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# Program News

## New Community Center Offers Something for Everyone

The New Community Center has been finished, and staff are moved into their new offices. Drop by and check out the new classrooms and see fun activities being offered in our beautiful new building.

■ **Youth Center:** Tony Medina, Marla Medina, Theresa Pannkuk, Jerry Youckton, 360-273-9674.

■ **Higher Education:** Racheal Mendez, 360-709-1698

■ **TELO/Education Program:** JJ Shortman, Nathan Floth, Tawni Willis, Jason Gillie, 360-709-1578

We currently have 116 students signed up for the Tribal Education Program. Our staff works with students who are in kindergarten through grade 12 in the school district as well as in an after-school program held at the Community Center. The after-school program hours are 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

■ **Heritage:** Elaine McCloud, Heritage Coordinator, 360-709-1748

We are resuming our family tree classes. They are held on Mondays starting at 5 PM at the new Community Center in classroom 4. If you are attending for the first time, please obtain your family tree from Enrollment so we have a place to start. It's easiest to enter the building from the south entrance, go through the library and then to the classroom.

■ **Cultural:** Diane Devlin, Culture Coordinator, 360-709-1621.

The Cultural Program will be working on pine-needle basketry in December. At the beginning of 2010, we will work on making coil baskets in the Red Cedar Hat Club, held every Thursday. This is an open weavers table. No need to sign up, just drop in and join the weavers. The classes start at 3 PM and run to 6:30 PM every Thursday, unless the tribe has another community event running on the same night. Then the class is rescheduled.

■ **Language:** Dan Penn, Language Coordinator, 360-709-1747

Language classes are held on Wednesdays, 5-7 PM. Carving classes are at the woodshop by the Tribal Center on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Please check with me on scheduling changes. The canoe has been moved into the woodshop, so come on over and check out the progress and work on other carving projects. Everyone is invited. Come meet Mr. Dave Wilson, Master Carver from Lummi.

■ **Cheryle Starr, Events Coordinator,** has moved into her new office. She is in charge of scheduling events. Spaces are available to be used for events you might be interested in holding. So contact her to reserve a room. She can be reached at 360-709-1524.

■ **Elders** have been having lunch at the gathering room. Check with Nancy Romero, Elders Coordinator, for her events calendar at 360- 870-0141.

# CHEHALIS TRIBAL NEWSLETTER



♦ "People of the Sands" ♦

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## Elders Prove Tribe's Bazaar Has Area's Best Christmas Shopping



The Annual Elders Bazaar attracts many vendors to come sell their wide variety of beautiful hand-crafted items. The Elders also had a raffle, bake sale and food for customers to purchase to raise funds.

By Fred Shortman, Editor

The Annual Elders Christmas Bazaar was held on December 5 at the Lucky Eagle Casino Events Center. There were over 70 vendors who showed up to have their crafts available for sale. The bingo hall was packed to the gills, making it one of the largest bazaars around.

With the Christmas spirit in the air, many families have their Christmas lights put up and are now out shopping for that special gift for their loved ones. Coming to the Elders Bazaar is special to find unique Native hand-crafted goods. And yes, you could find it at this bazaar.

There was beadwork, carvings, clothing, blankets, drums, paintings, and much, much more. There were wall-to-wall vendors and you could shop at your leisure. And as last year, Nancy Romero worked very hard for the Elder Program to make this a successful event! Great Job Nancy, your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated. During her vacation, she received many phone calls from vendors, and put this event together

which went very smoothly and with much success!

The Elders were seen bustling around their own portion of the bazaar, providing some delicious food for purchase. The chowders that Chops made were outstanding! They also were raising money through a raffle. All of the vendors donated items from their tables to the raffle. Some of the raffle items were donated from the Elders themselves.

The silent auction went well also. Items included a knitted blanket and a beautiful beaded barrette which was received from the Beckwith family, a beautiful wreath with cedar ornaments which the Red Cedar Club donated, a nice leather jacket from Phil Hamilton, a beautiful drum from Betty and Lloyd Fulton, a carving from Jake and Tiny Jones, and much more.

Many thanks go to all who volunteered and helped with the donations.

Congratulations to all the winners!!

