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18	19	20	21	22	23	24 COUNCIL MEETING 9:00 AM
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SAVE THE DATE CARRYING BACK NÜWÜ HISTORY

CHEMEHUEVI INDIAN DAYS 2022

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH
TRADITIONAL REGALIA CONTEST AGES 0-5

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

17 MILE ROAD RELAY RUN

MEN & WOMENS HORSESHOE TOURNEY

FAMILY KICKBALL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

SALSA, CHILI BEANS, & FRYBREAD CONTEST

ARCHERY, SWIMMING, CANOE & TUG-OF-WAR CONTEST

TRADITIONAL DANCERS

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CALLING ALL NATIVE ARTIST, & FOOD VENDORS

PLEASE CONTACT: CORI MERRMAN (928) 486-2974 ocmerrymenomyhirc.com

ALL TRADITIONAL DANCE GROUPS ARE WELCOME THIS IS A DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EVENT



FOR MORE INFORMATION: TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION (760)-858-4219 M-F 7:30AM-4:00PM THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD AT NUWUVI PARK

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I would like to take this moment to recognize my daughter Elizabeth Vondriska, who recently received her Paralegal Certificate from UC Irvine.

She is the daughter of Liza Vondriska, Granddaughter of Mary Drum, Great Grandaughter of

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She has worked extremely hard for this while concurrently holding down 2 jobs. We are proud of her continued accomplishments.



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Hello Tribal Members/Community Members,

Monsoon season is here in Chemehuevi Valley California. Microburst with 75 mile per hour winds have been reported. A lot of damage to our community was seen the next day. The light house in the Havasu landing Resort on the Jetty was hit hard. It was ripped from the foundation and ended up in the water. Bleachers from the campground were mangled. Numerous awnings and shade canopies were bent and damaged. And aluminum carports destroyed. Mother Nature showed her fury on this day. With bad days, comes beautiful sunrises. Don't be outside too long because the humidity will get to you. You've got to rehydrate or suffer the consequences of heat exhaustion, or heat stroke.

The Bureau of Land Management has removed 136 head of burros from our area. We should start seeing the effects of the round up soon. Less burros in the roads, and definitely less droppings in your yards.

Watch for Rattlers their still out and about. With the recent rains everything that lives in the ground is on the move.

Keep Hydrated, Stay Safe and Have Fun!!!!

Respectfully Submitted, Frederick Rivera Chief Conservation Officer

Chemehuevi Indian Tribe

Realty Department Newsletter

July 2022

The Realty Department collected over \$257,990.00 in sales commissions and Transfer fees thru July 14,2022.

Realty has only 4 listings available and 1 open escrow.

Realty is currently working on the following projects:

Complete survey of the Tribal Subdivision, Survey is complete. Realty is waiting for the final survey map from the County of San Bernardino. Realty now has addresses for all buildings on the Reservation and is working with San Bernardino County to place the addresses in CommFire and the Thomas Brothers Guide.

Realty has several projects in the preliminary planning stage with site plans and proposals to complete the final engineering for 5th street mobile home park, K street park model park, new storage area located out of the Resort, Enterprise condominium proposal, Mills Road subdivision and the Ranchettes subdivision. Realty has proposals for construction documents on K street, 5th street and the storage area. The cost proposal is being prepared for the Mills Road subdivision.

Realty is reviewing methods and financing to increase the cash flow available to Realty. Tribal Realty is pursuing private Capital Partnership with the Tribe to bring needed Capital to the Projects being planned. Preliminary contacts have been made by Realty.

Realty is also reviewing a "Man Cave facility" to be located behind the overflow parking for the Casino. The Ranchettes large land subdivision is being reviewed and a site plan is being created.

Realty continues to review methods and projects that will increase Tribal cash flow and net income.

Prepared by Tribal Realty Specialist.

