



THE CHEHALIS VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Dear Friend of Local History,

As America recognizes its 250th anniversary in 2026, it is a good reminder that national history is built from local stories. I invite you to join or renew your membership with the Chehalis Valley Historical Society for the 2026-2027 membership year and help us preserve the photographs, artifacts, records, oral histories, and community memories of the lower Chehalis River Valley.

CVHS is participating in the Grays Harbor Museums Passport project for America 250. Passports may be picked up and stamped at our Montesano museum and may also be stamped at the Elma Museum exhibit in Elma City Hall during regular business hours.

This past year, CVHS continued collecting local memories through our Echoes of the Past oral history project, shared on YouTube at youtube.com/@cvhshistory. We also added two Elma Museum displays at Elma City Hall: the 1927 Graham/Elma Theatre lighted glass display, made with glass from the recently demolished theatre building, and a late-1920s NCR cash register used in local businesses, including Arne's Tavern.

Membership includes *The Chehalis Valley Historian*, our quarterly newsletter. Recent issues have featured local stories such as the Montesano Festival of Lights and the history of the Graham Theatre, later known as the Elma Theatre. Our Montesano Museum also offers local photographs, artifacts, cemetery records, and family history resources.

Dues for July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, are: Individual/Family \$25, Business \$50, Sustaining \$50 or more, and a \$10 mailed newsletter surcharge for those who want a printed copy mailed. Additional donations are always appreciated, and contributions are tax deductible.

To join or renew, please return the enclosed membership form with your payment. Checks may be mailed to: Chehalis Valley Historical Society, Attn: Treasurer, 703 West Pioneer Avenue, Montesano, WA 98563.

PayPal payments may be sent to ChehalisValleyMuseum@outlook.com. Please include your name, mailing address, email address, and whether the payment is for dues, a donation, or both.

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Thank you for supporting CVHS. Your membership helps preserve and share our local history.

Sincerely,

Janie Anderson
CVHS 1st Vice President

Randy Beerbower
CVHS 2nd Vice President

Enclosure: Membership Form