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## Chehalis Tribe's Grand Mound Plan Receives Award

By Lennea Magnus, Planning Director

The Confederated Tribe of the Chehalis Reservation's Grand Mound Development Plan was chosen as the winner in the category of rural and small town planning by the American Planning Association, Washington Chapter, and the Planning Association of Washington. The award was presented at the APA WA/PAW annual conference in Vancouver, Washington, on November 13, 2009.

The award recognizes the best examples of land use and community planning in the State of Washington.

The concept for the Grand Mound Plan developed from a conversation between Chehalis Business Committee Chairman David Burnett and retired Thurston County Commissioner Bob McLeod, establishing a new model of intergovernmental partnership. The Chehalis Tribe funded the project and served as lead planning agency. Lennea Magnus, Chehalis Tribe Planning Director, worked closely with project consultant Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc. in producing the plan.

A series of public meetings kicked off in March 2008 and continued throughout the year, with meetings hosted at the Eagle's Landing Hotel, Lucky Eagle Casino and the Great Wolf Lodge. The July 2008 meeting at the Great Wolf Lodge was attended by over 100 tribal members, agency representatives and local community members.

In October 2008, Thurston County commissioners were briefed on the Grand Mound plan and approved a staff work plan incorporating its elements. The final Grand Mound Development Plan was produced and presented to the tribe in January 2009.

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## Chehalis Tribal Weavers Learn Complex Herringbone Style from Master Weaver

By Dianne Devlin, Culture Coordinator

Chehalis Tribal Weavers gathered at the new Community Center Cultural Program class room #166 to master the herringbone weave. Fourteen women met for a full weekend of weaving taught by Kathey Erin. The two-day class, held the weekend of November 21 and 22, began each morning at 9 AM and lasted over nine hours each day. But the hard work and dedication paid off for each of the ladies.

This was no beginners' class. Kathey Erin, Master Weaver from Sequim, has taught weaving classes for 15 years. Kathey explained that she considered the herringbone cedar to be the most advanced basket weavers class she teaches. She told us she was very impressed with the skill level of the Chehalis tribal weavers who attended her class that weekend. Everyone who attended the class learned to master the herringbone weave by designing a cedar purse mostly comprised of the herringbone weave, except the woven design in the front of the purse.

Shown in the photo above is the diversity of purse patterns, which demonstrates the creative talents of Chehalis basket weavers.

Each of the purse's designs features patterns created with black-dyed cedar and yellow cedar. The in-lay work of the two different colored cedars created unique patterns that personalized each weaver's purse.

In addition to one-on-one directions from the Master Weaver, Kathey provided

the weavers with a packet of detailed instructions and full-color photos on the techniques to completing a herringbone cedar woven purse. For the final stage of the purse, weavers were offered six different patterns to choose from to complete the front

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Chehalis Tribal members display their beautiful herringbone baskets at the advanced classes taught by Kathy Erin. Front row L-R Evelyn Penn, Cheryle Starr and Jessie Goddard. Top L-R Winona Youckton, Orinda Goddard, Elaine McCloud, Diane Devlin, Sally Pickutark, Jodie Smith and Gloria Jones.

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## 2 Youth and Elders Work Together to Make Christmas Ornaments

By Fred Shortman, Editor

On Tuesday December 8, the Culture Program worked with the youth teaching them how to make Christmas ornaments.

The class was divided into small groups which allowed more one-on-one time to teach young community members the techniques of making ornaments. Sally Pikutark, Marie Griswold, Elaine McCloud and Dianne Devlin, offered several



**Rhapsody Simmons 4 years old proudly displays her hand crafted Christmas ornaments.**

ornament styles the youth chose to make. They made angels, snowflakes, beaded candy canes, cedar stockings, reindeer, and hearts.

They took them home to hang on their Christmas trees. There was no pre-registration for the Christmas ornament classes. They are offered as drop in classes for fun.