From the Education Department Congratulations to all 2022 Graduates

Congratulations to Marisa Lathouris on her graduation Saturday from Nevada State
College with a BAS in Applied Health Science with a Concentration in Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

Congratulations to Dean Michel who is graduating with a Master of Arts in History from Florida State University.

Dean is the son of Ralph and Stacey Michel. Dean is planning on continuing his education seeking a PhD in History also from Florida State. He received the Roberts Adler Endowed Memorial Scholarship and was awarded Honorable Mention of the J. Leitch Wright, Jr. for Excellence in Research and Writing.

Congratulations Caroline Smith on your high school graduation from Pagosa Springs High School in Pagosa, Colorado. She participated in musical theater, dance, and choir at Pagosa where she also lettered in cross country, speech, debate, and drama. She is a member of the National Honor Society and graduates with a 3.5 GPA.

The daughter of Donald and Tish Smith Caroline will be going to Ft. Lewis College in Durango, Colorado this fall to major in musical theater. She was awarded a \$1,500 from the college in theater performance. She is the granddaughter of Donald and Edith Smith.

Congratulations to Jordan Camille Hoover 2022 graduate of Lake Dallas High School in Corinth, Texas.

She is the granddaughter Of Conkie Hoover and the daughter of Dale and Cheryl Hoover. Jordan is attending Texas Women's University in Denton Texas in the fall majoring in business.

Congratulations Ramon Flores 2022 Graduate of Needles High School.

Roman is the son of Anna Drum-Lynch and is the grandson of the late Mary Leivas Drum, great - grandson of Gertrude Hanks Leivas (who was the last known full blooded Chemehuevi). He is the great-great grandson of Henry "Sewendeep" Hanks last known Chemehuevi Chief. He is part of the Na'a (Bighorn) clan.



Congratulations Sony Robinson on your 2022 graduation from Lander Valley

High School.

Sonny Craig Robinson (Lander, WY) a member of the Chemehuevi Tribe graduated in May 2022. He Lettered all 4-years on the LVHS Swim team. The Tigers have been the Wyoming State 3A Champions for 26 years consecutively. He is also a member of the Tiger Marching Band as a trombone player.

Sonny received 3 congressional nominations for the military academy, which is a very high honor. He plans on attending the University of Wyoming to pursue a Mechanical Engineering degree.

He is the son of Rory J. Robinson (Chemehuevi) and Elizabeth Smith. He is the grandson of Spike and Tara Robinson (paternal –WY) and Thelma Smith (maternal –WA).

Congratulations Elena Cardenas on your 2022 graduation from Trevor Browne High School in Phoenix.

Elena says she is job hunting and will be taking college classes in the Fall. Elena is the daughter of Delicia Ibarra, the granddaughter of Delores Atone (Havasu Lake), and the great granddaughter of Rita Cruz.

Congratulations Johnny Gordon, Jr. on your graduation from

IAIA in Santa Fe, New Mexico class of 2022 with a BFA in Museum Studies. At IAIA he participated in the Museum Club. He has also completed several museum internships for his degree.

Johnny is the son of Johnny Gordon, <u>Sr</u> and Aurelia Gil. Johnny is returning to Chemehuevi for the summer to help in the Education and Cultural Centers.

Congratulations to June Marceline Escobar on her 2022 graduation (June 3rd) from Needles High School in Needles California.

June is the daughter of Eduardo and April Escobar of Havasu Lake, California and Great Great granddaughter of Edmond and Angie Antone. Her grandparents are Adam S. Trujillo, Sr. and Lupe Trujillo. Her uncles are Jesse Mendoza and Adam S. Trujillo, Jr.

Upon graduation June will be going into a cosmetology program to qualify for a license in hair braiding.

Congratulations Fayth Mackena Powell on your 2022 graduation from Bixby High School in Bixby, Oklahoma.

While at Bixby Fayth played soccer. She plans on attending Tulsa Community College in the Fall.

