

# The Chinook Reader

A newsletter for the Friends of Chinook School

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## Chinook Food Bank Celebrates First Anniversary

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FOCS is proud to celebrate the beginning of our second year of service to address hunger in the community. It has been a successful first year thanks to a cadre of volunteers, many generous donations, and leadership by our Director, Tammy Engel. Just one year ago, board member, Loma Billups, gathered a few people to help seek necessary information and to generate enthusiasm for an excellent new use of the old Chinook School. In that year have worked to grow this small but important contribution to alleviate hunger in our community. What better task within the walls of our Community Building than to help fight the hunger and feed the hope of local citizens?

Fight the hunger; feed the hope. That was the idea that fueled the first steps to clear out and clean up the space formerly serving as office areas at the school. Caring volunteers, good old-fashioned elbow grease and assistance from other local food banks led to filling the shelves and fridges for the first time. The folks at Ilwaco Food Bank shared from their larder. The staff at the former Chinook Food Bank transferred meat and other frozen foods to our site. NW Harvest out of Seattle and Coastal Harvest from Hoquiam sent a first truckload sharing foodstuffs from donors around the state.

It soon became clear we would need a better space for our purpose. We needed more refrigeration and freezer space, more organized shelving and ground floor access for large harvest truck deliveries. Renovations to the former storage area at the back of the school was begun with total clean-up, new windows and door and electrical upgrade. Plus, the consolidated space has plenty of parking just outside the door. Perfect! The big move happened (thank you, volunteers) and continues with the addition of more shelving and occasional reorganization to improve service.



**Left,** Brittany King delivers nearly 200 pounds of food from results of her senior high school project.



**Right,** Kassandra Engel, 2 year old granddaughter of Tammy Engel, proves you're never too young to start volunteering!

## Food Bank Continued....

Currently the Chinook Food Bank (CFB) is continuing to serve shoppers each first and third Wednesday of the month from 10:00 to 1:00. We have a great group of volunteers to staff these slots but would be grateful for more interested people to fill a shift or be ready to step in if needed. Also, there are a number of ideas for support and expansion of our program.

We continue to count on the generosity of the community to fulfill our mission at CFB. Tammy Engel and her volunteers say a big thanks to all community volunteers and donors who have made this project such a success. We have received donations from local churches, Long Beach Elementary food drive, Oregon Tuna Classic, All Season's Kidstuff, the Edible Gardens Tour, local Girl Scouts, and many pounds of food from a tremendous Ilwaco High School senior project. We had a very generous monetary donation from a visitor camping in our area for the summer. We continue to receive monetary donations allowing us to buy milk, eggs, peanut butter, canned fish, cheese, and fresh meat/veggies/fruit as the budget allows. One such donation is a monthly offering coming from our Port of Chinook commissioners. On behalf of those who need our services, we thank you. CFB also periodically receives donations of goods for our shelves. Occasionally a shopper will return from a personal shopping trip with extras purchased for CFB. These are always enthusiastically received as we are often short on canned fruits and vegetables, soups and canned entrees.

One thing we know for sure is **you** can make a difference! Contact Tammy Engel at [360-244-2448](tel:360-244-2448) or by email to [tammy.engel@gmail.com](mailto:tammy.engel@gmail.com). Join the team to fight the hunger and feed the hope.

## CHINOOK SIDEWALK PARADE

### 'bringing back the past'



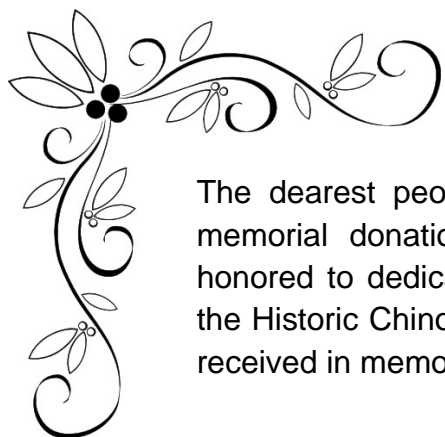
### Kids on Parade

Forward March! Chinookans have a wonderful events center and are moving toward a renovated community building as well. Now we are adding special community activities to highlight and use the extraordinary property. As the Historic Chinook School and Gymnasium move closer to

full renovation, activities from our past are coming to life again. A featured activity of old, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Children's Parade is making a comeback as the Chinook Sidewalk Parade. "Kids on Parade" is designed for kids of all ages and pets galore. Paraders will entertain local residents and welcome visitors here to watch the action. There will be decorated bikes and wagons, American flags, crepe paper, balloons and banners. Participants will gather at the Chinook Lutheran Church parking lot and march merrily to the Chinook Event Center. There, the celebrators will enjoy free hot dogs, chips, lemonade and time shared with friends and neighbors. Want to be part of the action? Registration will be in the church parking lot from 9:45 to 10:00. The parade begins at 10:00 and, though short, will spill happily onto the Chinook School grounds for snacks and companionship. Come see our kids of all ages enjoying an old time favorite activity. Be sure to dress up for the occasion and decorate those bikes, trikes, wagons and pets. See you on the 4<sup>th</sup>!

### More Parade History

A wonderful piece of Chinook parade history is highlighted in a new book by Sydney Stevens, "Legendary Locals of the Long Beach Peninsula". She tells the story of the turn-of-the-century Chinook Liberty Wagon, a highly decorated wagon pulled by equally fancied-up stallions. Children climbed on board along the way waving American flags to onlookers until the wagon reached the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic site at the old school. Could it be we might someday re-enact that amazing July 4<sup>th</sup> tradition?