Many of the youth were joined by parents and grandparents to help in the making of ornaments. It was a day to hear stories as everyone



**Sally Pikutark showing Roberta (11 years old) Youckton how to make a beautiful cedar heart christmas ornament. What a fun day making christmas ornaments.**



## Want to Quit Smoking? Try 7 Tips

Will you or someone you love resolve to quit smoking for New Year's? The American Lung Association is here to help you keep that resolution. January is the perfect time for a fresh start, and with today's economic challenges, quitting smoking is not only good for your health, but also your wallet. At current prices, when a pack-a-day smoker quits, it's like getting a \$2000 bonus—tax free—every year! Having a solid plan can be the key. Here are seven tips for success and resources that have helped thousands give up smoking for good:

1. Talk to your doctor about the different over-the-counter and prescription medications available to help you quit smoking.
2. Look into the different kinds of self-help options available to smokers. Visit [www.lungusa.org](http://www.lungusa.org) for tools to help you quit, like our *Freedom From Smoking® Online*.
3. Take time to plan. Pick your quit date a few weeks ahead of time and mark it on the calendar. If you can, pick a day when life's extra stresses are not at their peak, such as after the holidays. Mark a day on the calendar, and stick to it.
4. Get some exercise every day. Walking is a great way to reduce the stress of quitting. Exercise is proven to not only combat weight gain, but also improves mood and energy levels.
5. Eat a balanced diet; drink lots of water and get plenty of sleep.
6. Ask family, friends and co-workers for their help and support. Having someone to take a walk with or just listen can give a needed boost.

7. You don't have to quit alone. Help is available. Consider joining a stop-smoking program like Freedom From Smoking® offered by the American Lung Association.

For even more help, call our Lung HelpLine at 1-800-LUNG-USA. Our nurses and respiratory therapists can provide expert advice on quitting smoking.

"Be aware that smokers have different experiences when they quit," says Norman Edelman, M.D. American Lung Association Chief Medical Officer. "Some may feel tired or even easily excitable. Others may feel light headed, nervous or irritable and experience headaches in addition to craving tobacco or sweets. Know these feelings are normal and may last for several weeks. But eventually they will pass."

The American Lung Association's Freedom From Smoking® program has helped thousands quit smoking and is considered the gold standard for smoking cessation programs. This seven-step program is also offered in a group setting, as many participants find the support of others a beneficial component of the quitting process. And perfect for today's busy world is Freedom From Smoking® Online [www.ffsoulne.org](http://www.ffsoulne.org) which brings the program into the comfort and privacy of your own home.

"Quitting smoking is one of the most important things that you can do for your health," adds Dr. Edelman. "While half of adult smokers will die of smoking-related causes, it's important to remember that it's never too late to quit. The American Lung Association offers the best tools and resources available."

## Tribal Young Man Gets Noticed, then Named to National Panel

Published in eShare Newsletter July 2009 by TOGETHER!

We are proud to announce that TOGETHER! staff member, Jesse Youckton, has been invited to join the Native American Center for Excellence (NACE) as an Urban Youth Representative. He will be one of 14 expert panelists from across the country to serve on this national panel.

Jesse first met NACE staff while representing TOGETHER! at the Community Anti Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) National Leadership Forum in Washington, DC, in February. Jesse attended a NACE workshop and provided input throughout the workshop, catching the attention of NACE representatives.

The mission of the Native American Center for Excellence is to strengthen substance abuse prevention efforts in Native American communities. Sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the center will identify innovative and promising programs and practices that prevent substance abuse disorders and related problems among Native Americans.

Jesse is a member of the Confederated Tribes of Chehalis and has worked at TOGETHER! as the coordinator for SPLAT! —Students Protesting Lies about Tobacco youth coalition since January 2008.

I was a peer educator in the Teens Against Tobacco Use program, a curriculum developed by the American Lung Association, where teens go into elementary classrooms and talk about the dangers of smoking and give the kids reasons to not start.

I also served with the American Cancer Society helping them develop training manuals for a youth initiative used in multiple states and later adapted the curriculum to be culturally appropriate for Native communities. I have also served as a trainer in different topics around youth coalition development.

In 2004 I was a recipient of the Selecky Award as the Youth Advocate of the Year from the Department of Health in Tobacco Prevention and Control. When I graduated, I went to the UW where I studied American Indian Studies. I had to stop my schooling but plan to get my degree from The Evergreen State College.

My goal has always been to help our people and I feel I am meeting my goal. I now serve on different boards and committees across the state and country making sure our people get the right services, protection and proper education.

