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By Fred Shortman, Editor

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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 paid off for each of the vendors.

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The Elders were seen bustling around their own portion of the bazaar, providing some delicious food for purchase. The choosers 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 all. Items included a blanket created a beautiful beaded barrette which was received from the Beckwith family, a beautiful, intricately created with black-dyed cedar and yellow cedars. Each of the purse's designs features patterns which demonstrates the creative talents of Chehalis basket weavers.

Congratulations to all the winners!!

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

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Tribal Young Man Gets Noticed, then Named to National Panel

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 Pihulak, Marie Grossold, Elaine McCloed and Dianne Dral, offered several ornament styles the youth chose to make. They made angels, snowflakes, beaded candy canes, candle stockings, reindeers, and hearts. They took them home to hang on their Christmas trees. The young people were proud of their handmade ornaments. Many of the youth were joined by parents and grandparents to help in the making of the ornaments. It was a day to hear stories as everyone showed Roberta how to make a beautiful cedar heart ornament.

What a fun day to make Christmas ornaments.

Sally Pihulak, show the young people how to make ornaments.

Robertas (11 years old)
Youckton how to make a beautiful cedar heart ornament.

Rhapsody Simmons proudly displays her hand crafted Christmas ornaments.

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 (CADA) National Leadership Forum in Washington, DC, in February. Jesse attended the forum 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 to prevent substance abuse disorders and related problems among Native Americans.

Jesse is a member of the Confederated Tribes of Chulahs and has worked at TOGETHER! as the coordinator for SFLAT! -StudentsProtesting Lies about Tobacco youth coalition since January 2009.

Jesse Youckton Bio:
My name is Jesse Youckton and I am 23 years old. I work at TOGETHER! I am a community based non-profit that focuses on youth violence, alcohol, tobacco and drug prevention in Thurston County. I have been working here for two years. I am the community 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! through high school careers and beyond.

Jesse Youckton with GeoManc Pielco, Caileen Borges, Meghan Sullivan, Kim Vivian, and Deja Dunning from the Capitol in Olympia. The group was attending Policy Maker Education Day. They were there to educate our legislators about the dangers of second-hand smoke.

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.
3. Take time to plan. Pick your quit date a few weeks ahead of time and mark it on the calendar. If you can, plan a day when your life’s extra stresses are not at their peak, such as after the holidays. Mark a date on the calender, 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 try to eat healthy.
6. Ask family, friends and co-workers for their help and support. Having someone to talk to about smoking or just listen can give a needed boost.
7. You don’t have to quit alone. Help is available. Consider joining a stopping program like Freedom From Smoking® offered by the American Lung Association.

For even more help, call our Lung Help-Line at 1-800-LUNGUSA. 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. flusonline.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.”

Students Get Prize, Dinner and Movie for Getting Good Grades

By Jason Gille, 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., Brandon Chilt, Marcus Youckton, Ann Marie Youckton, T.J. Trot, Kaysley Trot, James Quill, Kayla Nyten, Jordan Meriman, Shelby McCoy, Bobby Jones, Gia Jack, Loyla Davis, Little Bear Davis, Heather Edelman, Sidney Cotl, Kaileen Bray, Jacqueline 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!
Elaine didn't read them all, my mom usually did. I would all check out books, and if we got sick and told me I was going to have "Our chores included carrying water, 'I don't used candles. kerosene lamps. When there was no oil, they floated in plastic bags in the creek to keep it cooking stoves in the kitchens. Food was heated by pot bellied stoves wood houses had no electricity and no running 1990s I decided that California was nice how far $2 worth of gas could get Motorcycles have always been my love. It was a summer. "It would be cold bushes Elaine remembers having to drive to the rocks and we would grab them with old snag the eels. They would throw them up on the men would use a pole with a hook to get them out of the rocks and we would grab with old rocks we had on our hands. We would hang against the rocks and put them around our gummy back. Elaine remembers picking strawberries each summer. "Our chores included carrying water, cooking wood, making kindling, and watering vines," 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 brands. She showed me the cookbook and gave me pointers. I didn't understand the directions that well but tried to follow them. I tried making the shortening and it was a mess and I started to cry." Elaine's mom took a job at the Shaker Church, then the "Little White Church." Elaine went to Oakville Public School from the 1st to 12th grades, and graduated in 1943. Then she attended Pepperdine College in California, so she could go to the "camp meetings" at Little Boston for summer vacations. They were joined by the Windsor, Orinco, Jones and other families. Elaine remembers having to drive to the Youth Center and put up with my demanding schedule: For hobbies, I love working with old cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Taking a piece of junk vehicle, and making an operable piece of junk is cool. I've also learned that keeping weeds out of our garden is impossible. I've been weeding roses in my life. New growth is growing up in California, my mom Alice always grew pink roses in the front. Weeding the rose garden was one of my many chores. We had a small garden in which vegetables is cooking. Since becoming a diabetic, I used to love to eat tacos, enchiladas and especially homemade tamales. I was raised on those foods and it makes me miss my real home. I can't eat a tamale. I love to feed kids and friends. The way we danced. As we hit Aberdeen, our car had to stop. We didn't have any gas. My dad and Susie would pack a lunch and we would go home. We couldn't see all those people looking at our tribe and the spotlight would shine on you as two children grew up. 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 moccasins I can't see all those people looking at us. We were poor and struggled, but we were raised by a mother who told us as the loved only her "Heavenly Father" more than us. There are so many stories that only my kids and grandchildren have heard and some we keep to myself. I enjoy telling my stories and hope others will have a good time telling their stories for our readers." 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 grandmother were Johnnie and Bessie (Walker) Hayden. Her grandmother was Upper Chehalis and her grandson was Lower Chehalis. Elaine was married to Bill Hawk, who was married to Silas Heck at one time. Her other great-grandparents were Clara (Jacobs) and Joseph Walker.

