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# Program News

## Sign Up Now for Free Family and Art Portraits

The Cultural Program is offering free family portraits and artist portfolio photos to tribal community members. Cecilia Kayano, editor and photographer for *Health for Native Life* magazine, will be taking the photos. It's a great opportunity to update your family's photo albums. Artists can get photos of themselves and their artwork, beadwork, basket weaving, carving, and other items for documentation or sending to possible buyers, grantors, etc. This will assist you in the documentation of your creativity, and bring a better value to everything you sell.

The photography sessions will be held on Saturday, April 10 and Saturday, April 17, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Community Center's Commons Room.

- Please select and sign up for one of the days and times offered. Each photo session will take approximately 30 minutes. Sign up on the hour or half hour, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.
- Please arrive 15 minutes early with your family. If appropriate, wear regalia or something meaningful. Bring props like a baseball mitt, basketball, fishing pole, guitar, family pet, etc. that will help provide interest to the photo. If you have a favorite vehicle, drive it to the Community Center, and Cecilia will photograph you with it! Portraits will be taken as a group and individually.
- If you are an artist and want photos of your artwork for a portfolio, please bring the art pieces.
- A CD copy of the photos will be made for each family to keep for your personal use.

If you have any questions, please call DeDe Devlin at 360-709-1621, or e-mail me at [Ddevlin@chehalistribe.org](mailto:Ddevlin@chehalistribe.org), or contact Fred Shortman at 360-709-1726.

## Call Crisis Line for Immediate, Anonymous Help

If you are in a crisis situation with drugs, alcohol, depression, or other issues, you can call any of the 24/7 crisis lines to get help. All calls are anonymous, so when you call, they do not know who you are. The counselors are ready to speak and listen to you anytime. Contact numbers for the crisis lines are:

- Youth crisis line (17 and under): 360-586-2777
- Thurston County Crisis Line: 360-586-2800
- Grays Harbor County Crisis Line: 360-685-6556.

## Newsletter Office Relocated

My office has been relocated to the Resource Center (old clinic) located behind the main tribal center. Any questions, please contact me at 360-709-1726 or email [Fshortman@chehalistribe.org](mailto:Fshortman@chehalistribe.org).

# CHEHALIS TRIBAL NEWSLETTER



♦ "People of the Sands" ♦

## Honoring Elders: Cindy Davis-Andy



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## Tribal Conference Sheds Light on Tribal, State Issues



The ATNI Conference is an important avenue for tribes to voice their concerns in dealing with state governments. Pictured (L-R) are Henry Cagy - 1st Vice-President, Brian Cladoosby - President, David Burnett, Jessie Goddard, Sharon Goudy - Treasurer, Cleora Scott-Hill - Exec. Director.

By Carol Craig, Yakima Tribal Member

Chehalis Tribe, WA.—States are on the continual attack against the sovereign nations as they push to tax tribal goods, and question tribal jurisdiction. Promises by states are being broken, echoed tribal leaders during the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) winter conference held recently at the Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound.

A record number of over 400 tribal leaders, elders and members, gathered February 8-11 to discuss topics including tribal sovereignty, trust reform, treaty rights, global change, economic development, taxation, gaming, land-into-trust issues, and cultural resource protection.

"Why are the states asking for funds from the tribes when we paid 150 years ago," said Cheryl Kennedy, chair of the Grand Ronde Tribe in Oregon. Even the Indian Health Service (IHS) is on "life support" with very

little funding from the federal government.

Francis Charles, Lower Elwah, said promises Washington State made are being broken. Tribes need more protection of sacred grounds that affect tribal cultural. "The salmon, water, berries, all of that is our culture."

ATNI tribes also agreed there is a need for a stronger connection to the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), a national tribal advocacy organization. Currently the resolution process allows NCAI staff to table certain ATNI resolutions if sponsors are not at the national office in Washington, D.C. Also, a number of ATNI resolutions sent to NCAI are edited without notification to the authors.

Tribal leaders pushed for more cohesiveness with NCAI including working cooperatively with governmental representatives for the benefit of member

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## Critical Case of Tribe Against the County Coming to Trial

By Harry Chesnin, General Counsel for the Chehalis Tribe

The legal case of the Chehalis Tribe and the Great Wolf Lodge against Thurston County for trying to tax the Lodge buildings (built on trust land) is moving towards an end. The case began August 2008 when the County Assessor ignored the ruling and opinion of the State of Washington Department of Revenue which found that taxation would interfere with the strong interests of the Chehalis Tribe and the United States and therefore, neither the State nor the County should try to tax the operation or buildings of the Great Wolf Lodge.