### Jesse Youckton Bio:

My name is Jesse Youckton and I am 23 years old. I work at TOGETHER!, a community based non-profit that focuses on youth violence, alcohol, tobacco and drug prevention in Thurston County. I have been the Youth Coordinator for the past two years. I first got involved in prevention when I was a freshman at Timberline High School. I stayed active as a volunteer for TOGETHER! throughout my high school career and beyond.



**Jesse Youckton with GeoMarc Panelo, Caitee Borges, Meghan Sullivan, Kim Vivian, and Deja Dunning from SPLAT! at the Capital in Olympia. The group was attending Policy Maker Education Day. They were there to educate their legislators about the dangers of second-hand smoke.**

## Students Get Praise, Dinner and Movie for Getting Good Grades

By Jason Gillie, TELO Program Education Assistant

Congratulations to the following students for passing all their classes, or making dramatic improvements in their academics: Michael Boyd, Alyssa Charles, Jonathan Jack, Jr., Sarah Quilt, Marcus Youckton, Ann Marie Youckton, T.J. Trott, Kayley Trott, James Quilt, Kayla Nyreen, Jordan Merriman, Shelby McCrory, Bobby Jones, Geo Jack, Loyala Davis, Little Bear Davis, Heather Daniels, Sidney Cole, Kaileen Bray, Jacquelyn Bray, Jeanette Boyd, and Jordan Bird.

All these students were invited to dinner and a movie with our Education Program

as a reward for their outstanding work in achieving their academic goals. Everybody enjoyed a delicious meal at the Oyster House in Olympia. After the meal, all the students agreed to see the movie "2012." Everybody had a great time.

We recognized the students for their dedication in getting passing grades and having good attendance. Our program continues to encourage any students who weren't able to attend to strive to get their grades up. We would love to have all the students join us as a reward for their academic achievements. Great job, students!



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## Honoring our Elders: Elaine Sutterlict-

"..enjoys teaching and learning about her culture..."

Elaine was born in October 1952 to Bennie and Hattie (Hayden) Pikutark in Portland, Oregon. Her grandparents were John and Bessie (Walker) Hayden. Her grandmother was Upper Chehalis and her grandfather was Lower Chehalis. Her great-grandparents were Tom Hayden and Lucy Bill Heck, who was married to Silas Heck at one time. Her other great-grandparents were Clara (Jacobs) and Joseph Walker.

Elaine's father was Inupiaq (Eskimo) from near Nome, Alaska. She has an older half-sister, LaVera Pikutark-Dubberly, who lived with the family in her younger years. Elaine was the middle child of three siblings, Ronnie Pikutark being the oldest, and a younger sister, Diane "Bub" Pikutark. Unfortunately, Diane died in 1978.

Elaine was married to Bennie Sutterlict, Jr., (Yakama Nation) until his death in 1998. They met at Central Washington State College in Ellensburg. He had just returned from a tour in Vietnam and she had just graduated. He had a daughter from a previous marriage, Darcey Sutterlict- Maass. While married to Bennie they had four sons: Kevin, Greg, Stephan and Rikki.

Elaine has 16 grandchildren: Robert, Leona, Michael, Leroy Jr., Cheyenne, Brittany, Emery, Cleo, Steven, Sarah, Deidrah, Teila, Mackenzie, Nawinathla, Pataathla, and Lawyce. There are also four great-grandchildren: Anthony, Leroy III, Cyrus, and Michelangelo.

In 2000, Elaine married Jack McCloud, Jr. (Nisqually Tribe).

Elaine spent most of her childhood on the Chehalis Reservation after her family moved back from Portland. They lived in her grandparent's house, the old Eyle house, then moved to Lizzie Johnson's house. The houses had no electricity and no running water. Family members hand-carried water from Willamette Creek. The houses were heated by pot bellied stoves wood cooking stoves in the kitchens. Food was floated in plastic bags in the creek to keep it fresh. When there was oil, the family used kerosene lamps. When there was no oil, they used candles.

Elaine's last move was to the house where she presently lives. "When we first moved in, we had no water and carried water from our grandparent's house. 'I don't remember what year all of the reservation got electricity and running water, but I remember having wringer washer machines at both houses and hanging clothes outside or around the house,'" recalls Elaine.

