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Program News

Clinic Hours Change to Fall and Winter Seasons

Fall and Winter Hours
Monday—Friday
8 AM to 4:30 PM

Staff meetings happen on Wednesdays, so if it is an emergency call 9-1-1. If it is urgent please come to the back door and contact our staff. Main doors to the clinic will opened at 9 am.

Hours will change for Spring and Summer.

Free Classes to Help with Personal Budgeting Skills

By Diana Pickernell, Loan Coordinator

Financial Literacy Classes are available on Monday, October 1, 2009 starting at 5 pm. Tribal and local community members, ages 17 and up, are encouraged to join.

What is it?

This is a class to help tribal or community members with personal budgeting skills, or assist people that are in process of taking out a bank loan or buying a home. This class will help you budget your finances in a better way. There will be classes teaching you about credit scores and their impact on financing. These classes will be very important to you and help everyone in securing their financial future.

Daycare will be provided if needed

■ Food/drink will be available, depending on size of class.

■ These classes will last from 6 to 8 weeks. Cost is FREE and these are a series of classes that will be very important to you and your kids in your future. There are a total of 10 Modules.

■ Part 1—*Bank On It* (Introduction to banking); Part 2—*Borrowing Basics* (Intro to credit); Part 3—*Check it out!* (How to choose and keep a checking account);

■ Part 4—*Money Matters* (How to keep track of your \$\$); part 5—*Pay Yourself First* (Why you should save).

These classes are confidential so what is said in class stays in class. Nobody will be giving out your information. Contact Diana Pickernell for more information. 360-709-1631 or email: dpickernell@chehalistribe.

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Sunday 6 AM to 6 PM

MexiGo Adds New Menu Item

The MexiGo fast food restaurant at the EOT II has added pizza to their menu. The cost is \$4.99 for a personal-size pizza, either sausage or pepperoni. Store hours are Monday-Saturday 9 AM to 7 PM.

CHEHALIS TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

♦ "People of the Sands" ♦



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Chehalis youth take on Cowlitz Tribe at canoe races



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Community Effort Makes Chehalis-Hosted Weaving Conference a Success



Master Weavers from many tribes passed on basket-weaving techniques during the 15th meeting of NNABA. Many students from the Chehalis and other tribes completed baskets for the first time. Their names and tribes were announced and the teachers held up the baskets for applause.

By Dianne Devlin, Cultural Coordinator

The Chehalis Tribe hosted the 15th annual Northwest Native American Basketweavers Association (NNABA)* Gathering on October 2 - 4 at the Great Wolf Lodge. Natives came from all over the United States and Canada with open minds and hearts to learn new techniques from Master Weavers.

Early registration began Thursday afternoon. Each adult and elder received a woven cedar turtle created by the Red Cedar Hat Club to attach to their name tag.

On Friday free classes were set up in a separate room for the youth. It was a great way to preserve traditional weaving and encourage the children to become basket weavers. Many of the instructors were youth themselves. They made beautiful projects including feathers, cedar baskets, and turtles. Shelby McCrory, age 17, said, "This was very satisfying. I had 20 students in one of

my classes. It was a huge turnout and I ran out of kits."

Sally Pikutark, a Chehalis Elder, added, "I had 38 students, and enjoyed being with so many young and eager learners." Many agreed that it was a challenge for all the first-timers. They stayed with it, and everyone completed their projects.

In the grand ball room, there were many tables filled with people learning from the Master Weavers. It was a wonderful approach as Master Weavers taught not only the style, but the mind set a person needs to finish their project. The students demonstrated a thirst for knowledge and commitment as they learned to weave their magnificent baskets, listening and focusing with the goal to finish.

The gathering was a full-out Chehalis community-involved event. It took

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Tribe Saves Money, Meets Another Expansion Goal with New CTE Building

Brenna Youckton,
Administrative Assistant for CTE

Chehalis Tribal Enterprises is happy to announce its move into the refurbished modulars near End of the Trail 2 on Anderson Road. Though it took us some time to get adjusted and comfortable after the move, we were very pleased to host an Open House for the community on September 23. The event was held from 11 am - 2 pm to accommodate everyone.