She is the daughter of Brandy McCullough and Corey Powell. Her grandparents are Lee McCullough and Martha and John Morrison.

Congratulations Paige Watson who is graduating from Meridian High School in

After graduation Paige will be going to BYU of Idaho to study physical therapy. Her parents are Jared and Rosalie Watson of Meridian.

Congratulations Mikylah Ann Chavez. Mikylah is graduating from Broken Arrow High School in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma with a 3.7 GPA this month. She plans on attending either Missouri State or Haskell Indian Nations University to major in dental hygiene. At high school she was a member of FCCLA, the Leadership Club, and Show Choir. She is the daughter of Jerry and Melissa Lewis. Her grandparents are Tom and Sharon Kaseman, and Robert Chavez, and is the great granddaughter of Martha Morrison.

For Lots of Information Please Visit Our Facebook Page

Please visit us daily as news and good information always pops up on The Ed's Face Book page at Chemehuevi Indian Tribe Education Center.

We can also we reached Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 760-858-1063 or dir.edu@cit-nsn.gov.

Chemehuevi EPA Department
We are announcing that there are three new employees that were hired at the Chemehuevi EPA Department in July. Water Quality Tech Isac Ochoa, Environmental Technician Joseph Jimenez and Director of the EPA Ron Escobar. We are open Monday thru Friday. We want to welcome you to stop by and meet the

If you have any questions about the EPA programs, please call 1-760-302-4059 or email dir.epa@citnsn.gov we will be happy to assist you.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

Housing office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Maintenance office hours are 5:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

NOTICE: If you are not feeling well, please call Housing personnel rather than visiting the office. After hours, money order and check payments can be dropped in the Housing drop box. If you prefer not to visit the Housing office with your payments, Renee or Housing administrative employees can process electronic phone payments with a debit or credit card.

Homes are available to eligible low-income Chemehuevi Tribal Members and other Native Americans. Quail Trail homes are available for qualified low-income families regardless of race. If interested contact Housing for an application or you can stop by and pick one up.

Due to COVID-19 precautions, the Maintenance Department is only processing emergency and other necessary preventative work orders. If you are sick and your unit needs work, please make sure maintenance personnel is notified in advance.

REMINDER: A & B is delivering Propane. If you are interested in their service, please give the Housing Department a call, or you can call them direct @ 928-854-4099. Ferrellgas is still offering Propane. All deliveries will not be charged taxes or other fees. Please contact Ferrellgas directly and let them know that you are paying with a credit card or debit card to be considered for an upcoming delivery. To make arrangements, please contact: Katy Rankin, Customer Service Specialist, phone number is 928-445-3940. Her email address is KatyRankin@ferrellgas.com.

Indian Housing Block Grant- American Rescue Plan Act Applications: Housing has the applications available on Chemehuevi.org or at the Housing office. We have many programs available. Please contact Housing if you would like an application or if you need any assistance completing the forms.

AUGUST MAINTENANCE ON CALL SCHEDULE:

Aug 29-Sept 4: Emmanuel Evans (760) 617-6325 Sept 5-Sept 11: John Perez (760) 810-1561

Sept 12-Sept 18: William Lynch (Memo) (928) 514-1877 Sept 19-Sept 25: Emmanuel Evans (760) 617-6325 Sept 26-Oct 2: John Perez (760) 810-1561

Outdoor Gym

The new outdoor gymnasium is here and almost ready to go, with an assortment of challenging strength activities using your weight and impact-free, covered by two 40X40 shade structures providing a 6,400 square feet area out of the sun. The impressive outdoor gym will be officially open to the community in mid-August.

The workout area requires participants to be at least 13 years of age and wear proper attire. It's totally free, and we encourage the community to take full advantage of its multiple offerings, not only for your physical health, but emotional and mental health as well. Now that the summer is upon us and COVID cases continue to decline, there is no better time to get it together for a better YOU.









