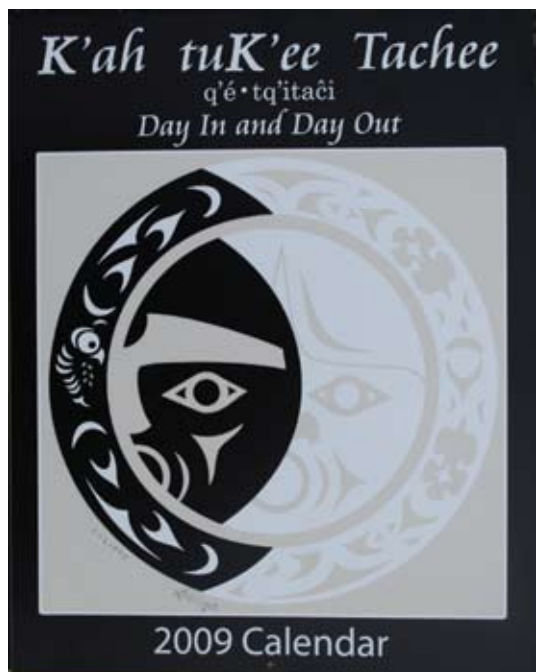


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Program News



Artists Wanted for Next Year's Calendar

The 2009 Chehalis Tribal Calendar "K'ah tuK'ee Tachee" is now available. Calendars can be purchased at the End of the Trail II, and the Lucky Eagle Casino. You can also purchase them at the Enterprise Office located across from the EOT II on Anderson Road. The cost is \$20, and all proceeds will provide funding for next year's calendar.

If you remember reading about the Arts and Economic Development Initiative in the August newsletter, our goal is to find emerging artists and provide exposure and opportunity at no cost to the artist.

We need twelve more artists for next year's calendar. Some of the artists in this year's calendar had no coastal Salish art experience and you can see how it turned out. Peter Boone will be again providing his expert tutelage, assisting artists in learning the coastal Salish art style.

There are talented artists out there waiting to be discovered. If you are interested, please contact Janet Chapman, Project Manager, at 360-273-6664.

Art Teachers Needed

The Chehalis Tribal Cultural Program is looking for community artists to teach traditional art classes for the holidays. Classes can range from basket weaving, bead work, carving, drum making, and hand crafted projects.

If you are interested in teaching a class to community members, please submit a project plan, and a bid to the Heritage and Culture Program at the Resource Center.

Space is limited, so sign up at the front desk of the Tribal Center. For additional information contact Dianne Devlin or Elaine McCloud at 360-273-5911 Ext. 1621.

Native Voters ROCK!

Congratulations to everyone who worked hard on getting so many people to register to vote in this year's presidential election. The Native vote greatly helped make it a historical day. Awesome effort!

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♦ "People of the Sands" ♦

Honoring Elders:

Ida Rosander

■ She loves to plant both vegetable and flower gardens, 3



Youth Encouraged to Become Weavers at Conference Held at Ocean Shores

■ Youth, adults and Elders attend Basket Weavers Conference to share and learn different weaving styles, 2



Election Committee Members Harry Pickernell Sr. (left) and Lucy Hill sign people in as they arrive to vote for members of the Business Committee.

Tribal Election Draws Largest Voting Turnout

By Fred Shortman, Editor

At the Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 8, excitement was in the air awaiting the results of the Business Committee elections. It was the largest voting turnout ever recorded in tribal history with 338 tribal members. 239 tribal members crowded the Youth Center and listened to Enterprise Directors and General Managers present their reports regarding our tribal investments.

Polls opened at 8 am and the annual meeting started at 10 am and lasted until 7 pm. Our Events Coordinator had the casino provided lunch and dinner.

The Elders held a delicious bake sale and a fifty-fifty raffle during the meeting. Congratulations to Dianne Devlin for winning the jackpot.

Enterprise Report

David Youckton, Enterprise Director, discussed the hotel, Saxas, and the Chehalis

Tribal Construction Company

The first Chehalis Tribal 2009 Calendars were given out. They were very impressive and all the proceeds from selling the calendars will go to next year's calendars.

Tom Pool, Marketing Director, Great Wolf Lodge, gave a report on the primary market. They are working on expanding to a secondary market in Yakima and Spokane. Their unique approach is targeting families, since this is the only Great Wolf Lodge in Washington and it is a great experience for families to gather and have fun. Strengths are the employees who make it such a successful experience. It's really great seeing the families smiling and enjoying the Great Wolf experience.