"Our chores included carrying water, carrying wood, making kindling, and washing dishes," remembers Elaine. "Mom got sick and told me I was going to have to learn to cook. I had to bake biscuits because we had no bread. She showed me the cookbook and gave me pointers. I didn't understand the directions that well but tried to follow them. I tried sifting the shortening and it was a mess and I started to cry."

Elaine and her family member went to the Shaker Church, then the "Little White Church."

Elaine went to Oakville Public School from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades, and graduated in 1970. There was no kindergarten or Headstart back then. "The Timberland Library had a bookmobile that came out here to Oakville. My mom loved to read. We would all check out books, and if we didn't read them all, my mom usually did. I remember walking up the bookmobile steps

and seeing all those books and thinking that it was so special that I could check them out."

When Elaine's family lived in Portland, cousins would come and live with them, starting with Edna Youckton. She came to help out with the kids. When they lived at Lizzie's, cousins took turns living with them. At that time there were a lot of house fires and children would be parted out while families rebuilt or found places to stay. Elaine's mom took care of the Hayden family children for extended periods of time, like during clamming season.

Christmas time back then was different than now. "We received care packages, usually an outfit and a toy," says Elaine. "Each gift would say '10-year-old boy' or '8-year-old girl.' One year mine came and it said 'boy'. Inside was a flannel shirt, jeans and a toy for a boy. This was when girls rarely wore pants."

Elaine remembers picking strawberries each summer. "It would be cold bushes that greeted us in the morning and hot sun beating down on us in the afternoon," recalls Elaine. "We weren't allowed to goof around. I remember Bub and I tried squishing berries under our noses and saying we had bloody noses, but it didn't work."

Summer was also time to go get eels. Elaine and others would go with Uncle Clarence Youckton to gather large black ants for bait, then head to Rainbow Falls. "The men would use a pole with a hook to snag the eels. They would throw them up on the rocks and we would grab them with old socks we had on our hands. We would bang them against the rocks and put them in a gunny sack."

The family would go to the "camp meetings" at Little Boston for summer vacations. They were joined by the Windsor, Ortivez, Jones and other families.

Elaine remembers having to drive to

Mom and Susie would pack a lunch and we would eat on the beach. The quack dentist they had would give us a shot of Novocaine but we wouldn't feel its effect until we were heading home. As we hit Aberdeen, our mouths would start getting numb."

Elaine and her sister took up basket making, beadwork and Indian dancing when they were in high school. "I guess the tribe must have got some sort of grant to offer culture enrichment classes. Mom had gone to Chemawha Boarding School and could teach us to knit, crochet or embroider but not any traditional crafts. She said she must have been a tomboy and that all she ever did was make bottoms."

Hazel Pete was their teacher and John Donovan also taught. "I remember he taught us how to play slahal games and how to dance.

He told us to go home and ask our parents what kind of outfits our people wore. Mom said until we reached puberty, you usually wore nothing. Then the girls wore cedar bark skirts. When it got colder, you would put on a cedar bark cape and if it rained you would have a cedar bark hat. Since it rained so much, we usually went barefoot. So we went with 'Plan B' and made cloth dresses."



Elaine inherited her love of photographs from her mother. Elaine always encourages her family to get together for photographs every year. This helps create good memories and enables them to see the children grow up.

Taholah to see a dentist. "We would take the whole day off to go to the dentist. Uncle Clem, Aunt Susie, Pat and all of us.

Elaine remembers going to a powwow in Seattle. They had the Grand Entry in alphabetical order of tribal names. "They called out the delegation from the particular tribe and the spotlight would shine on you as you danced in. They had large delegations from various tribes in their beautiful beaded buckskin outfits and then there was us. We were just a handful of kids who had never danced before and the arena was huge. Good thing for me I didn't wear my glasses, so I couldn't see all those people looking at our small little group."

Elaine says her life growing up on the reservation with a large extended family was filled with happy times and hard times. "We were poor and struggled, but we were raised by a mother who told us she loved only her 'Heavenly Father' more than us. There are so many stories that only my kids and grandkids have heard and some that I keep to myself. I enjoy telling my stories and hope other Elders will have a good time telling their stories for our readers."



1969 photo of Diane (L) and Elaine in front of their first home on Howanut Road. Children in front (L-R) Cheyenne, Rose and Ringo Pickernell.