Chemehuevi Community Center 1978 Valley Mesa Havasu Lake, CA 92363 Phone: (760) 858-5103

The Chemehuevi Community Center is open Monday through Saturday from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. Our goals are to keep the youth engaged, involve them in events, activities, and to make a positive impact. The youth are taking well to the prize chart. Thomas has been promoted to Activities Coordinator. Congratulations! Thomas has been a part of the Community Center team since 2018. We know he will do well as he grasps his new role here at the Community Center.

We currently have an Activities Personnel position open here at the Center.

The staff has been engaging the kids in painting rocks for a community Facebook page, <u>Nuwuvi</u>

<u>Rocks</u>, where we will take a group of participants to hide the rocks in our community. Please follow the page and let us know how far these rocks travel if you find one!





The Community Center provides free meals for youth eighteen years and younger. Since school is back in session, snacks are being served at 3:00 pm, and supper is served at 5:00 pm.

Miss. Adrienne is doing an amazing job in providing delicious and nutritious meals. She had a cooking class on July 22 where the kids made Veggie Pizzas. Yum! We had 20 kids.





On August 13, the Community Center came together with other departments to host an educational event for the community called Water Sources in the Desert. We met at the Cultural Center, where Matthew Leivas Sr. spoke about the Nuwu and our ties to Hawaio (West Well).

Kaitlyn from the Cultural Center gave a tour of the Cultural Center and presented about petroglyphs and how to protect them. Mitchell from the Water Department demonstrated the layers of gravel and sand that filter water that makes different types of water tables and presented a slide show, prepared by Lex of the Water Department, on well water aquafers and how water gets to our homes. After the presentations, the participants traveled to Hawaio where we went on a scavenger hunt prepared by Johnny of the Education Department. We listened to Bird Songs and stories by Matthew Leivas and were given a tour by Daniel Leivas. It was a great event with 35 participants.











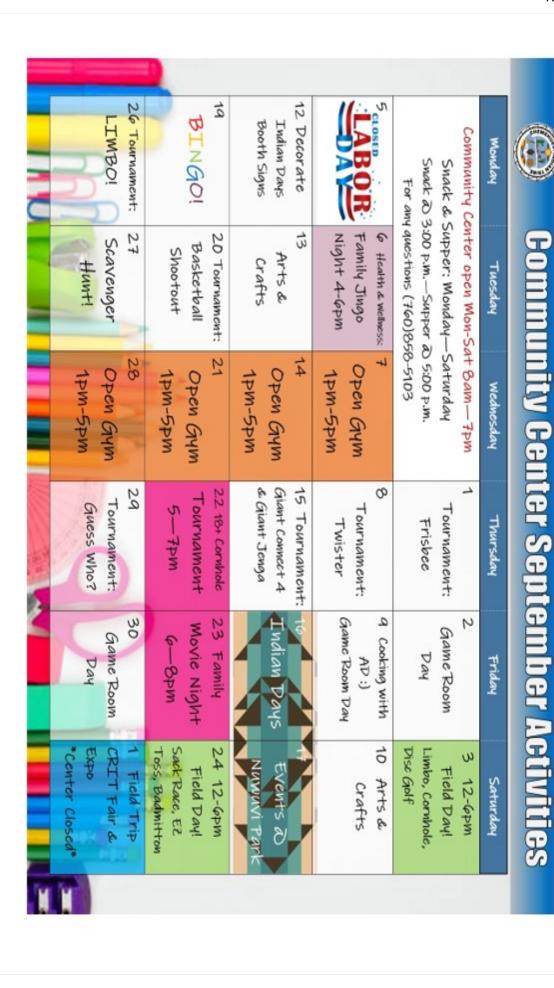


The weight room is open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm for community members. All participants must sign the Weight Room Consent & Acknowledgement waiver that is newly implemented as of August 8, 2022. To use the weight room, all participants will need to sign in. Youth ages 16 and up must also check in with staff before using the weight room.