Lucky Eagle Casino Report

John Setterstrom, General Manager gave a report on the Lucky Eagle Casino. It was a great power point presentation on past year

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Many Show Respects to Veterans

By Fred Shortman, Editor

Veterans Day originally was original named Armistice Day back in 1938 to honor the WWII veterans. Citizens felt that all the veterans of all the wars should be recognized. In 1954 Congress changed the name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In America, the holiday is celebrated for approximate 2.9 million US veterans with parades and ceremonies throughout the country.

On November 12, the 7th Annual Veterans Appreciation Day Dinner was held at the Lucky Eagle Casino Events Center. It was an awesome turnout honoring all the veteran with over 500 people showing up. The theme for this annual event was MIA-POW. Each speaker was given a gift of a coastal Salish sash and a Pendleton blanket. The featured speaker was Tom Cat Nelson who was a POW in WWII. He was a POW in Japan as well as survivor of the invasion of Pearl Harbor.

Another featured speaker was Christopher Seymour who was in Iraq for two terms. He is married to a Chehalis tribal member, Shayla (Youckton). He spoke about his experiences and remembered receiving care packages sent to him and his platoon. He said it is amazing what hard candy and a football can do to make 100 plus troops happy. Rick Spence delivered a nice speech on his life experience and coping with life after his time in the services.

Joe Begay, Navajo, who was in the Special Forces, talked about his life experiences and education, and how he was selected to be an actor in the movies. He never talked about his time in the service until his daughter found a picture of him in his uniform. As a Native American he's proud to have served his country. This was something special for all of those veterans who attended. The Intertribal Warrior Society started the event by bringing in the flag. This volunteer group has two

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Dynamic Speakers Talk About Traditions, Responsibilities and Diabetes Wellness

By Pat Odiorne, Diabetes Program Director and Fred Shortman, Editor

About 140 adults and youth attended the community wellness dinner at the Lucky Eagle Casino held on Tuesday, October 21, 2008. The Wellness Center, through SDPI Diabetes Prevention Program, and the Chehalis Youth Program sponsored this event. Keynote speakers were Barbara Mora and Chance Rush.

The two dynamic guest speakers, Chance "Cloud Boy" Rush and Barbara Mora, gave some inspirational messages. Barbara Mora (Paiute/Dine) is a traditional artist and author of *Using Our Wit and Wisdom to Live Well with Diabetes*.

Chance Rush opened the evening by sharing his belief that wellness is powerful medicine. He started off by saying, "Our Native people are dying, either by diabetes or suicide! We need to do our part in stopping these tragedies!"

He continued by saying, "There is a

saying that our youth are our future. That's wrong, They're not our future. They're right now! Parents, talk with your children about their problems. Have ownership of who you are, and share with them the important things."

Barbara Mora shared her life story, and her personal experience with type 2 diabetes. She is a quiet and very sincere individual. She reminds you of someone who talks in a whisper, and to hear them, you need to move a little closer to listen to what they're saying.

Barbara was diagnosed with diabetes twelve years ago. Since that time,

she has come to use her traditional beliefs and practices to live well with diabetes.

When asked why she does this, she said, "I was tired of watching three generations dying from diabetes. My family told us

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Barbara Mora and Chance "Cloud Boy" Rush inspired tribal members to be healthy and contribute to the community.

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Many Generations Learn Basket Weaving at NNABA Conference

Elders are happy to share, and youth are eager to learn traditional weaving

By Dianne Devlin, Cultural Coordinator

On October 2-5, thirty-seven Chehalis tribal families attended the 14th Annual Northwest Native American Basket Association (NNABA) convention hosted at Ocean Shores Quinault Casino.

NNABA was founded in 1996 and provides opportunities for weavers to study basketry and showcase their work. Basketry also provides a healthy social, cultural, spiritual, and economic environment for indigenous basketry. NNABA works to ensure access to traditional cultural resources, gathering sites, educates Native Americans, and the general public of the artistry, practices, and concerns of basketry. The organization also provides opportunities for Native youth to learn and creates markets that allow weavers to increase their income and artistry in basketry.

Our traditions are maintained in a cultural and spiritual environment for all weavers to enjoy and carried on with respect for our Elders, and for Mother Earth.