## Staff Profiles: Youth Center Director and Behavior Health Youth Counselor

I'm Tony Medina, a tribal member and the Youth Coordinator for the Youth Center for the past 12 years. I grew up in California in a small town called Port Hueneme. While growing up, I played a lot of sports. It was great to be encouraged by my parents and six brothers and sister. After graduating from high school, I worked for Northrup Factory. I did some landscaping to earn extra money to purchase my first Harley. Motorcycles have always been my love. It was nice how far \$2 worth of gas could get me. Riding my first Harley had me hooked from the start.

In the 1990s I decided that California was getting too crowded, and decided to relocate to Oakville, Washington, and started working with the youth during tribal summer programs. I also worked at Mima Nursery where I met Jolene, my beautiful wife of 16 years. My now extravagant son, Kendell, who is 15 years old, is one of my biggest supporters. Both volunteer at the Youth Center and put up with my demanding schedule.

As for hobbies, I love working with old



### Youth Center Director

cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Taking a piece of junk vehicle, and making an operatable piece of junk is cool. I've also learned that keeping weeds out of roses is nearly impossible. I've been weeding roses practically all my life. While growing up in California, my mom Alice always grew roses in front of the house. Weeding the rose garden was one of my many chores.

Another of my passions is cooking. Since becoming a diabetic nine years ago, it's been hard not to eat tacos, enchiladas and especially homemade tamales. I was raised on those foods and it makes it difficult in maintaining the diabetic diet. Now I only cook them for friends and family.

These youth on the Rez keep me going all the time. I love playing games with them, feeding them, and on occasion, help them in study hall preparing them for an upcoming exam. There's nothing more gratifying seeing the first set of eyes appear, as they race from the bus stop to be the first kids at the Youth Center. Even though the paperwork at the center can be overwhelming, working with the kids is

great! Each day I look forward to seeing all the youth show up. So if you ever get a chance, swing by the Youth Center. It will make your day when you see those smiles and big eyes of joy as the youth play and have fun.

My name is Gail Hurst. In 2007, I came to the tribe under contract to be a Chemical Dependency Counselor for 90 days. I was later hired permanently.

I've been married to my husband for 15 years (modern Brady Bunch) and have six beautiful children (five daughters and one son) and six grandchildren. We met at a concert held by the elementary school our children attended. I've been a Washingtonian all my life, and thoroughly enjoy living here.

I'm currently the Youth Counselor. My hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 8:30 am until 5:00 pm. Tuesdays and Thursdays my hours are 10:30 am to 7:00 pm. My office is located in the Behavioral Health Clinic. Between 3:00 to 5:00 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday you can find me at the Community Center working in the youth program. I love working with the youth and my time is committed

to giving them the skills to avoid getting involved with, or getting uninvolved with, alcohol and drugs.

This next year we are hoping to have a healing garden -- the group room in the Behavioral Health Clinic painted by Elders and youth who want to volunteer. (The theme should represent the Chehalis Tribe.) There will be more youth activities that promote prevention and sobriety coming later in 2010.

There will be a news flyer starting in January on signs and symptoms of substance use, abuse, and dependency, along with news from Vocational Rehabilitation, Mental Health, and Prevention. This will be coming out to the community every four months.

My hobbies are quilting, music (I play a variety of stringed instruments), roller skating, hiking, movies, and exploring the Northwest (via a motor home).

### Behavior Health Youth Counselor



## 4 Bazaar (continued from page 1)

And thanks for your support!

A down turn to this day was the economy. Yes, even though things are looking up, vendors mentioned that things were slow. But towards the end of the day, it was a lot better. Many said that they had been to other bazaars this year, and it's the same all over. They said vendors do well here at the

Chehalis Tribal Elders Christmas Bazaar! They do enjoy coming to the Chehalis Elders Bazaar and they'll be back next year. So, if you're looking for a beautiful hand made Native gift, remember to stop at the Chehalis Elders Bazaar which is held the first Saturday of December each year.

## Eleven New Homes Will Provide Pride in Home Ownership



Despite the freezing temperatures, the construction workers continue working on this beautiful new home. Tribal member families are anxiously awaiting the completion of their new homes on the Vosper Property.