When the Thurston County Assessor assessed the buildings on a personal property tax basis (rather than trying to tax the land), the Tribe and CTGW (the joint venture with Great Wolf) sued the County Assessor, the County Treasurer (who would try to collect the taxes) and the County Commissioners of Thurston County in Federal District Court in Tacoma.

The first action taken by the Tribe's legal team (Harry Chesnin, General Counsel to the Tribe, Gabe Galanda, and Anthony Broadman from Williams Kastner) after filing the lawsuit was to seek an injunction prohibiting the County from trying to collect the taxes during the case. At the hearing, the Judge decided an injunction was not necessary since he asked, "How can the County come on the trust land and collect the taxes?" Even though the Judge didn't grant the injunction, the Tribe and the County agreed to a "stay of any action" until the case was over, which was equivalent to winning the injunction.

The next action the Tribe's legal team began and took over the course of the litigation was to do *discovery*. The Tribe

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## Tribal Employees Wear Red in Support of Women's Heart Health

Christina Hicks, Community Health Coordinator

Friday, February 5, was National Wear Red Day, and about 26 Chehalis tribal employees wore red to show their support for this important awareness. Heart disease is the number one killer of women. Too many women die each year because they are unaware of the risk of heart disease. In fact, one woman dies about every minute from cardiovascular disease.

You can speak up against heart disease for yourself, and for others by doing the following:

- Say "no" to unhealthy behaviors such as smoking and lack of exercise

- Talk to your doctor about your personal risk factors and how you can reduce them
- Tell everyone you know that heart disease is women's number one killer - more than all other cancers combined.

Thanks to everyone who made the choice

to show their support for all the women in the community. For more information regarding women and heart disease visit: [GoRedForWomen.org](http://GoRedForWomen.org), and choose to live a heart-healthy life.



On National Wear Red Day tribal employees gather in support of women's fight against heart disease. Pictured top row (L-R) are Patrick Simmons, Sr., Josh Terry, Carla Thomas, Cindy Beck, Nathan Floth, Ray Secena, Jr. Middle row (L-R) are Ena Myers, Cindy Gamble, Elaine McCloud, Donna Koernke, Tony Medina, Paul Lamb, Bev Starr, Virginia Canales, Christina Hicks, Bottom row (L-R) are Lorrie Bonifer, Joan Martin, Sue Ortivez, Margie Youckton, Charlotte Lopez, Monique Lopez, Marlene Hjelm, Luana Bue, Correna Young, Mary Secena, Gerrie Sanders. Photo by Chris Salmon

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## 2 Chehalis Tribal Students Getting Better Grades

By Tawni Willis, Chehalis Tribal Education Assistant

The education program is excited to announce the number of students eligible for our dinner and a movie incentive has increased yet again! Sixth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are showing great improvement. We are thrilled to have so many students participate.

These students have qualified for dinner and a movie with their second quarter grades:

Jeanette Boyd, Michael Boyd, Alyssa Charles, Sid Cole, Heather Daniels, Little Bear Davis, Loyala Davis, Heidi Gaiser, Deidra Hawkes, Geo Jack, Junior Jack, Raven John, Tammy Klatush, Ray Lopez, Shelby McCrory, Jordan Merriman, Kayla Nyreen, James Quilt, Kayley Trott, Marcus Youckton, Jordan Bird, Rikki Sutterliet, Kaileen Bray, Jacquelyn Bray, Bobby Jones, Gordon Klatush and Richie Revay.

In addition to the 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade incentive program, the Chehalis Tribal Education Program has begun a similar program for our K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students who demonstrate good behavior, good effort, good grades

and attendance.

We have also started recognizing parents with students who are performing exceptionally well in school. Being involved in your student's education is very important to their success.

Our after-school program (TELO) is underway and busy. We have collaborated with Tony and the Youth Center for students to participate in an activity at TELO or with the Heritage and Culture Program before going to the Youth Center. There was some resistance in the beginning, but this has become a successful routine for the students.

If your student is not signed up with our program, they are missing out on many great services and incentives. Please call or come see us at the new Community Center to get your children into the program so they (and you!) can be recognized for their efforts.

Remember: "In order for you to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure."



Students dedicate themselves to academics by doing their homework in the after school program. The Youth Center rewards them for participating with all the programs before coming to play. Pictured (L-R) are Shayna and Kiara Pickernell, Savanna Bird, Tawni Willis, Donnelle Edwards, Roberta Youckton.