Over 80 visitors were given group tours throughout the building by Enterprises' managers; David Youckton and Chris Richardson. They invited visitors to participate in a trivia hunt of Q&A's located throughout the Enterprise building. The objective of the hunt was provide facts about CTE and answer any question that people might have had. We didn't make it too hard; we even let everyone know what our CEO David Youckton's favorite soda is (Which is Coke Zero)! There was also a light lunch for visitors after the tour and trivia hunt.

Each person received a free raffle ticket just for showing up. And each person who filled out the trivia sheet received a second free raffle ticket.

We were excited about the number of people who stopped by that afternoon. Thank you to everyone who took the time to come see us and our new building, making our little event a success. Also, thank you to the Business Committee, the Heritage and Culture Program, the Office of Tribal Attorneys, and the Lucky Eagle Casino for donating the food and raffle items.

The 4,700 square foot CTE office building cost half as much as a new stick-

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Interior of Tribal Community Center Revealed

By Fred Shortman, Editor

The long-awaited tour of the new Chehalis Tribal Community Center finally arrived. On Wednesday, September 30, community and tribal members toured the beautiful new community center. There was excitement in the air during this momentous step in the continued growth that our tribe is making. As tribal members entered the parking lot they could see the beautiful landscaping created by Larsen Casteel. The three flags, high on their poles, were waving in the wind, welcoming everyone to the 55,000 square-foot building designed by the Buffalo Design Group.

Inside the building, guests marveled at the beautiful, repeated basket pattern. The cedar incorporated throughout the building and in the furniture was spectacular. It was apparent that there was a lot work and thought that went into the design of the building.

Dan "Bones" Gleason provided a special blessing and prayer for the building and all those who will be using it and working there.

David Burnett held up the

temporary occupancy permit and said, "On behalf of the Business Committee and staff who put this project together, welcome to our new Community Center. The goal is to have this building as a center piece of activity. We will find many ways this building can be used. There is room to grow and with the building's flexibility, we'll find even more use of this building."

Tribal and community members visited

with each other as they wandered through the areas that were open for the public to see: the large gym, gathering room, swimming pool, and kitchen. The beautiful, new Chehalis Tribal Community Center proved it will be a huge asset to the tribe, a place for friends and family to gather, visit and develop an even stronger sense of community.



Tribal employees started moving into the new Chehalis Tribal Community Center on October 16. Although it is never fun to move, employees are excited about the quality and atmosphere of the building and offices.

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2 Youth Use Pride and Muscle to Win at Traditional Canoe Races

By Fred Shortman, Editor

It was a beautiful sunny weekend at Ike Kinswa State Park on Mayfield Lake. The Chehalis Canoe Family participated in the Second Annual John Barnett Memorial Traditional Canoe Races and Celebration. The Cowlitz honors the Late John Barnett by fulfilling former Tribal Chair's vision of reviving the canoe races.

On Friday, there was a blessing of the dugout canoe built by Cowlitz member Robert Harju. Everyone who came to witness was smudged in order to purify themselves, bringing their good thoughts and prayers for the canoe. The ceremony was performed by Joseph Kalama it was done to awaken the spirit of the cedar tree, finding a new life as a canoe for the people informing it was to be used in a good way. After the ceremony the canoe was launched and given its maiden voyage, followed by the Cowlitz and Chehalis Canoes that are used in the Canoe Journeys. It was an honorable and thrilling moment for those who came to witness the ceremony.