Basket weaving is one of the most important cultural artistic expressions of Native Americans. Despite pressures to abandon our heritage, it remains an integral and important element of tribal identity. Through the persistence and patience of a few Elders and other teachers across the region, the art is being preserved.

Friday, October 3, kicked off the weaver classes. Wall-to-wall tables were set up in the casino's banquet hall to serve the participants. Various types of weaving classes, from beginner to master classes, were offered. Tables with floating balloons attached to them signaled that "Youth Weaver Classes" were being offered. Quinault had received a grant assisting tribal youth to receive free classes for the first day of the conference. Our youth were excited to work with teachers who shared their many



Sasha Starr helps her daughter, Alexis (age 2), make a basket while her cousin, Gordon Klatush (age 14, foreground), works on his basket.

weaving techniques.

The newly-hired Cultural Coordinator, Dianne Devlin, and Heritage Coordinator, Elaine McCloud, dedicated their time insuring everyone attending the conference was taken care of, from pre-registration, to having a place to stay. The Chehalis Tribe's Heritage, and Culture Programs are proud to have had one of the best representations of youth weavers, beginning weavers and experienced weavers at the conference, with 57 adults and 55 children attending. Nancy Romero, Elder's Coordinator, took 35 Elders to the weaving conference. Yvonne Peterson and Katherine Barr were featured weavers at the conference.

Adults attending the weavers gathering agreed to donate one handmade item to the Heritage and Culture Program in exchange for being sponsored by our program. Please remember to get those donated items back to us soon and maintain your eligibility for the next NNABA Conference.

The following evening, a banquet was held for NNABA members. At the dinner NNABA business was presented to its members. The Chehalis Tribe, represented by Dianne Devlin, Cultural Coordinator,

Elaine McCloud, Heritage Coordinator, and Dan Penn, Language Coordinator, presented NNABA with \$5,000 contribution check from the tribe in support of NNABA's long-standing cultural preservation efforts of Native basket weavers.

A proposal was submitted by Cheryle Starr, Chehalis Tribe Events Coordinator,



Featured Weaver and Elder Katherine Barr, Elder Cindy Andy and Katherine's son Wayne Barr and wife Maria Barr, share basket making skills.

for our tribe to host next year's 2009 NNABA conference at the Great Wolf Lodge, and was readily accepted by those attending. Another special note at the conference was that Marie Griswold, Chehalis Tribal Elder, was accepted to the newly created second seat on the NNABA Board. The other tribal member already on the NNABA board is Master Weaver Cindy Andy.

Special thanks go to Joyleen McCrory, and Francine Pickernell for helping with the massive amounts of pre-registration forms, membership forms, travel costs and hotel accommodations needed for the tribal members attending the conference. Additional thanks goes to Christina Hicks for helping us hand out badges at the pre-registration table that the Heritage and Culture Program set up outside the conference to serve the Chehalis tribal families attending the workshops.

"Our ancestors believed that the cedar tree was one of our spiritual Elders who blessed us with this unique art of basketry. We have lost much of our Native art. To me, it is as if our art of basketry once died and now has come to life again. It is the rejuvenation of our identity, the reawakening of our great heritage."

Founding Board Member and Master Basket weaver, Nettie Jackson

Over 200 Learn About Health at Annual Tribal Fair

By Cindy Gamble, Health Services Director

The recent Health Fair held at the Lucky Eagle Casino Event Center was a great success with over 200 people participating. There were over 43 vendors providing information ranging from language and culture, to face painting, dental hygiene, and checking blood sugar and blood fat.

The Diabetes Prevention Program conducted 48 blood sugar tests with a finger stick, and the CTWC staff had over 30 participants who had their blood fats tested. Participants learned what their cholesterol, HDL, LDL, and triglyceride levels were.

We had a fabulous lunch catered by the Lucky Eagle Casino. Jana Peters was in charge of that and did a wonderful job of organizing the lunch and setting up the

entire event with the tables and chairs. Masi! Thank you Jana!

The health fair planning committee was made up of Cheryle Starr, Cindy Gamble and Orinda Goddard. Orinda shouldered the majority of the organization. She did an excellent job of ensuring that the entire health fair ran smoothly. Masi! Thank you Orinda!