## Take Care of Your Loved Ones by Being Responsible with Your Prescription Pills

By Lorrie Bonifer, Prevention Specialist Coordinator

Sharing medications with friends or family members may start out innocently. Maybe they are stressed out, or have a major headache. Please realize their body chemistry is different than yours and even sharing vitamins can be dangerous.

Drugs that cause birth defects, such as teratogenic prescriptions (an agent that interrupts or alters the normal development of a fetus, with results that are evident at birth), are a huge danger. A woman taking someone else's medication while not knowing she is pregnant could cause damage to her unborn child.

Taking medications is becoming a huge trend. Drug addicts are turning from crystal meth and heroin, to using Oxycotin, a prescription pill they crush and snort, smoke and/or inject.

Please keep your prescriptions locked up and if someone you know needs something stronger than Tylenol or Ibuprofen, have them see our staff at the Chehalis Wellness Clinic.

Keeping drug, alcohol, tobacco free will enhance your life and your family's, so that it is a healthy, beautiful life.

### Be Careful When Disposing Your Medications

Many people toss expired or unused medications in the trash or flush them down the toilet. Some components of these drugs end up in our lakes, streams, and water supplies. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, "The improper disposal of unused medications by flushing them or pouring them down the drain may be harmful to fish, and wildlife and their habitats."

Additionally, throwing medications away in the garbage may be dangerous since they can end up in the mouths of children or household pets.

According to an Associated Press investigation reported in early 2008, "A vast array of pharmaceuticals, including antibiotics, anti-convulsants, mood stabilizers and sex hormones, have been found in the drinking water supplies of at least 41 million Americans."

### Federal Guidelines to Dispose Medications

Do not flush prescription drugs down the toilet or drain unless the label or accompanying patient information specifically instructs you to do so. For information on drugs that should be flushed, visit the FDA's website.

To dispose of prescription drugs not labeled to be flushed, you may be able to take advantage of community drug take-back programs or other programs, such as household hazardous waste collection events, that collect drugs at a central location for proper disposal. Call your city or county government's household trash and recycling service and ask if a drug take-back program is available in your community.

Here are tips for disposal of drugs when a take-back or collection program is not available:

- Take your prescription drugs out of their original containers.
- Mix drugs with an undesirable substance, such as cat litter or used coffee grounds.
- Put the mixture into a disposable container with a lid, such as an empty margarine tub, or into a sealable bag.
- Conceal or remove any personal information, including Rx number, on the empty containers by covering it with black permanent marker or duct tape, or by scratching it off.
- Place the sealed container with the mixture, and the empty drug containers, in the trash.

## Parents Urged to Keep Children Safe on Internet

The Internet can be a wonderful resource for kids. They can use it to research school reports, communicate with teachers and other kids, and play interactive games. Kids who are old enough to punch in a few letters on the keyboard can literally access the world.

It's important to be aware of what your kids see and hear on the Internet, who they meet, and what they share about themselves online. Just like any safety issue, it's wise to talk with your kids about your concerns, take advantage of resources to protect them, and keep a close eye on their activities.

### Getting Involved in Kids' Online Activities

Aside from these tools, it's wise to take an active role in protecting your kids from Internet predators and sexually explicit materials online. To do that:

- Become computer literate and learn how to block objectionable material.
- Keep the computer in a common area, not in individual bedrooms, where you can watch and monitor its use.
- Share an email account with your child so you can monitor messages.
- Bookmark kids' favorite sites for easy access.
- Spend time online together to teach your kids appropriate online behavior.
- Forbid your child from entering private chat rooms; block them with safety features provided by your Internet service provider or with special filtering software; be aware that posting messages to chat rooms reveals a user's email address to others.
- Monitor your credit card and phone bills for unfamiliar account charges.
- Find out what, if any, online protection is offered at your child's school, after-school center, friends' homes, or anyplace where kids could use a computer without your supervision.
- Take your child seriously if he or she reports an uncomfortable online exchange.
- Forward copies of obscene or threatening messages you or your kids get to your Internet service provider.
- Call the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at (800) 843-5678 if you're aware of the transmission, use, or viewing of child pornography online; contact your local law enforcement agency or the FBI if your child has received child pornography via the Internet.

### Basic Rules

Set up some simple rules for your kids to follow while they're using the Internet, such as:

- Follow the rules you set, as well as those set by your Internet service provider.

