia Hoheisel
Kelsey Holland
Alayna Jespersion
Mackenzie Jones
Shyloh Kinkade
Tyler Klatush
Karen LeClaire

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
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 Teaque
Carla Thomas
Star Thomas
Sharon Tolbert
Mariah Vassar

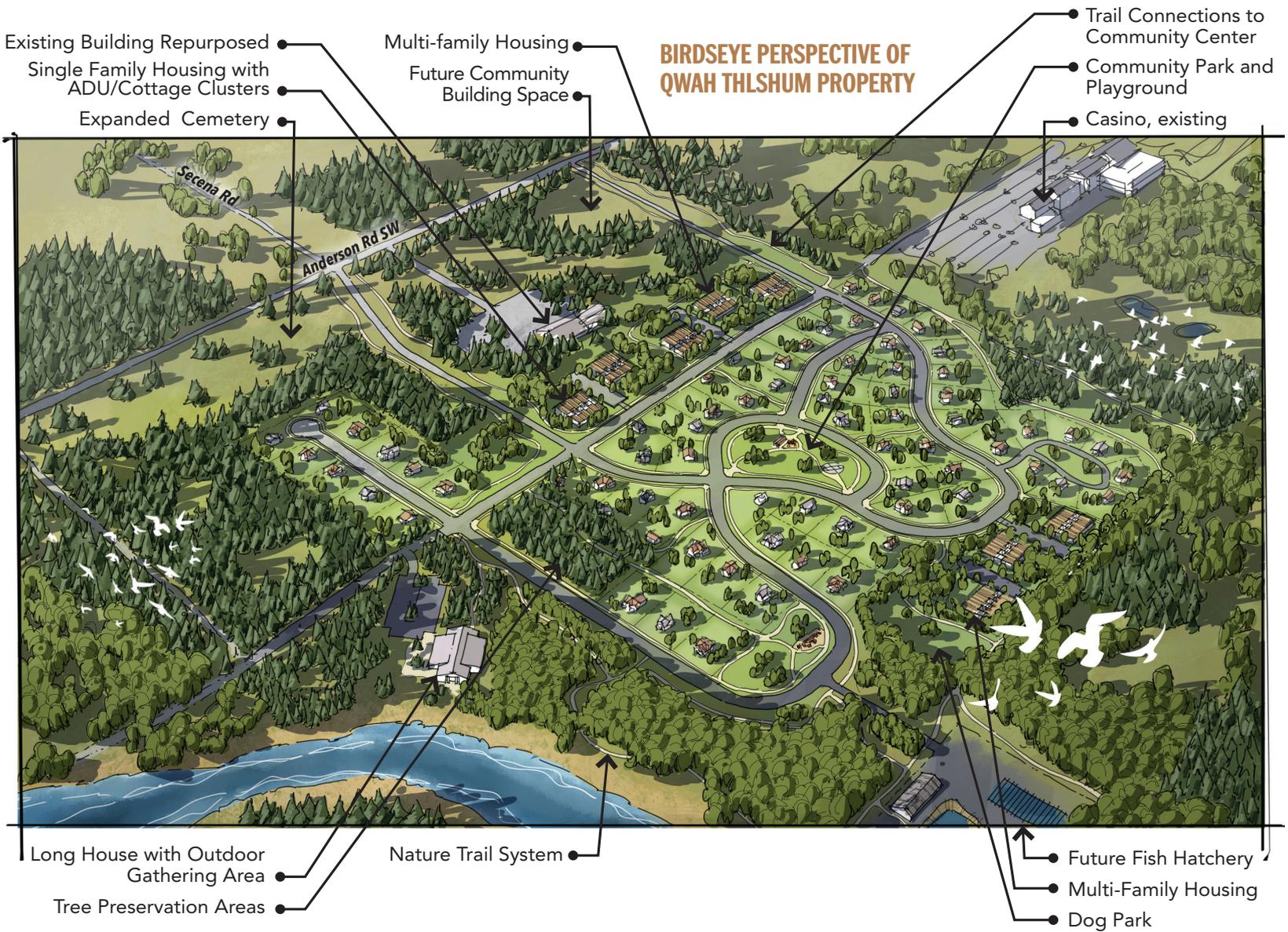
Kesawin Washburn
Ryan White Eagle Jr.
Dakota Wilkins
Stevie Youckton
Coleton Youckton
Zayden Youckton
Kayden Youckton
Andrea Youckton

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@chehalistride.org.



HOUSING



Exciting plans for qwah THLshum

By Bobbie Bush

Infrastructure development for qwah THLshum, which means “People of a Village,” will begin this spring and summer.

The first phase of creating the safe housing development includes building roads, connecting electricity and constructing and placing fiber optic cables, water and sewer.

The qwah THLshum project will bring to fruition an impressive new neighborhood with 64 housing sites planned for development along with a cemetery expansion, a dog park, nature trail system, long house and a community park with a playground. Some of the sites are smaller for one-to-two-bedroom homes. These sites could be used after the infrastructure is in place through the Home Site Lease Program with the Tribe. Make sure you start planning now!