On Saturday, the event began as people came to see the races. There were only two canoes that showed up to race, both are ocean going canoes that are used on the Canoe Journeys. Other canoe families weren't able to come due to scheduling



The Chehalis Canoe Family youth encouraged everyone to pull hard in the canoe races. Their commitment was inspiring as they competed against a team of adult men. When they won two races, they acted with respect and honor.

differences. The first canoe race was a 1 mile race. The Chehalis Canoe Family circled up and skipper Gail White Eagle selected her pullers. The youth donned their life vests and took a warm up pull. The human spirit always has the competitive drive to win in representing your tribe. The anticipation and excitement rose in the chest of the pullers as they waited for the starting horn. The youth focused and committed to working on nothing but power pulls in this race. They pulled with everything they had and they were greeted by cheers of encouragement echoing over the water as they successfully crossed the finish line. It was an awesome victory because our canoe

was filled with youth against the Cowlitz Canoe adult males. It wasn't just about winning, it was about working together and seeing how committed the youth are. What a proud moment it was.

The final canoe race that day was a five mile race. The Cowlitz support boat captain took our skipper to show him the 5 mile course. And when he returned the Chehalis Canoe Family circled up and Skipper James Cayenne II picked his pullers. Once again the youth stepped up to pull, still excited over the first victory. The Chehalis and the Cowlitz Canoe Families were evenly matched and the skippers' course selection is crucial to achieving a victory. The front seat

pullers reminded us about what strategy was going to be used for this race. With determination in their minds, they set an awesome pace. Though the Cowlitz Canoe was leading in the early part of the course, technique and stamina was a contributing factor in Chehalis taking the lead. As the pullers tired, the words of encouragement from the youth gave everyone strength to the finish this race. There was a victory swim for all pullers as the skipper requested each seat to take their turn jumping into the water.

On Sunday the course was revised from a 15 mile race to a 4 1/2 mile. Skipper Gail White Eagle selected her pullers. It was a great day, a little windier than the day before. The youth pullers used the same strategy that worked the day before. It was a fun race, but a buoy was missed and our canoe had go back and circle it. It was a good race, and everyone was laughing and congratulating everyone for a good race.

The feast and thank you gifts were given out at the dinner. It was a great weekend in celebration honoring John Barnett and helping participate in his dream of having canoe races on Mayfield Lake. The Chehalis Canoe Family enjoyed visiting with neighboring tribe, enjoying their hospitality in this gathering of native people. Our hands go up in appreciation to our youth for their dedication and hard work representing the Chehalis Canoe Family with honor and respect.

Program's Goal is to Screen for and Prevent Colon Cancer for Native Americans at Five SPIPA Tribes

By Marilee Bittner-Fawcett (Tsimshian heritage), Public Information, SPIPA

Colon cancer is one of the most preventable cancers. It can be screened for, and treated, in a pre-cancerous stage, with either a colonoscopy (every ten years) or a "stool test" (annually). Now seven Southwest Washington tribal clinics can provide routine colorectal cancer screenings to low-income, or under-insured, patients.

Five of the seven tribes are members of the intertribal, nonprofit consortium, the South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency (SPIPA): the Chehalis, Nisqually, Shoalwater Bay, Skokomish and Squaxin Island Tribes. The \$600,000, five-year grant from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) also serves the Cowlitz and Quinalt tribal communities.

With the grant, SPIPA will design and implement a tribally-based colorectal cancer program. Only four tribal organizations (SPIPA and three Alaska Native organizations) were selected for funding through the Center for Disease Control's review process. SPIPA is the only lower-48 Tribal Colorectal Cancer Program. The agency will be involved in state and national efforts to bring the message forward on how to best address colorectal cancer in Indian Country.

The focus of this national program is to increase the colorectal cancer screening rate in the United States for all people 50 years of age and older. This will be achieved

through two main goals:

- Provide community-wide activities including educational activities to increase community awareness and assist patients with making appointments for colorectal cancer screening. The goal is to achieve an 80% colorectal cancer screening rate of population.

- Provide free colorectal cancer screening and diagnostic services for low-income patients 50 and older, those without insurance, or provide assistance with co-pays for those with insurance. The goal is to provide screening and follow up to 900 eligible patients per year

SPIPA has had as Comprehensive Cancer Control Program in place that has received national attention. This Colorectal Cancer Screening Program (CCCP) will help SPIPA achieve the second SPIPA Comprehensive Cancer Control Program. This goal is to detect all screenable cancers at the earliest stage for tribal and community members of all SPIPA tribes. It will surpass the CCCP fourth objective to work with the tribal clinics to screen at least 50% of the age-appropriate population for colorectal cancer.