- Never trade personal photographs in the mail or scanned photographs over the Internet.
- Never reveal personal information, such as address, phone number, or school name or location; use only a screen name; never agree to meet anyone from a chat room in person.
- Never respond to a threatening email or message.
- Always tell a parent about any communication or conversation that was scary.
- If your child has a new "friend," insist on being "introduced" online to that friend.

### Chat Room Caution

Chat rooms are virtual online rooms where chat sessions take place. They're set up according to interest or subject, such as a favorite sport or TV show. Because people can communicate with each other alone or in a group, chat rooms are among the most popular destinations on the Web - especially for kids and teens.

But chat rooms can pose hazards for kids. Some kids have met "friends" in chat rooms who were interested in exploiting them. No one knows how common chat-room predators are, but pedophiles (adults who are sexually interested in children) are known to frequent chat rooms.

These predators sometimes prod their online acquaintances to exchange personal information, such as addresses and phone numbers, thus putting the kids they are chatting with - and their families - at risk.

Pedophiles often pose as teenagers in chat rooms. Because many kids have been told by parents not to give out their home phone numbers, pedophiles may encourage kids to call them; with caller ID the offenders instantly have the kids' phone numbers.

### Warning Signs

Warning signs of a child being targeted by an online predator include: spending long hours online, especially at night; phone calls from people you don't know, or; unsolicited gifts arriving in the mail. If your child suddenly turns off the computer when you walk into the room, ask why and monitor computer time more closely. Withdrawal from family life and a reluctance to discuss online activities are other signs to watch for.

Contact your local law enforcement agency or the FBI if your child has received pornography via the Internet or has been the target of an online sex offender.

Taking an active role in your kids' Internet activities will help ensure that they benefit from the wealth of valuable information it offers without being exposed to any potential dangers. Check out this website for Internet safety laws, online protections tools. [http://kidshealth.org/parent/positive/family/net\\_safety.html#](http://kidshealth.org/parent/positive/family/net_safety.html#)



The EOT I Store received an interior face lift over the weekend. The improvements enhanced the little store giving it more eye appeal. Pictured is Wilma Graciano working the morning shift said, "We're receiving a lot positive comments on the changes to the store."

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### Community Dinner, May 19, 5:00 PM Chehalis Tribal Community Center

This event will be focused on the dangers of prescription drug abuse. Join us for dinner, and receive drug abuse prevention music CDs created by youth in the Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Program. There will be dinner, youth singing and performing, and a raffle for \$100.00 gas cards.

Curtis DuPuis will open, and Oliver Wells, teen author of *My Year of Pharmaceutical Thinking*, will tell his story and have his books available. If you have questions, call Lorrie Bonifer, 360-709-1717, or Gail Hurst at 360-709-1674.

## Honoring our Elders: Cynthia Davis-Andy

"..her basketry skill is a healing and treasured tradition..."

Cynthia R. Andy was born October 11, 1930, even though her birth certificate says October 13. She was born on the Chehalis Reservation to Marion and Bertha (Petoie) Davis. Her grandparents, on her father's side, were Charley Petoie and Emma Heck. Her maternal grandparents were Jack and Eliza Davis. She had six siblings: Christine, Dan, Evelyn, Elsie, Eleanor, and Katherine. Her mother later married Fred Bobb. Her parents raised nine children, including two children Fred Bobb had from a previous marriage.

Cynthia was married to William F. Andy for 36 years until he passed away six years ago. They have a daughter, Lydia, and a son-in-law, Randy Parrott. Cindy has one granddaughter, Cynthia Parrott, her namesake. She has one sister, Katherine Barr. They have always been real close. When they were younger, they used to do lots of silly things together. They both have always been hard workers. Cindy has lots of nieces and nephews.

Cindy grew up in their family's home on Howanut Road on the upper part of the reservation. Their home was an old two-story house that used to be part of the old boarding school that was moved from the Stanley Petoie property. Her father was given one of the buildings and other families assisted in moving it to their family's land. Her father added more rooms as time went on. Cindy reminisced, "I can still picture the tall timbers it was made of. It was a sad day when it had to be condemned due to termite damage."

When Cindy was a child, everyone had chores to do. They kept busy getting water, bringing in wood, helping with the cooking and filling the kerosene lamps, if they had kerosene. Her mother taught them how to gather cattail, sweet grass, cedar roots, bear grass and cedar bark for basketry. In the summer, they traveled and picked all kinds of berries when they were in season. The berries would be used to make jam and pies.