By David Boyd, CTHA Executive Director

CTHA is under way in the construction process in building 11 new single-family homes at the Vosper development. At present the CTHA has qualified eight tribal member families to enter into home ownership under a lease mortgage contract. The remaining three homes will be available to qualified applicants under a rent-to-own program which will be available in the near future for families to apply.

The home buyer families were qualified through a lengthy mortgage process. Families chose their style home from multiple floor plans of varying styles and sizes of which their families were eligible for. The families will select the carpet, vinyl and interior fixtures to best suit their taste and design, and select the exterior color of their home. Stetz Construction from

Spanaway received the contract award and has begun the process of construction. Each home will be finished within 120 days from the start date of construction.

The CTHA will designate one of the homes to be a model home for the community to tour, thus allowing families to see firsthand the quality homes being constructed for tribal member families.

These are very exciting times for the entire Chehalis tribal community. The CTHA Board of Commissioners and staff will be available to discuss questions or concerns to include all available programs the Housing Authority offers to qualified Chehalis Tribal members and families. Contact the Housing Authority staff at 360-273-7723.

## Award (continued from page 1)

Grand Mound is a rapidly urbanizing, but unincorporated, community adjacent to I-5, 20 miles south of Olympia.

In 2008, the Great Wolf Lodge opened, attracting more than 300,000 visitors annually to the indoor water park, conference center and 500-room hotel.

The existing patch-work of ownerships and regulations presented an immediate challenge to the project planning team. Potential conflicts were addressed through an open and collaborative process designed to reconcile tribal and county regulations and to satisfy tribal and non-tribal property owners' concerns.

Building on a platform of trust and confidence in the planning process, broad

agreement was reached on the future direction for the community. By engaging Thurston County, property owners and numerous business stakeholders, the 2,300-acre study area now has a broadly supported template on which future growth can be managed.

The Chehalis Planning Department would like to thank the Chehalis Business Committee, tribal members, the Grand Mound community, Rochester residents, Thurston County Commissioners, the Thurston Regional Planning Council, the Thurston Economic Development Council, and all who participated in this planning effort.

Visit the Chehalis Tribe's website at [www.chehalis-tribe.org](http://www.chehalis-tribe.org) and click on Planning under "Resources/Services" to view the plan. Copies of the plan are also available in the Chehalis Planning Office.



Chairman David Burnett and Lennea Magnus with the Rural and Small Town Planning Award giving us the thumbs up.

### Chehalis Tribe Holiday Closures

December 23: 1/2 Day-Closes At noon  
December 24: All Day  
December 25: All Day

December 31: 1/2 Day-Closes At noon  
January 1: All Day

Any questions, please contact the Tribal Center at 360-273-5911

### Tribal Community Christmas Party

Sunday, December 20  
Starts at 11 am  
At the Lucky Eagle Casino

Lots of fun activities for the tribal community. Bingo, dinner, crafts for the kids and Santa will be there for photos and gifts.

Please contact Cheryl Starr, Events Coordinator at 360-709-1524.

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of the purse. Kathey prepared died black cedar for each student to weave between the yellow cedar to make the designs pop.

At times there was more laughing going on then weaving, but that is normally the way Chehalis weavers work together, and Kathey joined right in with the anecdotes.

Each of the weavers shared what the completed purse meant to them. Everyone agreed that with two long days of hard work to complete the project, they would wear their purses with great pride. And they should! The purses are real head turners. Congratulations to all who completed the

project. Every participant has added one more weaving technique to their many artistic talents.

The Cultural Program will be working on pine-needle basketry in December. At the beginning of 2010, we will work on making coil baskets during the Red Cedar Hat Club.

Every Thursday is the Red Cedar Hat Club. This is an open weavers table. No need to sign up, just drop in and join the weavers. The classes start at 3 PM and run to 6:30 PM every Thursday, unless the tribe has another community event running on the same night; then the class is rescheduled.

## 10th Annual SPIPA Auction Raises More Money than Ever for Five Tribes

By Fred Shortman, Editor

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual SPIPA Art Auction at the Lucky Eagle Casino was another tremendous event. The South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency will be using 75% of proceeds for an investment fund. The remaining 25% will be used to meet the immediate needs of the tribes' youth programs and provide services for Elders. All the funds raised will advance the health, education and welfare of the five SPIPA Consortium Tribes (Chehalis, Nisqually, Shoalwater, Skokomish, and Squaxin Island).