This new SPIPA program is modeled after our successful Native Women's Wellness Program and our Comprehensive Cancer Control Program. The Colorectal Cancer Program staff will work closely with staff from these two programs.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Chehalis tribal members and employees wore pink on October 16 to show their support for women who are breast cancer survivors.

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About 250,000 American women are diagnosed with some form of breast cancer each year. More than 40,000 women die from it. But thanks to early detection and improved treatments, the number of deaths is decreasing. Together we can make a difference. The important thing here is to remember early detection: Get your screenings on a regular basis.

The American Cancer Society's breast cancer screening guidelines are:

- Age 40 & over - Mammogram and clinical breast exam (CBE) yearly, monthly self breast exam

- Age 20 & 30s- CBE about every three years, monthly self breast exam
- Starting in 20s- Monthly self breast exam, consult your health care provider about CBE

The SPIPA Native American Women's Wellness Program pays for breast and cervical screenings for low-income women who meet income eligibility. The clinic has two providers who see women for these screenings. Donna Elam, PA, is here Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30pm. Dr. Teresa Solis is here Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Christina Hicks is the NWWP Outreach Worker. You can call the clinic at 360-273-5504 to schedule your appointment. *Remember, every woman counts.*



Youth Director Tony Medina put on a punt, pass and kick contest for the children during the TELO Flag Football Game. This was their opportunity to show off their skills.

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"People of the Sands"

Blast From the Past: Chehalis People at Pioneer Days, Centralia's Borst Park, 1932



Top Row LR-Charley?, George Sanders, Daisy Sanders, Clarence Youckton, Maggie Brown, Ralph Heck, Jack Moses, ?, Leslie Beckwith, Elmer Hayden, Bob Choke, Andrew Sanders, John Hayden Jr., Mike Simmons. Middle Row: ?, Lucretia Bill, Joe Revay, Susie Williams, Wilfred Sanders, ?, Bessie Hayden, Adam Heck, Bertha Bob Holding Cindy, Katherine, Jessie Sanders, Celia Bobb, ?, Lucy Sanders, Sophia Heck, Frank Pete. Bottom Row, Charlie?, Dan MacJoe? Bill Williams, Murphy Secena, Irene Secena, Donna Mae Heck, Anna Bell Walker,?,?, Harriet Pete, Lillian Hayden, Hattie Hayden, Rachel MacJoe, Eliza Bobb, Maggie Benn, Mabel Hayden, Johnny Benn. Bottom Middle: Stricklin?, Hazel Pete,

CHEHALIS LEGEND

Unnamed Story on How the Sun was Stolen

*This Legend was received from the Smithsonian Institute.
Article Submitted by Elaine McCloud, Heritage Coordinator*

Once upon a time, there lived a chief who kept the sun in a box. When his daughter went to gather berries, she carried the box along and opened it a little so that she was able to see. When she had filled her basket, she carried the box home to her father.

The people in other countries were very poor. They held a council in which they deliberated how they might obtain the sun. Finally they decided to send kali-qoo to the chief to steal the sun.

When he reached the country, he assumed the shape of an old slave. The people found him and took him home to their chief. Blue Jay lived in the house of the latter. He said "Oh, that used to be my father's slave. He lost him one day. His grandfather had been my father's slave." The people believed him and gave him to Blue Jay.