One of Cindy's chores was to pack water to the house for cooking and bathing. She remembers using a wheelbarrow to carry buckets and milk cans from Adam Heck's house. His house was across from the Shaker Church. The roads weren't paved and after filling up all of the containers, the wheelbarrow became very heavy. There were times when it would tip over. She would have to go all the way back and get water again.

When Cindy got older, her parents bought an old car. It wasn't anything fancy. You had to crank it to get it going. The car sure made it easier to get water, though. It was the same with getting wood. They used a hip saw to fall trees, and then they had to pack it all home. After they got the car, getting wood became easier. No one laid around in those days.

Cindy said, "Having to do chores was a good thing. It was teaching us children how to listen, to honor and respect our parents and Elders. If we didn't listen, we were punished. As I look back, I'm so glad our parents taught us these values. These days, kids don't seem to listen anymore. I pray that someday they'll be taught and learn to

respect and honor."

Her childhood friends were Irene Youckton, Chops (George Youckton), Anna Beckwith and most of the children in her age group. Cindy played baseball at the Hayden house with a homemade bat and ball. Percy Youckton was older: He was the catcher and was always bossing them around. Cindy was always in the outfield and she remembers having to chase the ball because it was hit so far. Playing baseball was fun. Now she is an avid Mariners fan! She exclaimed, "I enjoy watching baseball and look forward to attending the Mariner's Opening Day!"

Anna Beckwith was her school friend while attending Oakville Elementary. When she was at Oakville, the older kids made them put on boxing gloves and box. When the two friends were older, Cindy enjoyed teasing Anna by asking if she wanted to go a couple of rounds. It would make them laugh to remember those times.

Cindy attended Oakville School for two years. She remembers the younger kids being constantly picked on by the older kids. Because of this, her mom transferred her to Rochester. Even though she was the only Indian student in Rochester for awhile, she was treated kindly by the other students and the teachers. Later, more Indians started attending Rochester School.

Cindy's dad, Marion Davis, was one of the interpreters for the Chehalis Tribe. He translated so those who did not speak the Chehalis language would know what was being said, and those who didn't speak English would know what was going on. He went to Chemawa Boarding School and got an education and could speak English well. You can still read legends he translated in some older books.

Marion was also involved in tribal politics. Marion, Murphy Secena, Ralph Heck and Frank Pete were very strong council members, among many others. Marion Davis was the first Chehalis tribal member to vote.

Cindy worked for the Puyallup School District for 28 years. She started as a Cultural Consultant and moved up to be the Coordinator for the Indian Education

Program. When she first started, the students and teachers didn't know much about Northwest Coastal Indian history. She served on many committees and received many awards. She reluctantly admits, "My hard work paid off and in 2008, I was chosen as Elder of the year for Washington State by the Washington Indian Education Association."

Basketry has been an important part of Cindy's life. As far back as she can remember, her mother taught her the skill of how to make coil, cedar root, cattail, and raffia baskets. When she stayed with her great aunts Sophie Heck and Julia, she continued to learn. They would sit and weave for hours.

Today basketry is one of Cindy's skills and many people order baskets from her. Her dedication to preserving her family's traditions in basketry has placed her on the board of the Northwest Native American Basketweavers Association. She is one of the founding board members of NNABA.

Cindy and Katherine were raised in the 1910 Indian Shaker Church. Their parents held offices and their mom was a cook. They both are still active members and Cindy loves to travel to the churches in Washington, Oregon, California and Canada whenever possible. She said they both believe in and carry on their parent's religious beliefs. They both know that Indian spirituality is real because they have been witness to it.

Cindy said things in the tribe are changing and it is

growing so fast. She said, "All I can say to the young people on the Tribal Council is do your best for the Chehalis people and treat all our Elders equally."

She encourages the young people to go to school and continue their education, getting college degrees and return to help the tribe. Cindy hopes that going off to get educations won't keep young people from being hired back at the tribe because they are over qualified. She would like to see more tribal members in management jobs with the tribe.

For fun, Cindy likes to watch young people playing in sports. She follows the Chief Leschi Warriors. Her granddaughter, Cynthia, is a cheerleader for the team.



Cindy Andy and her sister, Katherine Barr, were featured weavers for the 2009 NNABA Conference at the Great Wolf Lodge. She is very thankful to have been taught to basket weave by her mother and Elders.



This photo, from the late 1940s or early 1950s, is of Cindy Andy (left) and Elizabeth (Maggie Brown's daughter) at a Tribal Days.