People came and saw some handmade intricate Native artwork. The craftsmanship was awe-inspiring and will be proudly displayed by the winning bidder. Many were donated by Native artists, weavers, carvers, and businesses that had been auctioned off to assist SPIPA to achieve this worthwhile fund raiser.

### Children's Christmas Fund Gets Help

This was one of the biggest fundraisers that the auction has had, raising over \$56,066. This gives the tribes \$1,000 more than in the past auctions. In addition the auction raised \$2,720 for the Tribal Children's Christmas Fund in memory of Bob Bojorcas.

Bob served on the SPIPA Board of Directors from the 1990s until his passing in December 2008. He took in troubled and homeless Indian and non-Indian youth and got them involved in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities to keep them get out of trouble. Bob worked very hard to assure that children at the Shoalwater Bay Tribe and other Indian children would receive presents

during the Christmas holiday season. He solicited from and cajoled donors to fund his "Christmas Fund." Bob was SPIPA's Indian Santa Claus. Please join us in memorializing Bob's commitment to our children and continue the work he began.

### The Thrill of Bidding

Each bidder signed in and received their number to used in the live auction. There was a silent auction displayed on tables along the walls. People wrote down a bid on an item that they were trying to win. The closing of the silent auction tables was announced during the live auction. As the tables were closed, you could see winning bidders smiling as they headed to pay for their successful bid.

Then the live auction began. Chad Ehli, from Ehli Auction, was the auctioneer for the day. You could hear his voice ring across the loudspeakers as he announced the next item up for bid. It was entertaining and competitive as each item was displayed throughout the room to get the winning bid. Bidders raised their numbers in the air as they competed for the item they chose.

There was also a delicious seafood dinner prepared by the casino. Johnny Moses from Tulalip was there to provide entertainment. He is fluent in seven different languages and kept everyone involved as he shared his stories with the audience.

Many heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped make this such a success! A special thank you goes out to all the sponsors, business, artists and all the people who came out to bid and support our worthwhile cause.

## Focusing on Loved Ones Can Help You Stay Sober During Holidays

By Lorrie Bonifer, Prevention Specialist

The Holidays are perhaps one of the hardest times of the year for newly sober people. During this time some drink for joy and others medicate for pain.

The best way to stay sober this season is to possibly come up with a new tradition with your loved ones. Consider family sledding at White Pass. The best part is that it's free.

There is another great family event on February 27 and 28, which is also free. It is the 24th Annual White Pass Winter Carnival. This family-oriented event features a huge snow castle, professional snow sculptors from around the US and Canada, live music, fireworks, a torchlight parade, a kids carnival, and a snow sports competition.

Other ideas are watching movies at home with hot chocolate and popcorn. There's also family scrap booking, and board games, or go clam digging. Keeping busy with your loved ones is imperative to helping you stay

sober. Your loved ones will cherish the time spent with you.

Another way to stay sober is to find a project you and your loved ones can work on together. It can be a project like finding someone in need and help them. You can invite them to your Christmas dinner, help them with cleaning, firewood, groceries, or even something like cutting them a Christmas tree, or making them a Christmas basket with home made things in it. Sometimes just going out of your way to help others can, in turn, actually help you.

The decisions you make today control your life tomorrow. Life really is about choice and consequences.

Please be safe for the Holidays, May God bless you! If you need help through this holiday season to stay sober please contact: Lorrie Bonifer 360-709-1717 or email [lbbonifer@chehalis-tribe.org](mailto:lbbonifer@chehalis-tribe.org). My office has been relocated to the Wellness Center.

### WIC

Women, Infants, and Children

Pick up at the Wellness Center  
8 AM to 4 PM

January 7  
February 4  
March 4

WIC provides healthy foods and nutrition information for you and your child up to age 5. Fresh fruits and vegetables are part of the WIC foods!

Contact Debbie Shortman at 360-709-1689

### Commodities

Friday, January 15  
Friday, February 12  
Tuesday, March 16

Pick up is available at the Community Center between 10 AM to 4 PM

Contact Shirley or Bonita at 360-438-4216 or 360-438-4235 for more information and applications for commodities