Thank you to the Chehalis Tribal Health Center and other tribal employees who supported the health fair by participating as vendors and/or as participants. We could not have done it without you! We want to especially thank all of our community members who took time to come and visit the health fair. This fair is all about you, and we are so glad you attended. Masi! See you next year.



Clinic Nurse CJ Morgan tests Chehalis tribal community member Jerry Sloppy's blood sugar during the Health Fair put on by the Clinic.

Check out Upcoming Events at the Great Wolf Lodge

Thanksgiving - November 27

Santa's Arrival and Tree Lighting - November 29 Santa and 4 elves will be skydiving into the south end dirt parking lot - 2 pm. 2:30 to 5:00 Santa will be greeting guests until lighting of the tree.

Great Winter Escape and Santa Visits

6 pm - 8 pm in the Grand Lobby on December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 21, 22, and 23.

Music Performances, December 5

Chehalis Girl Scout Carolers, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Toledo High School Musical performance 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm



Burglary Reminds Us to Stay Alert

By Fred Shortman, Editor

The Chehalis Tribe and our community member will not tolerate vandalism, drugs, and other crimes. We need to stay alert and report any and all suspicious behavior.

On October 2 at 3:35 am the EOT II was burglarized. A series of crash and grab thefts have occurred in the surrounding areas and our store was one of them. The stolen vehicle used in the theft was located later in the day by law enforcement agencies. It could have been worse, if it wasn't for someone disrupting the burglary. The cost of replacing the doors was more than what was stolen from the store. Cement blocks were placed in front preventing someone from using the same method until the new posts are put in.

These senseless acts hurt everyone, so if you hear anything about it, please contact law enforcement for any tips. Contact law enforcement 360-273-7501, or call 911.

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"People of the Sands"



Honoring our Elders: Ida Marie Rosander

"...She loves it when the grand children make time to visit her."

Ida Marie Rosander, 85, Parents Stephen Jack-Johanna Comenoute; Grandparents, George Jack and Lucy Heck; Annie Charley and Amos Comenoute; 1 sister, 3 daughters, and 6 grandchildren. Ida was married three times: first husband was Clyde Calvin Beckwith; second marriage was to Lyle Secena; and the third lasted 50 years to Leonard Rosander who passed away in 2003.



Ida enjoyed attending the NNABA Conference at the Quinalt Beach Resort in Ocean Shores in October 2008.

Ida Rosander grew up on the Chehalis Reservation in her parent's house on Howanut near Anderson Road. Howanut Road wasn't the official name back then—it was known by a route number. She remembers helping prepare the family dinners. They had some big feasts.

Her best friends were Pearl Sanders and Irene Secena. They would hang out at the Sanders house that was located between what is now Purcell's and Hamilton's on Howanut Road. There's a gravel road still there that goes to the river.

Ida and her friends enjoyed each other's company and did everything together. They rode horses on the property. They joined the Oakville 4-H Club while in school, where they learned how to embroider. They also played softball in the field at Pearl's house. It was decided to let her run the bases, because she wasn't a very good hitter. They learned how to weave baskets, but Ida said hers were not up to her standards, so she gave it up. Presently, she's starting up again, and her skills as a weaver are improving.

After the reservation boarding school was closed down, they had to attend Oakville public schools. She remembers Hattie Hayden (Pikutark) telling her stories about when the Indians first attended school there, they were called names and weren't treated very nice. She

commented, "They must have gotten used to the Indians when I finally started going, because I can't remember it being as bad as she had told me."

As Ida was growing up, the tribal meetings were held in an old school house. She remembers it never getting very warm during the winter months, because of the broken windows. They were held monthly on the first Tuesdays of the month. Following the potlatch dinner style, everyone attending the meeting was encouraged to bring a dish to be shared.

Ida was married three times throughout her life. The first was to Clyde Calvin Beckwith, and she had one daughter with him. Her second marriage to Lyle Secena didn't last very long. Her third marriage was to Leonard Rosander, which lasted for 50 years before he passed away in April 2003. She had two daughters with Leonard who have since passed away.

Ida and Leonard had a home on Howanut Road and in Taholah. It is no longer there, having been destroyed by a fire awhile ago.

She remembers when they decided to build a new home on Howanut Road. Clarence Youckton asked what they were going to do with the old house. They were taking a road trip to visit family in California, and told Clarence that if he could move it before they returned he could have it. He was able to drag it over to where

David Youckton lives now.