## Staff Profile: Human Resources Director

Hello, my name is Daniel Leonard. I was born and raised in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. I moved to Toronto, Ontario, for my college education, and graduated with honors in 2002 from Humber College, with a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management. Upon graduation, I started working for Hyatt Hotels and Resorts at the Park Hyatt, Toronto, Canada. My career with Hyatt spanned eight years, and brought me to some phenomenal locations/properties, including: Hyatt Regency Montreal, Park Hyatt Toronto, Park Hyatt Carmel, Park Hyatt Washington DC, Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress – Orlando, and the Hotel Victor Miami Beach!

In early August of 2009, I was recruited for the Human Resources Director position here in Grand Mound at the Great Wolf Lodge, and decided to take the next step in my career. So here I am, six months later and loving it!



### HR Director Great Wolf Lodge

Here at the Lodge, I have a phenomenal Human Resources team consisting of Katie Reddout, Sam Souza, and Kim Brown. Our goal is to provide quality service to both our internal and external guests, with emphasis on recruiting, retention, training and development.

This year, we are excited to be starting a new initiative here at the Great Wolf Lodge, an internship/traineeship designed to provide hands-on experience in an exciting rotation through the numerous different areas within our Lodge. This experience will prove to be educational and act as a great stepping stone into career opportunities with Great Wolf Resorts.

On a personal note, I am looking forward to getting to know as many of you as possible and always welcome the opportunity for you to stop by the Lodge, come by our office, or even just call to introduce yourself!

## Casino Offers Display Case to Native Artists

By Fred Shortman, Editor

On Saturday, January 30, there was an open house for Native vendors interested in selling their handmade crafts at the Lucky Eagle Gift Shop. Merrill Goldstein and Valerie Siegel were there to see what types of things they had to offer that would sell in the gift shop. Sixteen tribal and community members had basketry, cedar headbands, beadwork, carvings, earrings, Coastal Salish designed pillows and other handmade items to sell.

Each vendor was required to fill out forms to track what they sold to get paid. The casino gift shop ordered some items to be displayed in the Native gift display case. Another display will be available at a later date showing biographies of artists, weavers and carvers, alongside their items.

This type of display will give the Native crafts authenticity. (Some non-natives attempt to pass



their items off as Native-made, which violates the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-644).

In the past, the LEC Gift Shop accepted Native-made items only on consignment. The new approach is to order and purchase them outright from the Native vendors. This marketing strategy will assist tribal members in having their items sold more quickly. For many tribal members, marketing is a challenging step in the art making and selling process.

The casino's approach provides another resource for authentic Native artists. It is another venue, besides bazaars and powwows, for artists to sell their art.

Space is limited, so if you are interested in selling some of your artwork, beadwork, paintings, basketry, carvings or Native-made items, please contact Merrill Goldstein at 360-273-2000, ext. 245, or email merrill.goldstein@luckyeagle.com.

Yvonne Peterson, Elder Master Basket Weaver, displays a cedar purse at the open house for the Lucky Eagle Casino gift shop.

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tribes and assuring tribal leaders are prepared when attending D.C. forums. Jewell James, Lummi Nation, also indicated a need for an ATNI lobbyist to get the ATNI resolutions to NCAI and passed. "Through ATNI, make sure our voice is heard. This is your organization," he said.

Bill Allen, Cowlitz, said the tribe, recently recognized by the federal government, still lacks a land base. "We need help from ATNI." He said the tribe's federal resources, like health care, are being taxed by the state. "Contract health needs expansion and we need the health care money to operate," he said.

Hunting rights are being questioned, said Joel Moffet, Nez Perce. "Our hunting rights in Yellowstone country are getting harder to do. We can only hunt on federal lands which are outside of our reservation. But stipulations hinder our buffalo hunts."

Another major concern is the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) taxation policies that are affecting tribes. "They want to tax our elders and stipends received from the tribe. I told IRS that we, as nations, should not be taxed, especially on trust land," said James. "They [IRS] are making rules on the sly."

In 2006 there were 126 tribal audits, and by 2009, the number had jumped to an estimated 260 tribes. "The IRS is demanding W2s and 1099s for every transaction in Indian Country that has a dollar value," he said. James said the IRS is looking at everything from children to elders, from health to education, from housing to clothing vouchers. "Even tribal cultural gatherings and arts. All of these and more are declared taxable according to the IRS."

Senator Patty Murray sent a taped message to ATNI and said she is a strong supporter of tribal sovereignty. "It is refreshing to have an administration to honor the government-to-government relationship. I will continue to work on issues important to our tribes. I believe we have a responsibility to the resources." She assured ATNI, "As Congress continues to address issues facing the country, I will make sure tribes are included and your voice will be heard."