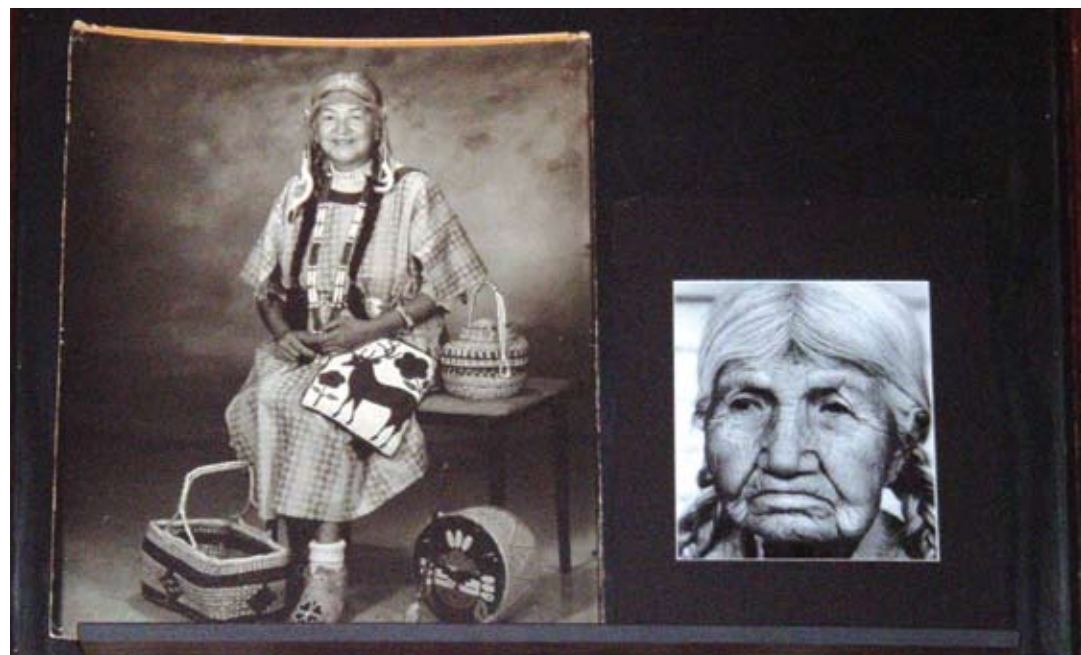
When the chief's daughter went picking berries; they took him along to paddle the canoe.

He was a very good oarsman, and Blue Jay said, "That is Tsi sti saatq, he was a very good oarsman." And they believed him. When they were traveling along, the slave began to say "Tses, tses, tses." The Blue Jay said to his brother Robin, "He always spoke so when he carried me about when I was a little boy." But the Robin did not remember. And Blue Jay said, "Oh, you are good for nothing. You are older than I am and you do not remember him."

Finally they arrived at the berry patch and the girl opened the box a little. As soon as the sun appeared, the slave jumped up, seized the box and opened it. And it became daylight. He ran away and they were unable to catch him. The people almost killed Blue Jay because his lies had been the cause of their losing the sun.

Kali-qoo took the sun home to his chief, who gave it to the people saying, "Henceforth, we will all enjoy the sun and not one man alone shall have it."

Museum Honors Chehalis and Cowlitz Tribes with Native American Room



The Lewis County Historical Museum have opened a Native American Room. Hazel Pete (Chehalis) and Mary Kiona (Cowlitz) Exhibits are inspirational exhibits on display.

The Lewis County Historical Museum has opened a Native American Room. A blessing was performed on September 26 to representatives of the Chehalis and Cowlitz Tribe. Many items displayed were donated by family members.

The museum is located at 599 Front Way, Chehalis. It is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. The cost is \$4 for general admission and \$3 for senior

citizens. Age 12 and under are free. Yearly memberships are available for \$35 per year per family, \$25 for senior citizen couples, and \$18 for individual senior citizens.

It is a honorable and respectable exhibit with some very intricate Native artifacts and information.

Tribal Staff Profiles: Chief Building Inspector and IT Senior Analyst

Don has worked for the Chehalis Tribe since early 2006, but has done projects around the tribe for over 12 years. He was a general contractor and built the fish house. He also hired and worked with tribal members rebuilding the youth gym/classrooms, and social services addition. He was the site supervisor for the elders/Head Start building construction and other projects. Don began working in construction in 1986 specializing in major residential remodels, and new construction and had his own company for 15 years.