Early in her marriage, Ida enjoyed going to Taholah with her husband Leonard to fish and dig clams. She remembers that Leonard would go out and fish for blue back and together they would dig razor clams. She would clean clams that they dug that day. Other clam diggers would see her cleaning and ask if she would clean their clams. Always willing to lend a hand, she agreed to help.

She wasn't just good at cleaning clams though. She could also shoot a gun. While driving on Howanut Road, she saw a deer standing alongside the road by the sharp corner near Black River Bridge. Being hungry for venison, she hurried home to get her gun. It was a bolt action single shot .22. Leonard thought she was joking, and said something like, "You're not really going to shoot that deer are you?"

She replied, "Yes I am!" When they returned to where they saw the spike. She took aim, waited for the deer to turn slightly, and shot him right between the eyes. It went down, but she could tell it wasn't dead. She yelled at Leonard to give her another shell. He wasn't moving fast enough, so she grabbed a fence post lying nearby and smacked the deer across the head. Leonard finished it off with his knife. He then dressed it out and they took it home to finish processing it. It was one of the tastiest venison dinners she ever prepared.

She and Leonard loved planting vegetable gardens. She liked using starter plants for her side of the vegetable garden. Leonard like to use seeds on his side of the garden. When harvesting time came, they worked together canning the produce. She loved planting flower gardens. Dahlias were one of her favorite flowers. She said, "But you need to get the bulbs out before the first frost. This allows you to replant them the following spring."

Out of necessity, Ida brought in an income to assist taking care of her family. In her younger years, she worked for the Land Management Division of the BIA. She qualified for the position because she could type and take short hand.

She worked with Leonard for fifteen years delivering the senior meals for the Lewis County Senior Center. She laughs as reminisces about it saying, "Leonard did the heavy work handing out the meals, while I enjoyed visiting the seniors and collecting the money. We made a great team!" She presently is working at the Lucky Eagle Casino in the Marketing Department. She says it's not that glamorous, but it keeps her busy.

When asked what she feels about the changes the tribe is making. She replied, "I'm happy with the direction the tribe is going. It looks like it will keep getting better."

Tribal Staff Profiles: Heritage and Cultural Coordinators

My name is Elaine McCloud. I am the tribe's Heritage Coordinator. My parents were Hattie (Hayden) and Bennie Pikutark. I am married to Jack McCloud and have four sons: Kevin, Greg, Stephan and Rikki Sutterlic. I have 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

I am very excited to be employed in this position. My position involves duties that might fall under those of a historian. I will be working with historical, biographical and photographic material regarding the tribe's culture and history.

I commend those individuals who had the wisdom to separate one



Elaine McCloud
Heritage Coordinator

position into three positions. Originally, one individual was employed to handle language, culture and heritage. Now more can be accomplished in each individual category.

We have passed out a survey on family trees to individuals who attended the NNABA conference. If you received one and have finished it, please contact our office. We are collecting pictures

that you might have that depict tribal history. We will be happy to scan any and all you would like to share.

My office is in the old dental office, and my phone number is 709-1621.

My name is Dianne Devlin; I am the new Cultural Coordinator. My grandmother was Gertie Parson; my mother was one of six sisters from the Benn family line. I have eight brothers and three sisters. Most of my family lives off the reservation, except my Sister Sally Pikutark and Terry Devlin. I have two grown children, Lance, and Stefanie and one grandson, Tyson.

I grew up here and watched the many changes our tribe has gone through to make our dreams come true and make a better way for our children. In doing so, we have always known that we



Dianne Devlin
Cultural Coordinator

must never forget our traditional ways and to be proud of who we are.

I will be working with Native artisans from this community and Salish communities around the area to preserve and mentor our traditions. I will also be working with Dan Penn on cultural classes for the Language Program and Elaine McCloud on cultural classes for the Heritage Program. I am very proud

to be a part of a great program and working with good people.

The Heritage, Culture and Language Programs are located in the old dental office. Stop by or contact by 709-1621.



In October 200, more than 50 Elders traveled to Maui, Hawaii for vacation. This is the Chehalis group enjoying a lua at the Royal Luhana Resort.

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Chance "Cloud Boy" Rush says, "Parents, talk with your children about their problems. Have ownership of who you are, and do your part in sharing with them the important things."

to keep quiet, and after my mother passed away, I decided to speak out. If I can inspire someone to take care of themselves, I know I've done my part in helping them to help themselves."