Elaine grew up in Oakville (Elkdam) from near Nome, Alaska. She has an older half-sister, LaVera Pikutark-Dubbel, 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 passed away before Elaine was born.

Elaine was born to Bennie Sutterlict, Jr. (Yakama Nation) until his death in 1998. They met at Central Washington State College in Ellensburg. He had just finished serving in the military. Elaine was 17, he was 19. His older brother, Robert, and his younger sister, Leroy Jr., Cheyenne, Brittany, Emery, (Cheyenne), Keila, Marlene, Nawanitch, Pataahla, and Lawyce. There are also four great-grandchildren: Anthony, Leroy III, Cyrus, and Michelangelo.


Elaine spent most of her childhood on the Chehalis Reservation after her family moved back from Portland. They lived in her grandmother's house, the old Elye house, traveling between coloring and my parents. The house had no electricity and no running water. Family members hand-carried water from Willamette Creek. The houses were heated by hot-belled stoves wood burning stoves that would be flooted in plastic bags in the creek to keep it feeding. I was the oldest, and my family used kerosene lamps for lighting. We only used candles when we needed to use candles.

Elaine says she lives up on a reservation with a large extended family that was filled with times and hard times. "We were poor and struggled, but we were raised by a mother who told us as the loved only her "Heavenly Father" more than us. There are so many stories that only my kids and grandchildren have heard and some we keep to myself. I enjoy telling my stories and hope others will have a good time telling their stories for our readers."
Eleven New Homes Will Provide Pride in Home Ownership

By David Boyd, CTHA Executive Director

CTHA is under way in the construction process in building 11 single-family homes at the Vesper Property. The remaining 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. Site 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 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.

There 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 about all included programs the Housing Authority offers to qualified Chehalis Tribal members and families.

Contact the Housing Authority staff at 360-273-7273.

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February 4

March 4

Contact Debbie Shortman at 360-709-1689

Chehalis Tribal Holiday Celebrations
December 23-1/2 Day-Beats at Noon
December 24-All Day
December 25-All Day
December 26-1/2 Day-Beats at Noon

Tribe Community Christmas Party
Sunday, December 20
At the Lucky Eagle Casino
Lots of fun activities for the tribal community.
Bingo, games for the kids and Santa will be there for photos and gifts.
Please contact Cheryl Starr, Events Coordinator at 360-709-1524.

WIC
Women, Infants, and Children
Pick up at the Wellness Center 8 AM to 4 PM
February 7
February 14
February 28
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.

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Focusing on Loved Ones Can Help You Stay Sober During Holidays

By Lorrie Bonifer, Prevention Specialist

The Holidays are perhaps one of the busiest 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 you’re with your loved ones. Consider family sledding at White Pass. The best part is that you’re with your loved ones.

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 snowboarding competition. Other ideas are watching movies at home with hot chocolate and popcorn. There’s also family scrapping, baking, and endless games, or go clam digging. Keeping busy with your loved ones is important to help you stay sober. Your loved ones will cherish the time spent with you.

Another way to stay sober is to find a project you can work on together. It can be a project like finding someone in need and help them. You can invite your family to Christmas, help them with cleaning, firewood, groceries, or even something like cooking 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.

To make decisions you must take control of your life and set your own goals. Make your own choices and make choices that are best for you.

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

Contact Shirley or Bonifer at 360-438-4210 or 360-438-4235 for more information and applications for commodities

Commodities

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

Pick up is available at Community Center

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.

If the pace. Kathy prepared deep black cedar for the yellow cedar to make the design pop. At times the craftswoman was going on then weaving, but that is normally the way Chehalis weavers work together, and Kathy joined right into the accentuates.

Each of the weavers shared what the completed project. Everyone agreed that with two long days of hard work to complete the project, they would weave their purses with great pride. And they should! The purses are real head turners. Congratulations to all who completed the project. Everyone has added one more way to make them unique with their many artistic talents.

The Cultural Program will be working on pine-needle basketry in December. At the beginning of 2010, we will be working on making real basketry again.

Every Thursday is the Red Cedar Hat Club at the Chehalis Elders Bazaar. 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.

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And thanks for your support!

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To reconcile tribal and county regulations

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Visit the Chehalis Tribe’s website at www.chehalistribe.org and click on Planning under “Resources/Services” to view the plan. Copies of the plan are also available in the Chehalis Planning Office.

By Fred Shortman, Editor

The 10th 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 other 25% will be available to discuss questions or concerns about all included programs the Housing Authority offers to qualified Chehalis Tribal members and families.

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The Thrill of Bidding
Each bidder signed in and received their number to use in the live auction. There was a silent auction going on 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 table cloths were pulled, you could see winners smiling as they headed to pay for their successful bid.

The live auction began. Chad Ethli, from Ethli Auction, was the auctioneer for the day. You could hear his voice ring across the banquet hall as the last item up for bid. It was entertaining and competitive as each item was displayed throughout the room to get the winning bid.

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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.

Chris’s Children’s 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 any other year. 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 2002-2006. He passed away in December 2008. He took the troubled and homeless Indian and non-Indian youth and got them involved in curricular and extra curricular activities to keep them out of trouble. Bob worked very hard to assure that children at the Chehalis Bay Tribe and other Indian children would receive presents during the Christmas holiday season. He solicited from and roped 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.

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