Don was born in Centralia, went to grade school in Rochester, and graduated from high school at Lake Quinalt in 1973. During his summers, he worked with his dad in the woods, cruising timber, laying out logging roads and working on regeneration surveys on the Quinalt Reservation for the Quinalt Allottees Association.

Don joined the Navy the year he graduated, and served during the Vietnam pullout aboard the aircraft carrier USS Midway. When he got back, he married his high school sweetheart, Gail Norris. Don supported his new family by working in the



**Don Terry,
Chief Building Inspector**

woods as a cedar technician (better known as a "shake rat"). He and Gail started their family in 1977, and have three kids. Josh, the oldest, works here at the tribe in facilities. Stephanie was born next, in 1979, and Brandon was born in 1984. Don and Gail moved their family to Oakville in 1981, and their kids completed their schooling there.

You can usually find Don out in the field, conducting inspections on buildings around the reservation. He is responsible for keeping them up to current building codes so they last as long as possible and are in great condition with an emphasis on safety. Currently Don is overseeing the final inspections of our Community Center, as well as the addition to the Public Safety Building. As the scatter site administrator, he works with tribal families to help them get funding from I.H.S. to repair or replace their septic and water systems.

In his spare time, Don enjoys camping, spending time with his six grandchildren, wood working, and going to the ocean for razor clams and beach combing.

Hello, my name is Steven Raher. I grew up in Sioux City, Iowa, and graduated from the Naval Academy at Annapolis. The first part of my time in the Navy was spent on a nuclear submarine. I was the Reactor Control Officer, which means that I ran the reactor and supervised the men who maintained the electronic equipment. After my submarine duty, I was transferred to Washington, DC, where I taught computer courses for the Defense Department and the federal government. This was before desktop computers were common, and most of my students had never touched a computer.

After ten years, I left the Navy, got married, and settled in Gloucester, Massachusetts, the home of the Fisherman-at-the-Wheel statue and the setting of "The Perfect Storm." I worked as a software engineer at several companies in the Boston area, including Dunn & Bradstreet, Houghton-Mifflin, and IBM.

Last January I left Massachusetts for



**Steven Raher
IT Senior Systems Analyst**

Washington. My mother and one of my sisters live in Aberdeen, so it's wonderful to be near family again. I have a 20-year-old daughter attending college in California. (My ex stayed behind in Massachusetts, to be near her family.) I have to state that since moving to Washington, I see more fog in a week than I had ever seen in my entire life! On

the other hand, I will not miss knee-deep snowdrifts in the winter and Boston-area traffic.

I really like working here. In a large city, and in a big company, people tend to compensate for the crowding by being a little standoffish. When you pass someone in a hallway or on the sidewalk, it's almost considered rude to make eye contact. The atmosphere is much friendlier and more relaxed here.

I work for Kameron Naini, Terry Youckton and Daymon Thomas in the Information Technology Department. It is a real honor to work with the many good people here at the Chehalis Reservation.



The beautiful, new Chehalis Tribal Enterprises building was constructed from five pre-built trailers. It stayed on budget and saved the tribe money. Construction of a new storage and cigarette packing plant is in the process.

built building. Construction isn't finished, there is a new 2-story, 3,500 square foot storage building presently being built by our Chehalis Tribal Construction company. When it's finished, it will be part storage

and part cigarette packaging plant. Having a centralized area has greatly enhanced the capabilities and goals of our Chehalis Tribal Enterprises.

DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT CHEHALIS TRIBAL ENTERPRISES?

- In August 2009, End of the Trail stores #2 and #3 sold 361,124 gallons of fuel.
- Chehalis Tribal Enterprises employs 108 people and 35 are Chehalis tribal members. (The number of non-Chehalis Natives and Chehalis spouses we employ changes our ratio of staff. Currently 51% of our employees support Native American homes.)
- In 2009, the title of top manager of CTE was changed from "Executive Director" to "CEO", to better reflect the CTE business mission.
- The beautiful, new CTE offices were built from 5 pre-built trailers.
- CTE directly manages and operates eight businesses.
- The CTE executive management team consists of four positions.