She became involved in pilates and has been teaching it for six years. Her tribe sponsored her to become certified, and at the age of 62, she is the one of the oldest certified pilates instructors. Barbara says pilates is good for everyone: It strengthens core muscles. She uses meditation, traditions and exercise to get people moving. She has noticed that Elders who participate in her classes have shown decreased injury through balance of health and spirit.

Barbara said that diabetes is a preventable disease, but if you get it, there are many ways to take care of yourself and prevent complications.

Barbara emphasized that today there are tools to prevent complications. She uses tools such as blood sugar monitoring to stay on the wellness path. Barbara and Bob Mora also shared how Bob has supported his wife since her diagnosis. Bob and Barbara treated the audience to beautiful music, singing, and flute music.

Barbara Mora and Chance Rush both spoke of the importance of wellness for the future of all Native Americans. For those who have diabetes, and for those who are at risk, there is help and support through the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center.

For further information and diabetes screening, contact Mary Scherer, at 360-709-1742 or Lynn Hoheisel at 360-709-1744. Thanks go to the Lucky Eagle Casino, Eagle's Landing Hotel, and area businesses for their donations and support for this event.



Bob and Barbara Mora treated the audience to story telling, flute playing and singing. Copies of Barbara's book "Using Our Wit and Wisdom to Live Well with Diabetes" are available at the Wellness Center.

Annual Meeting

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statistics. This was another positive year for the Casino. They will continue with their conservative approach and challenges for the 2008 season with the economy being a contributing factor. The cashiers cage is almost finished and will improve the look for the Casino. The new office space is getting its finishing touches. The office space was sorely needed.

Great Wolf Lodge Report

The Resort will soon add an outdoor area. They've also added another slide called the River Canyon Run that opened Friday, September 14. They are also adding Wing Street to Pizza Hut. They will be expanding the Loose Moose dining area and possibly expanding the hours of the buffet. Soon they will also be providing room service to accommodate all guests.

We need to talk up the Great Wolf Lodge and let people know it's out there. They hold special events for the holidays: Halloween was a huge hit with the kids and there will be more holiday fun so check out the web site to get updates.

Tribal News Report

There was a discussion on the enrollment freeze on adults at this time. Unfortunately,

the enrollment committee hasn't been able to complete an audit. They have decided on a company and will be presenting it to the Business Committee very soon. The Business Committee will be assisting the Enrollment Committee to ensure this matter gets taken care of and started within 90 days as motioned. It was unanimously voted to keep the enrollment freeze on until issues can be resolved. There were thirty new applications for children who were accepted, bringing our enrollment up to 819.

The allocation plan was presented by Jessie Goddard, Treasurer for the Business Committee. Tribal members were given the chance to pick how their per-capita will be paid out to them- monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annually. If you did not fill out the form your check will be automatically made in one payment.

The new representative for the Head Start Policy Board is Anna Hartman. All the other committee elections will be held at the December general council meeting and the following meeting.

Congratulations to our new Business Committee Members: David Burnett, Chairman; Don Secena, Vice-Chairman; Jessie Goddard, Treasurer; Cheryl Starr, Secretary; Dan Gleason, Fifth Council Member.

6-Year Project to Supply Ample Water Nears Completion

By Lennea Magnus, Planning Director

Sometimes, road work is worth it. The road work you see along 188th is part of a six-year project to bring safe, dependable drinking water to more Chehalis tribal families, and provide ample water for fire fighting.

Since 2002, much progress has been made. A 720,000 gallon water storage tower was built. Thirty-year-old water mains that were 6 inches in diameter have been replaced with 8 and 12-inch PVC pipes. Tribal buildings have been connected to the system. Nine homes that had high nitrate levels in their well water have also been connected to the water system. "Stub-outs" for future homes were provided along the way.

Now we are in the final stage of the Water System Project. The water lines are being extended from Niederman Road to the Lucky Eagle Casino. This will allow for three existing homes that were on well water to connect to the community water. It will also improved "fire flow" water pressure, and a reliable source of clean, safe water for the Chehalis tribal community.

In this final phase of the Water System Project, over 80 households will benefit. More households will be able to connect to



Kevin Albert, Tribal Member and Chehalis Tribal Construction employee, works on the water line project along 188th Avenue SW. The entire project was done by this Chehalis tribal enterprise.

water that is more reliable and has higher pressure. Plus, there will be ample water pressure and fire hydrants to fight fires.