The Inter-Tribal Monitoring Association (ITMA) explained the proposed Cobell versus Salazar settlement during a Tuesday afternoon workshop. Majel Russell, legal counsel for ITMA, said the settlement is 59 pages long and filed in 1996 on behalf of present and former beneficiaries of Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts across the United States.

Although the proposed settlement

was signed on Dec. 7, 2009, it requires accompanying congressional action for the agreement to become effective. The deadline for Congress was December 31, 2009, but was extended until February 28, 2010.

The proposed settlement would provide for two payments through the long process for IIM account holders. Payment will compensate plaintiffs and all expenses associated with the settlement, including attorney fees.

Russell said the issue is confusing to most due to newspaper and other articles that have been written since the proposed settlement was signed. Some tribal leaders say they are being questioned about when tribal members will receive their payment. "We don't know what to say to them," said Vice-chair of the Spokane Tribe Glen Ford.

ATNI is a regional organization formed in 1953 and is comprised of 57 tribes from Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Western Montana, Nevada, California and Alaska. A majority of ATNI members are also members of NCAI. ATNI meets annually to discuss matters of importance. ATNI's mid-year conference will take place at Grand Ronde, Oregon, May 17-20, 2010.

During the conference, the Chehalis Canoe Family sang and danced to honor our visitors. Great job, Chehalis Canoe Family.

### Thanks to the Volunteers

The Chehalis Tribe and volunteers provided a fantastic seafood dinner at the Lucky Eagle Casino Event Center for conference attendees. It was an awesome feast to honor visitors from all over the United States.

After the dinner, visitors took turns thanking the Chehalis people for hosting this event.

Chehalis Tribal Chairman David Burnett says, "I would like to express appreciation to Cheryle Starr for all her hard work to organize the conference. Many tribal leaders agreed this was the best ATNI meeting in a long time, and that Chehalis was a gracious and generous host tribe. All these comments made me proud. I would also like to thank all the volunteers; Linda Daniels, Sharon Hall, Charlotte Lopez, Joyce Thomas, Donna Koerke, Christina Hicks, Nona Youckton, Curt DuPuis, Annie Jones, Carla Thomas, casino employees, Don Secena, Shawn Ortivez, John, Pam, and Guy Youckton, Booner Brown, Dennis Cayenne, Ray Secena, Vernon McCrory and anyone I missed. It makes a heart proud seeing the community come together!

"We all should be proud that our tribe represented us so well in Indian Country."

## Life-Changing Event Combats Drug and Alcohol Abuse, and Re-Kindles Traditions

By Heather Youckton, on behalf of the Chehalis Canoe Family

Chehalis Canoe Family circle up! It's time to get ready for the 2010 Paddle to Makah Canoe Journey. The Chehalis Canoe Family will be holding regular weekly meetings: Tuesdays at 6:30 PM at the Chehalis Tribal Center.

The Canoe Family always welcomes new members of any age. We have many people who make up our family: paddlers, land crew, crafters, and those who provide support in countless other ways.

Please contact any Canoe Family member to hear about the Canoe Journey and what it has meant to them. It is an exciting drug and alcohol free event that has the potential to change your life.

Preparing for the annual Canoe

Journey takes much work and effort year round. Did you know that traveling with approximately 70 people (average number of Chehalis tribal travelers for 2009 Paddle to Suquamish) costs about \$350 per day for food and drinks? Did you know that we only have six months to get ready?

We anticipate traveling on the 2010 Journey to Makah for 18 days. Please see our tentative schedule below:

- July 6: Start of the journey (tentative)
- July 19: Landing at Makah
- July 24: Last day of protocol (tentative)

Contact Heather Youckton if you would like to receive emails about the Chehalis Canoe Family at [heather.youckton@hotmail.com](mailto:heather.youckton@hotmail.com) or call 253-320-1588.



The Chehalis Canoe Family sang and danced at the Casino welcoming visitors during the ATNI Conference. Pictured (L-R) are Diana Pickernell, Whitney Lewis, Skylar Bracero, Elder Henrietta Boyd, and Miss Tribal Days Deidra Hawks.

## Tax Case (continued from page 1)

took about 38 depositions of County witnesses and subpoenaed thousands of pages of documents. (The County took about 15 depositions and subpoenaed documents as well.) The more facts were found, the stronger the support of the Tribe's case became.