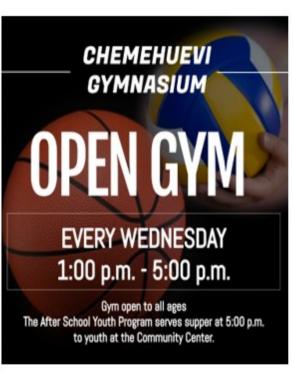
The Community Center had raised \$1000 in fundraising from events and sales. On July 30, We took a trip to the Lake Havasu City Aquatic Center. We had 28 youth, 4 parent volunteer chaperones and 4 staff members. It was a fun time for all ending with a shaved ice from Burgers by the Bridge.



If there is anything you would like to see from the Community Center, please let us know. We encourage you to stop and say hi and join us in our activities! Follow our Facebook page: Chemehuevi Community Center. All events are open to our community members and families! More to come; stay tuned!









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Community Announcements

Emergency Broadband Benefit

The federal Emergency Broadband Benefit can help you pay for your broadband internet costs.

Benefit details

The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides:

- \$50 a month off your broadband internet bill
- \$75 a month if you live on Tribal lands
- \$100 discount towards the purchase of a laptop or tablet

Who's eligible?

You are eligible if someone in your household:

- Gets Medi-Cal
- · Gets EBT (CalFresh or CalWORKS) benefits
- · Gets Tribal TANF or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations benefits
- · Lost a job or was furloughed
 - And your income is below \$99,000 if filing taxes individually or \$198,000 if filing jointly
- Gets lunch through the free and reduced-price school lunch program this year or last year
- Got a Pell Grant this year
- · Qualifies for Lifeline phone benefits
- Qualifies for an internet provider's existing low-income (or COVID-19) broadband program
- Has an income of less than \$12,880 for a family of 1 and up to \$44,660 for a family of 8.

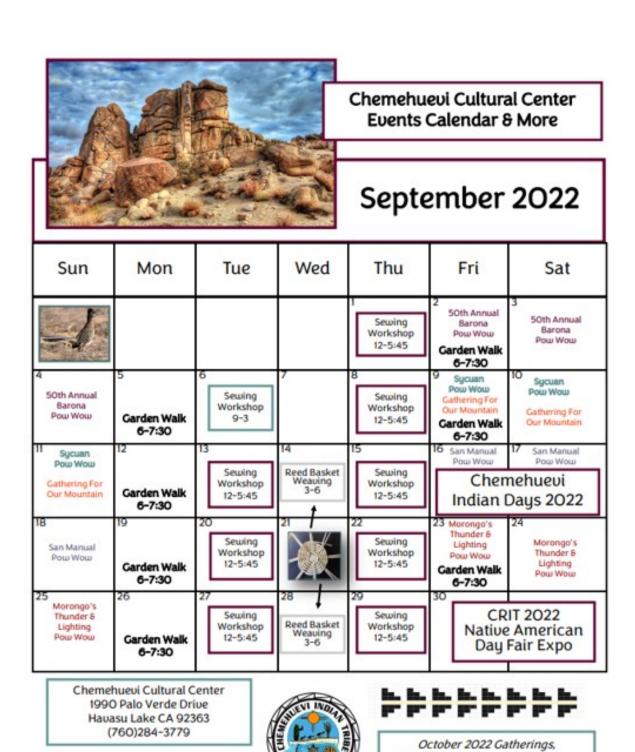
This is a temporary program and should end sometime later this year.

Before the program ends:

- Your internet provider will tell you it is ending.
- Your internet provider will provide options for other low-cost broadband programs if they are available.
- Your service will end unless you tell your broadband provider that you want to continue paying for a plan without the discount.

For more information from the state on how California providers will be implementing the program: https://covid19.ca.gov/emergency-broadband





Bird Singing Peon and Pow Wows 16th Many Winters Gathering of Elders



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