Of the 64 sites, six are larger and intended for multigenerational families. The more spacious sites



Safe housing and a vibrant neighborhood are coming to the former Briarwood site.



Seeking contractor bids

The Housing Authority is seeking qualified, licensed and insured contractors to submit bids for maintenance and unit turnover work within the Housing program. Work will be assigned on an as-needed basis throughout the contract term.

Scope of work

Projects might include, but are not limited to:

- Small flooring projects (repair, patching, removal and installation of vinyl, laminate or similar materials)
- Unit clean-outs and debris removal
- Interior painting and touch-ups
- Minor repairs related to preparing units for new occupancy
- Haul away and proper disposal of discarded materials

All work must be completed in accordance with applicable building codes, safety standards and Housing Authority policies.

Contractor requirements

- Proof of current licensing and bonding
- Proof of Tribal Vendor License
- Proof of general liability and workers compensation insurance
- Ability to provide timely service and flexible scheduling

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Please submit your bid proposal, rate sheet and required documentation to the Housing Authority office.

Bids will be reviewed based on cost, experience, responsiveness and ability to meet program timelines. The Housing Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

We appreciate your interest and look forward to working with qualified partners to maintain safe, quality housing for our residents.

The office can be reached at 360-273-7723

PLANS

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could be used by families who might want to install mother-in-law units close to the main house.

The renaming of the Briarwood property to qwah THLshum is the result of a survey that Tribal members completed during the annual General Council meeting in November 2025.

There were 83 votes for qwah THLshum; THLach ah y tmsh/thlatchaytumsh “Get back to one’s homeland” had 49 votes; sm aw h qwam umsh/smawquamumsh “People of a prairie” had 43 votes; t AH lay chay qua/Tahlaychayqwa “River side of a prairie” had 33 votes; wayn tin “Place where one stays, living place” had 34 votes and kway lest ah/Kwaylesta/Qwaylesta had nine votes.

CTHA news

By Jeanette Siufanua

The Chehalis Tribal membership is growing out of the income limitations imposed by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as our population grows. The prosperity of our Tribal members break down barriers generation after generation.

Chehalis Tribal Housing Authority discovered earlier this year that the hinderance our people experience is not only housing (the homes specifically) but also our heavy notion that: “You do not meet the income limitations.” That prevents us from expending resources.

For a temporary adjustment, the CTHA made strides to add into our annual Indian Housing Plan an amount of money that would assist the population from 80-100% adjusted median income. Although this is still an imposition of restraints, we can serve a little bit more of the population.



Housing services

- Housing counseling in connection with affordable rental or homeownership.
- Homeless prevention activities, which are short-term subsidies to defray rent and utility bills that families have received.
- Security deposits and/or first month’s rent to permit family to move into an apartment.
- Payments to prevent foreclosure.

This is just a temporary approach until CTHA can generate resources that reach the entire population of Tribal membership and not just an isolated population.

Current projects

Glenda Comenout and Sarra Lyle-Burnett worked diligently to receive funds for development, and many avenues were taken.

However, success finally happened for CTHA when a grant was awarded for the five homes we are working on.

This has been gaining strong momentum with the support of the Board of Commissioners – Philip Youckton, Diana Pickernel, Connie Baker, Sarah Myer and Janessa Bumgarner.

The homes built will be sold to families that reside in our 1937 Act units and will provide a starting point to develop in qwah THLshum after the ground breaking handled by Amy Loudermilk and the Tribal Planning team.

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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.

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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 Chairwoman: Sheilah Bray
Treasurer: Farley Youckton
Secretary: Cheryle Starr
Fifth Council Member: Thomas Trott

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Diaper distribution

Need diapers? You may qualify! Households on or near Tribal lands and enrolled in programs such as WIC, SNAP or TANF might be eligible

WIPES / DIAPERS / PULL-UPS / MORE

SOUTH PUGET SOUND INTERTRIBAL PLANNING AGENCY



MARCH 20

AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER



55+ Chehalis ELDERS LUNCHEON

Thursday, April 16th, 2026
@Lucky Eagle Casino

Doors- 10:00AM
Theme: Sports

Come Dressed in your favorite sports attire

- **Door Prizes**
- **Raffles**
- **Vendors**

Block of rooms available at Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel
Please Call (360)273-2000

MORE INFO  Skye White Eagle
swhiteagle@chehalistribe.org
(360)709-1731



USDA FOOD PICKUP

MARCH 20
10 AM-1:30 PM
COMMUNITY CENTER

If you or a member of your household are enrolled in a federally recognized Tribe or you live within reservation boundaries, you might be eligible for SPIPA's program. The USDA food pickup offers food to fill up your freezer, refrigerator and cupboards. Items are first-come, first-served. Must present Tribal ID

MORE INFORMATION:
CALL 360-426-3990

