OKTOBERFEST IS COMING
JOIN THE FUN!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 5:00 pm

Plans are in place for the 11th Oktoberfest - Chinook Style. Joanne has chosen to serve Old-Style German Shepherd’s Pie for another delicious dinner, North Jetty beer will be on tap, and the Beach Buddies band will be performing on stage! This year you won’t want to miss the chance to win a GoPro Hero 4 Camera in the raffle.

Every year we have fabulous auction items to bid on including beautiful art, exciting event packages, and local restaurant and other certificates. Again this year we are looking for high-quality items for the silent and live auctions and we do know the always popular Columbia River Bar Pilot boat ride will be a live auction item.

Please note we must have the items no later than Monday, October 12th. Items received after that date will not be accepted.

If you want to be part of this event, VOLUNTEER your time. We will find a job for you, and please call Karen Leu at 206-930-1651 if you have any questions or items to donate or need to arrange pickup or delivery.

If you are one who doesn’t care to bid on auction items, another way to participate in the fundraiser is by purchasing a Golden Pledge Certificate for any amount you wish to donate for the restoration of the historic Chinook School property.

Come join your friends and neighbors for all the fun! Price for admissions is $5.00, or dinner and admission for just $20.00; children 6 to 12 $10.00, and under six free.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!
This year Friends of Chinook School is expanding our program. We ask that you note on your calendar the dates, November 6th and November 13th. In keeping with our mission to enhance education and present events for community entertainment, we have contracted Tames Alan, an historical-dress actress, to perform at the Hilltop Auditorium in Ilwaco.

The program will begin at 9:00 am on Friday, November 6. We are inviting the public to attend and asking for small donations at the door. Tames Alan has received praise for her educational and entertaining program. She will be the perfect precursor to Oregon Shakespeare Festival workshops and performances on Friday, November 13.

This year the workshops will be offered at the middle school and high school in Ilwaco. The Oregon Shakespeare actors will then present the evening performance at the Chinook School Event Center in Chinook. We hope to have food and drink and a short musical program preceding the show. Friends of Chinook School is pleased to offer this evening as we are proud to celebrate our heritage of plays and performances inspired by and, years ago, some directed by Angus Bowmer. Come enjoy the evening with your community.

Tickets are $10 for adults and all auditorium seating, and free for children and students in the balcony. Call Connie Kobes at 360-777-8859 for ticket information.

We are grateful to the Ocean Beach Education Foundation for the generous grant that allows this presentation.

A happy audience at last year’s Shakespeare Experience.

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**FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS**

The Chinook Food Bank was the recipient of a $70.23 check from Fred Meyer for this year’s second quarter distribution. Thank you to all who have linked your FM Rewards Cards and named FOCS as the nonprofit of your choice to receive these benefits.

If you have not yet linked your card, call 866-518-2686 or go to www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

Every time you shop Fred Meyer you are helping FOCS/CFB earn a free donation and you still earn your own Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates!

*What a wonderful way to give, and we appreciate your participation.*
FROM THE BOARD
Great News For Chinook School!

The Washington State Historical Society confirmed on July 2, 2015, that the Chinook School will be receiving construction funds from the Washington State Heritage Capital Projects Fund. The Chinook School Restoration Project was one of thirty-one projects selected statewide to receive funding. The grant will contribute significantly to the completion of the school building!

With existing funds and continued financial support from the community through memberships, donations and proceeds from our Oktoberfest fundraising event, the school restoration should be complete by 2017.

Construction underway includes a new concrete basement floor in the food bank room, completion of general wiring, ductless HVAC installation, preliminary plumbing, wall, ceiling and floor insulation, installation of sheetrock and repair or replacement of wood wall portions. It is anticipated this work will be completed by year end.

The WSHCPF grant money will be used to complete plumbing, finish bathrooms, purchase and install an ADA lift and an alarm system, refinish wood floors and other miscellaneous items.

Construction at the historic Chinook School property began in November 2008 with improvements to the foundation of the gymnasium. In March 2012 that building was dedicated and is currently in use. Construction began on the school building in July 2012 with the installation of a new roof. A dedication ceremony for the school building will soon become an agenda item for the FOCS Board!

Thank you and please continue to support the Chinook School Restoration Project. If all goes as planned we will be referring to these buildings not as a project but as: Historic Chinook School Event Center and Community Center.
Beautiful sunny skies brought out 82 children sporting patriotic colors to walk or ride all manner of decorated “wheels” in the parade. Back at the event center, hotdogs, chips and lemonade were dispensed to thirsty participants. A big thank you to all who participated and to those who donated food items and cash for the Chinook Food Bank.

**Chinook Children’s 4th of July Parade Continues to Grow**

**Kick off the Holiday Season**

**Christmas Tree Lighting**
The Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend, November 29, is the date to mark on your calendar for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Aaron Schlosser will again procure a perfect specimen for the Chinook School front lawn, and promises it won’t blow over this year! Come inside the event center for caroling and refreshments afterwards.

**Holiday Family Affair**
The second date to mark is Saturday, December 12, for the North Coast Big Band concert. Polish up your dancing shoes and put on your party duds for a toe-tapping good time in the Chinook School Event Center.
MEMORIALS

We are grateful for the opportunity to apply honor funds to our Chinook School rehabilitation project. As mentioned before, we have plans to place a memorial plaque in the school building when the restoration has been completed. This plaque will serve to remember departed family and friends and the generosity of those who contributed in their memory. The complete list can be viewed on our website: www.friendsofchinookschool.org

New donations since the summer issue of this newsletter are:

Korine (Anderson) Nelson
Judy (Church) Williams
Fred “Birdman” Warden

Previously mentioned and again honored are:

Carol (Wisner) Moore Gibson
Lydia S. (Keltus) Fauver

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Renew your annual membership at Oktoberfest!

Become a proud member of Friends of Chinook School. Annual memberships are only $10.00 for an individual, a couple or the whole family.
Happenings...

- OKTOBERFEST (CHINOOK STYLE) ~ OCTOBER 24
- OSF SHAKESPEARE EXPERIENCE ~ NOVEMBER 6 AND 13
- COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING ~ NOVEMBER 29
- NORTH COAST BIG BAND CONCERT & DANCE ~ DECEMBER 12
- CHINOOK FOOD BANK ~ FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS FROM 10:00 TO 1:00

RENT THE CHINOOK SCHOOL EVENT CENTER
For rental information: check availability on the FOCS website
www.friendsofchinookschool.org
then call 360-244-FOCS (3627)