Listing Financial Information Now Will Give You Peace of Mind for the Future

If you were to become incapacitated or die, how easy would it be for relatives or someone else to take over your financial affairs?

Would they have to search through a mountain of paperwork?

If you don't receive paper statements, would they even find out about all of your accounts?

No one likes doing funeral planning or other things that remind us of our own mortality. But death and injury are a fact of life. Creating a personal financial directory makes it easier for someone to cancel your accounts or otherwise manage your finances if you are not able to. You may also find yourself using it if, for example, your wallet is stolen and you need to notify financial institutions and creditors, or you forget an online password.

All you need to do is set aside a few hours one day. Think about all of the accounts and obligations you have, including a mortgage or rent, loans, credit cards, utilities, checking and savings accounts, investments, retirement funds, and insurance. On a piece of paper, list the following information about each one: the account number, who it is with, company contact information, online user name

and password, location of statements, and monthly payment and due date (if applicable). You should also include the name and contact information for any financial advisors, such as an accountant or insurance agent. Periodically revisit the list to make sure it is up-to-date.

In order for your financial directory to be helpful, someone has to know it exists. You may have no problem giving it to a trustworthy relative or friend, but it is completely understandable if you are worried about handing over your account information while you are still in good health. After all, what is to prevent your brother Bob from logging into your checking account online and transferring a little bit of money to himself? One option is to leave the list in a safety deposit box or fire-proof safe in your house. (Just make sure that whoever will be handling your affairs will be able to access it). Another option is to give it to a lawyer or other financial professional. (Once again, make sure the designated person knows who to contact.)

Besides creating a financial directory, another way to make it easier for your financial affairs to be taken care of is to assign someone durable power of attorney for finances. This specifically gives him or her the legal right to make financial decisions for you if you are unable. You can create a durable power of attorney document with the help of a lawyer or computer software. Make sure to choose someone who is trustworthy - if you have no friends or relatives who are appropriate, you can use a professional, such as a lawyer or accountant.

A little bit of planning can ensure that your finances are taken care of even when you are not able to manage them yourself.

many meetings and hours to arrange and coordinate. Many volunteers helped wherever they were needed.

Diane Pickernell worked on the NNABA Poster and created the pamphlet that featured photos with bio's of each of the featured weavers.

Christina Hicks did a great job preparing the Wellness Room, which included massages and volunteers from the Tribal Clinic. Every hour a massage for one lucky elder was raffled off at the conference. Participants who didn't purchase a raffle ticket could pay a small fee for a massage. Many took advantage of it, too. Christina Hicks also did a super job as the MC at the gathering and at the banquet held Saturday night at the new Chehalis Tribal Community Center.

Elders Jerry Simmons, Joan Martin, Dolly Canales, along with Theresa Shortman managed to sell quite a few raffle tickets to help off-set the cost of the banquet. The table vendors selling items at the conference were very generous with their donation items for the raffle. The donation encouraged people to buy raffle tickets in hopes of winning a hand-crafted Native American item.

Elder Janice Latch staffed a registration table for the Fashion Show that was held at the banquet. The fashion show was a beautiful display of Native regalia. Selena Kearney announced and commented on the fashions, and it turned out to be a great hit with the guests. Some people modeled their own creations, but for those who did not wish to do so, community members stepped up to become runway models. A big thanks to Kaileen, Kelsey, Olivia, Charlie, Rita, Lucy and even Selena who pulled double duty when she set down the microphone to model.

The banquet was held at the new Chehalis Tribal Community Center. Over 500 people attended. The tables filled and people overflowed into the bleachers. The dedicated crew kept the food coming until everyone was fed. Special thanks

to Cheryle, Dolly, Boots, Cammi, Shoni, Tiny, Betty F., Nadine, Bones, Priscilla, Lynn, Jo, Dianne D., Sue, Lloyd F., Bruce K., Malissa and son, Boo, Jordan, Helen, and Wakisa.