This final phase is completely funded by a grant from HUD. The first two phases were funded by the tribe and I.H.S. All the construction work has been done by our Chehalis Tribal Construction.

Veterans Honored

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WWII Veterans on the guard, as they attend different events from parades and other ceremonies throughout Washington State.

Annie Jones blessed the meal in the Shaker way. The casino provided a great feast for all of those who attended. Tribal members cooked fish in our traditional manner, which is always a special treat. There were other foods served for those who don't eat fish. People were smiling and reminiscing with their friends and family. Many veterans greatly appreciated what the tribe and casino are doing and hopes they continue this annual event. The closing prayer was performed by Paster Marie Bird.

When I asked Lori Tovrea, Veterans Dinner Coordinator, what inspired her to take on such an honorable project, she replied, "Years ago when I lived in Taholah, Jiggy Shale and Uncle Jimmy Jones talked about the Vietnam War and the sad experiences that happened there. I realized that no one ever gave them any thanks. We raised enough money to feed them turkey dinners. The joy that we saw on their faces showing their appreciation inspired us to continued doing this until we moved away. When I started working at the Casino, I had asked for years about for a Veterans day

dinner. I explained that nobody around here honors them. I persistently asked about it year after year. Finally, I was given permission to have the dinner.

The Chehalis Tribe donated the fish and the other food was donated by LEC. We also requested donations from vendors for awards, raffle prizes, hats and mugs. This year sponsors were the Chehalis Tribal Youth, Sare Electric, Travers Electric, & Aecon.

Thanks to all the volunteers, Janessa, Johnny, Raven, Mark, Anthony, Maria, Danielle, Jesse, LaDell, Rodney, Bones, Shayla, Greg Bailey MC, Fry bread Makers, & the Fish pit crew we could not have done this without all you help you are all VERY AWESOME!



Speaker Joe Begay and his daughter, Krystal Begay, enjoyed the Veterans dinner.

Be Ready for the Next Emergency

By Ena Myers, Assistant General Manager, and Ralph Wyman, Public Safety Director

The huge flood of December 2007 was a big shock for many people. Every year brings some level of flooding. Your tribal government and administration takes your health and safety very seriously. The Emergency Management Team is headed up by our Public Safety Director, Ralph Wyman, and includes the following members: Ralph Wyman, Don Secena, Gregg Burnett, Cindy Gamble, Ena Myers, Glenn Connelly, and Dr. John Taylor.

We are dedicated to keeping you safe during emergencies. When preparing for a possible emergency situation, it's best to think first about the basics of survival: **fresh water, food, clean air and warmth.**

Additional items to assemble are medications, plus food and other items for babies, children, and pets. Assemble sleeping bags, and a change of clothes for each family member, and store them with your emergency supplies. If you have any questions, please call the flood information phone line. For local calls (Centralia), call 623-8883. Toll free is (866) 623-8883.

Basic Emergency Supply Kit: (Put these items in boxes in a secure place)

- **Water**, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days
- **Food**, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank **radio**
- **Flashlight** and extra batteries
- **First aid kit**
- **Whistle** to signal for help
- Dust mask
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties (for **personal sanitation**)
- **Wrench or pliers** to turn off utilities
- **Can opener**

Elders Christmas Bazaar at the Lucky Eagle Casino

**Saturday, Dec 6, 2008
9 am - 5:00 pm.**

Lots of arts and crafts. Come on in and check it out!

If you have any questions please contact: Nancy Romero, Elders Coordinator (360) 273-5504 ext. 1576

Native People for Cancer Control "Incorporating Tradition and Healing"

by Dr. Rita Blumenstein
Traditional Healer
Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
**Thursday, Dec. 11, 2008
12:00 - 1:00 pm.**

This will be held at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center. If you have any questions please contact: Christina Hicks at (360) 273-5504 ext. 1741.

Chehalis Tribal Community Christmas Dinner

at the Lucky Eagle Casino

**Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008
Watch for flyers and
the reader board!**

If you have any questions please contact: Cheryl Starr, Events Coordinator 306 273-1824

General Council Annual Meeting

Tuesday, December 2, 2008
Starting 5:00 pm

at the Tribal Center

- Watch for flyers with the agenda!