# Memorials

The dearest people in our lives leave lasting imprints. Valuing those imprints with memorial donations helps to keep the memories strong. Friends of Chinook School is honored to dedicate remembrance donations to the work of improving and managing the Historic Chinook School property. Donations since the winter newsletter have been received in memory of the following:

**HARLAN S. OLSEN**  
**SISTER MARY GARVIN**  
**ASTA HANSEN**  
**NIC HANSEN**  
**ALLEN F. JOHNSON**  
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**MILDRED (KARY) MALCHOW**  
**ELLEN (MONDALE) BURRIS**  
**MURIEL NELSON**  
**FRANCES O'NEIL**



## From the FOCS Board

### Funds anticipated for Chinook School construction

The Washington State Legislature has approved funding for the Washington State Heritage Capital Project Fund (WSHCPF). If no changes are made to this line item in the budget and the governor signs the budget, the Chinook School project will receive funds for windows and doors for the school building. Our project is one of 26 state-wide projects recommended for funding by the WSHCPF Advisory Committee in August 2012. As we reported previously, structural improvements have been made to the school in anticipation of installation of windows and doors. Construction work will continue this fall when state funds are made available.

The Port of Chinook and FOCS are appreciative of the action of the legislature to fund historic projects in our state and especially thankful for the support of our district legislators, Senator Brian Hatfield, Representatives Brian Blake and Dean Takko.

FOCS Board Members are excited that so many groups have enjoyed using the Chinook School Event Center for their venue. There are more improvements planned for the former gymnasium but our primary focus is on the historic school building. We ask for your continued support as we work to complete the second phase of our project, the Community Building.

## Chinook School Event Center

For rental information: check availability on the FOCS website at [www.friendsofchinookschool.org](http://www.friendsofchinookschool.org) then call 360-244-FOCS (3627).

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## *Coming events...*

- FRIENDS OF CHINOOK SCHOOL ANNUAL MEETING -  
MONDAY, JUNE 17TH
- 4TH OF JULY CHINOOK SIDEWALK PARADE
- OKTOBERFEST (CHINOOK STYLE) - OCTOBER 19TH
- CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY - OCTOBER 26TH
- OREGON SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL - NOVEMBER 14 - 15

*We look forward to seeing you!*

## A rose by any other name. . .

The gym, the school, Chinook School, new gymnasium – so what’s in a name? Our wonderful historic buildings coming to new life have long served as “the school” and “the gym”. Yet their roles and purposes have grown and changed considerably. Yes, there was historically a gymnasium with a fine stage and a cafeteria. That is still true. However, the building has grown now into serving as a **center** for many diverse **events**. And yes, to be sure, there has long stood an elementary school just now on the road of rehabilitation into a **building** available to the **community** for many purposes. It therefore seems important to give new names to our old friends reflecting their new roles while honoring their origins.

To that end, the Friends of Chinook School Board decided to create a sign marking the renewed campus as the Historic Chinook School and Gymnasium and to post additional signs officially naming the gymnasium space the **Event Center** and the old school the **Community Building**. Not only will signs confirm the names but we will begin referring to the properties by the new names when writing grants, giving press releases, writing this newsletter, etc. We imagine it will be no time at all until these monikers become standard and routinely used.

## OREGON SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

While Friends of Chinook School were planning the renovation of our gymnasium, we had a dream of bringing a small part of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival to our area. We wanted to remember Angus Bowmer, founder of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and former Chinook teacher, who holds a special place in the history of our school. We lengthened the stage and added a dressing room and now see the dream becoming a reality. Arrangements for a visit by the festival’s education department have been confirmed for Thursday, November 14, 2013. On that evening there will be a performance and a dedication of the stage as the Angus Bowmer Stage. There will also be performances by local talents. We are fortunate to welcome Paul Nicholson, Director Emeritus of the Shakespeare Festival, and good friend of the late Angus Bowmer. Director Nicholson will speak at the event.

The next day, Friday November 15, the festival players will conduct a workshop for students from Ilwaco and Naselle High Schools. More activities are being planned to make this a very special event. You will want to save the date to attend and enjoy. Do watch this space for further details as we get closer to the event.

## **Volunteers Needed for Oktoberfest**

Oktoberfest 2013 will be held on Saturday, October 19th. Would you like to be part of the fun in preparing for our annual fundraiser? Volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Please contact Event Coordinator, Karen Leu at [206-713-6981](tel:206-713-6981) or email [alkileu@comcast.net](mailto:alkileu@comcast.net) if you are interested. Here are some ways you could help.

1. Set up tables, lighting, and/or help decorate the gym.
2. Solicit and/or pick up auction donations; assist with auction setup.
3. Help by putting up posters, making signs and seeing to computer printing needs.
4. Sell raffle tickets or assist with checkout during the event.

There are lots of ways to help, maybe some we have not even thought of. Something for sure, volunteers are needed and welcome. Again, the contact is Event Coordinator Karen Leu at [206-713-6981](tel:206-713-6981). See you at the big party on October 19, 2013.

### **FOCS ANNUAL MEETING**

The Friends of Chinook School 2013 ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Event Center. This meeting is held for the election of board members and annual update by officers. A reminder notice will be posted in the Chinook Post Office and in the Chinook Observer. Refreshments will be served.

**All are welcome!**

### **ANOTHER CALL FOR PICTURES**

FOCS Board Members Karen Leu and Jill Wirkkala ask that you contact them if you have pictures of the Historic Chinook School buildings, or any other historic "Chinook" pictures. Karen and Jill are hoping to add more photos to the wonderful picture gallery on display periodically in the Event Center.

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