The Fisheries Committee prepared the fish. Thank you Dennis, Shawn, Robert, Jerry and Guy for keeping the fish coming. And a big shout out to Ray Secena who ran around endlessly helping us set the finishing touches on the banquet room.

The slide show during the banquet was prepared by Shelby McCrory. She did a great job! The Chehalis Tribe Canoe Family entertained the guests during the dinner. The LaPush Tribe led by Rodger Jackson performed their Raven and Wolf traditional dances.

The 15th Annual NNABA Conference hosted by the Chehalis Tribe was a big success because it was a community effort where so many dedicated people worked on the project over the course of a year. I am sure I have forgotten some of the people who were so helpful. Thank you! Your time and effort helped make this conference such a success!

*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, and gathering sites, and 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.



Kelsey Bray, Selena Kearney and Charles Latch, III, modelled beautiful Native regalia for the fashion show.

New Tribal Hatchery will Release Fish in Early 2010, You'll See More Fish in 2013

By Andy Olson, Fisheries Biologist

Finally we are open! The hatchery building is up and running. Everyone in fisheries and at the hatchery is excited and wants fish in the building. The Chehalis Tribal Fish Hatchery had its open house on October 9 and everything went great. Marie Bird gave the blessing and everyone enjoyed the Spring Chinook cooked by Shawn Ortez, John Youckton, Robert Cayenne and Don Secena.

The construction phase is finally over and we can begin the process of producing more fish for the people. The tribe will be following all of the recommendations made by the Hatchery Scientific Review Group. This will lead to better quality hatchery fish derived from wild stocks within the basin. We will be getting the eggs from fish within the Chehalis basin. The eggs will be taken from wild fish that have paired up and are ready to spawn, so essentially we will be taking eggs that would have gone into gravel and putting them into our hatchery to increase survival to release. The releases

should begin in the spring of 2010 and will consist of Fall Chinook (King), Chum (Dog) salmon, Winter Steelhead, and Cutthroat Trout.

Spring Chinook will play a key part in the new opportunities for Chehalis tribal fishermen. We will begin raising them next year. The tribe hopes to be able to release hundreds of thousands of fish, but this will take time, and a little more expansion. Our goal is to be able to increase tribal catches by thousands of fish. Sheena Tanner has been hired as our Fish Hatchery Technician. She brings years of experience to this position, and she's looking forward to caring for our fish.

The goal of the hatchery is to raise wild native fish from local rivers. We should see fish returning as soon as 2013. With more fish returning, we will be providing fish for future generations to enjoy and catch. Hatchery staff are working with Fisheries to create a plan to begin the process of spawning fish and getting eggs in the incubators.

Diabetes Awareness Walk

Is going to happen this month. Everyone is invited!

**Saturday, October 24
Sign up at 10 AM
Walk starts at 11 AM**

Come join this 1st annual 5K Diabetes Awareness Walk. Starts at the Youth Center.

Lunch will be provided. Guest speakers. Raffle and door prizes!

Any questions, please contact Lynn Hoheisel at 360-709-1744 or lhoheisel@chehalis-tribe.org

Medicare Presentation

**At the Chehalis Tribal Elder's Center
On Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009
Starting at 9:30 am**

Medicare Part A covers your hospital care. You are eligible to receive Part A coverage premium-free if you or your spouse paid Medicare taxes while working.

Martin Estrada, Southwest WA Regional Trainer, Office of Insurance Commissioner
SHIBA Helpline (360) 725-7108
MartinE@oic.wa.gov

The Great Wolf Lodge

Will be providing tours to tribal members and their families every 3rd Thursday of the month.

Transportation will be provided. Sign up sheets are available at the Tribal Center.

South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency

10th Annual Native Art Auction and Dinner

Saturday, November 14, at the Lucky Eagle Casino

Tickets are \$75.00 and are on sale now. Registration begins at 5:30, and the silent auction will begin then. The seafood dinner/buffet is at 6:30 with the live auction to follow at 7:30.

For more information, contact Terri Flowers at 360-426-3990 ext. 3202.