Then the Tribe's legal team brought a summary judgment on one issue in the case. The Tribe argued that the Judge should rule for the Chehalis Tribe and CTGW because the Department of Revenue had determined the tax issue in the Tribe's favor. The Judge ruled against the Tribe because he said he would decide the case and not rely on the Department of Revenue and, if the Tribe wanted to deal with that issue, it would have to go to State Court and not Federal Court. The Judge and the Tribe agreed to a "Bracker Analysis," weighing the interests of the Tribe and US against the County interests.

There is an upcoming trial date set for April 13, 2010. Before that, however, both the Plaintiffs (Tribe and CTGW) and the Defendants have moved for complete summary judgment on written motions on the facts the Tribe developed during

discovery when applied to the Bracker Analysis. Since both sides moved for summary judgment, if it is granted for either side, there will not be a trial or live testimony.

The Motion included a 48-page brief, over 150 facts which the Tribe felt were relevant and supported by affidavits, an Expert Report from a Harvard Professor on the Tribal and US interests in protecting tribal sovereignty from this type of taxation, and excerpts from the depositions the Tribe gathered.

The last pleading went to the Judge on January 22, 2010. The Tribe is now waiting to see if the Judge will decide the case on summary judgment or if it will go to trial. The Judge has ordered the Tribe to go to a mediation to see if the parties can settle the case and that will have happened by the time this article is printed. If the case doesn't settle, then it will either become a summary judgment or go to trial.

Whatever the result at the Federal District Court (unless it settles), this case is important and unique and will probably be appealed to the Ninth Circuit Federal Court of Appeals and possibly the Supreme Court.

## Primary Care Provider Gives You An Ongoing, Caring Relationship

By Dr. Solis, Medical Director

What is a PCP? In terms of health care, a PCP is a *Primary Care Provider*. This is someone who generally sees you whenever you come to the clinic, takes care of all your medical problems, and gets to know you as a person. It's important to see the same person whenever you come to the clinic so that important information does not get "forgotten" and symptoms that are persistent do not get overlooked. A benefit of seeing the same provider each time you come to the clinic is that you don't have to explain your condition over and over again to different people.

You will be asked to choose a PCP if you are a patient at the CTWC. Each provider has different experiences, qualifications, and interests. Try to choose someone you feel comfortable with, and who has the qualifications to treat whatever condition you may have. You may change your decision if you feel that, over time, your PCP is not compatible with you. We at the CTWC are striving to deliver quality, evidence-based care, and this is one important step on our journey to do so.

### More Chehalis Tribal Wellness Clinic News: H1N1 Vaccine

The H1N1 vaccine is at the clinic in great supply and is available to tribal and

community members. A limited supply of the seasonal flu vaccine is also available. Call the clinic at 273-5504 to request a vaccine. Remember, if you are allergic to eggs, you cannot get either the injection or the nasal mist vaccine.

### Pharmacy

Pharmacy pick up hours are 3:30 - 4:30 PM daily. If you come at other times, you may be asked to wait because the nurses are often busy with patients. If you have any questions about your medications, you may request to speak to a pharmacist or provider.

Sometimes you may feel there is a discrepancy between the amount of medication prescribed and the amount received. If you feel the need to do so, you may open the container and count the medication in front of the pharmacist, pharmacy technician, or nurse. You must do this before you leave the pharmacy or clinic. Once you leave the premises, nothing can be done to resolve the reputed discrepancy.

### Nutrition Counseling

Pat Odiome, who manages the Diabetes Program, is a Registered Dietician. She is now doing dietary counseling for CTWC patients at the request of providers. If you would like to use her services, please ask your provider for a referral.



Tribal and community members walk to help prevent and manage diabetes. Pictured (L-R) are Lynn Hoheisel, Amy Loudermilk, and Cindy Gamble. They participated in the monthly diabetes prevention walk. Photo by Kate Harmon

### Chehalis Basin Little League

The Oakville Chehalis Basin Little League needs volunteer umpires for the 2010 baseball season. Your time is greatly appreciated. The season starts in March and ends in June.

Sign up for Little League will be on February 20 and 27 at the Oakville Elementary.

COME ON! Give and enjoy a few hours of fun.

Please contact Dean Johnny at 360-584-8859 to sign up, or ask how you can help Little League in your community.

### Community Prevention Dinner

March 24th at 5:30 PM at the Community Center

This dinner meeting will be held to address underage drinking. Snacks will be provided along with a raffle for a \$100.00 gas card.

Please contact Lorrie Bonifer at 360-709-1717 or email [Lbonifer@chehalis-tribe.org](mailto:Lbonifer@chehalis-tribe.org)