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# Program News

## Community Volunteers Invited to Create Indian Nativity Scene for the Holidays

By Diane Devlin, Cultural Coordinator

The Cultural Program has joined with the Youth Program and community Wood Shop Hobbyist to create an Indian Nativity Scene for Christmas. I will be drawing the Christmas figures and animals on sheets of plywood, the Youth Program will help paint the scenery. We are hoping that every youth in the community will add their brush strokes to the project. Parents are most welcome to come and help paint the people and animal figures to make it truly a community project.

At the wood shop we will need volunteers to cut the figures out of the plywood and prepare them to stand in a group setting. All materials for the project will be provided by the Cultural Program.

We are fortunate to have many artists in the Tribal community, so please come and share your talent to make the Nativity Scene something for all to enjoy.

Once the project is completed the Indian Nativity Scene will be displayed at the Community Center. Ray Secena and his staff are helping us light-up the Indian Nativity Scene for after dark illumination.

Anyone wishing to help with the project please contact me at my office or call 360-709-1621.

## Community Center Activities

The Youth Center has received the second shipment of backpacks has arrived for students who didn't receive one from the Back-To-School celebration. Come and get yours at the Youth Center.

Nisqually is organizing a tribal basketball league with a jamboree on October 24 in Nisqually. Practice has already started for middle-school age youth. Any youth who wishes to participate in this league needs to sign up and attend practices starting at 5 PM at the Community Center. Practice is mandatory to be eligible to play in the league. Any questions please contact Tony Medina, Youth Center Director at 360-273-9674.

TELO staff is available for the homework club Monday through Friday from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. If your child needs help with their homework contact Nathan Floth at 360-709-1578.

## Grant Awarded to Purchase Water Aerobics Class Equipment

The Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging has awarded a grant to the Chehalis Tribal Aqua Aerobics program to purchase equipment. The Aqua Aerobics classes are taught by Lynn Hoheisel. Classes are held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

If you'd like more information please stop by the Diabetes Prevention office and talk to Lynn or call her at 360-709-1744

# CHEHALIS TRIBAL NEWSLETTER



♦ "People of the Sands" ♦

## Interesting Information on Page 3:

- 1927 Deposition of Chehalis Tribal Elders from our archives on housing
- Casino Management Program helps tribal members to become successful managers (featured is Joseph DuPuis).



## Canoe Family Youth Learn Traditional Salmon Cooking

■ Youth worked with Elders, and adults cooking fish at the Chehalis Watershed Festival, page 2

## Employees Recognized for Their Dedication to the Tribe at Picnic



Employees were honored by having their name and years of service announced at the annual tribal picnic. Each received a gift for their years of service. This photo is the raffle portion of the employees picnic. Pictured are (L-R) Cheryl Starr, Events Coordinator, and volunteers Angie Youckton and Carla Myer.

By Fred Shortman, Editor

The Annual Employees' Picnic was held on Thursday, August 19 at Columbus Park on Black Lake. Employees and their families enjoyed games, seeing the traditional racing canoes, horse shoes, visiting, the setting, swimming, and lots of good food.

A special part of the picnic was recognition of employees for years of service. Each Elder was honored by receiving special gifts as they continue to be instrumental in contributing working for the Tribe. Seven employees were honored for 30 plus years of service to the Chehalis Tribe: Dan "Bones" Gleason, Gerrie Sanders, Dale Klatush Sr., Annie Jones, Dolly Canales, Debbie Shortman, and Joan Martin.

The annual volleyball tournament was as competitive as usual with first place

earning \$500.00, second place \$250.00 and third \$125.00. It was a highly competitive activity as bystanders yelled cheers of encouragement for their fellow co-workers.

All employees who attended received Chehalis logo red and black backpacks, and drawings were held for prizes donated by the Casino, Great Wolf Lodge, End of the Trail, and local businesses. Great Job to Cheryl Starr, Events Coordinator and her group of volunteers. It was a great day to relax for everyone.

### Volley Ball Tournament Results

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place went to CTC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place went to Ralph Wyman's team
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place went to Natural Resources

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## Salmon Runs Will Suffer if Chehalis River Dammed

By Fred Shortman, Editor

You may have heard rumors about an idea to build dams on the Chehalis River; the rumors are true. Some folks who live in the flood plain of the Chehalis River are tired of getting flooded and are asking the Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps) to see if dams near Pe Ell and Boistfort might lower the flooding, especially in Chehalis and Centralia. This isn't the first time dams have been considered in this basin. The Corps has looked at it before, but hasn't found a workable design. Any dam the Corps builds must be justifiable in terms of the cost of construction and minimal damage to the river. They are still searching for a spot that would hold back enough water, yet still not damage the river too much.

The latest proposal, put together by the Lewis County PUD and the Lewis County Commissioners, calls for a hydroelectric dam above Pe Ell and another on the South Fork Chehalis near Boistfort. Their study proposes to lower flooding and be cost effective, but independent reviews of that study have pointed out flaws and bad data.

The Corps is proposing to study the entire basin to find different ways to lower flood damage and improve the ecology of the river. That study is called the Basin Wide General Investigation (the GI) and the Tribe is helping to create the plan for that study. Big dams and other types of water retention will be studied in the GI as the Corps looks for any way to reduce flooding and improve the river ecology. That plan must be cost effective too.

Dams will have serious impacts on the salmon runs. The PUD states that dams

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## Chehalis Represented at Diabetes Awareness Walk

By Pat Odiorne, SDPI of Diabetes Care, RD, CDE

On Saturday, September 18, 2010 the Annual Diabetes Awareness Walk was held at the Squaxin Island Tribal Gymnasium. This was the second year for the event sponsored by the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, both for Diabetes Care and Prevention. The SDPI Prevention Program has received Indian Health Service funding for the seventh year and works to help Native Americans make lifestyle changes to delay or prevent Diabetes.

Tribes participating in the Walk are part of a Consortium whose purpose is to Prevent Diabetes. For more information about Diabetes and Diabetes Prevention contact Lynn Hoheisel, Community Outreach Representative at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center at 360-709-1744.



Chehalis tribal and community members were part of the five tribe consortium at the 2010 Annual Diabetes Awareness Walk at the Squaxin Island Tribe. Diabetes is a preventable and manageable disease, so get tested regularly.

Photo submitted by Pat Odiorne

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## 2 Youth Learn Salmon Cooking Tradition at Watershed

By Fred Shortman, Editor

On Sunday, September 26 at the invitation of the Department of Natural Resources, the Chehalis Tribal Canoe Family provided a traditionally cooked salmon fund raiser at the Log Pavilion in Aberdeen. It was cold and damp, so tarps were set up in case of rain. As visitors entered the parking lot they could smell alder smoke wisping through the air. Elders, adults and youth from the Chehalis Canoe Family gathered to prepare for the day's activities of preparing the fish by lunch time.

Youth were taught how to prepare spearing sticks and learned about each phase of cooking fish in a traditional manner. They

learned through the old way of oral tradition about preparing and cooking the salmon. Cooking fish in this manner is the way many people prefer to eat salmon. The fish was soon gone as visitors at the Watershed festival gave donations to the Canoe Family for a tasty sample of salmon cooked by an alder fire.

As visitors were enjoying the fish the youth brought out their drums and began singing and drumming the Chehalis Canoe Family Coastal Salish songs. Their music was met with smiles and appreciation of the sound of their young voices.



Youth TJ Trott watches Elder Donna Choke as she uses a knife to whittle salmon spears used in the traditional fish cook. Back row pictured (L-R) are Skyler Backer, Fred Shortman, Elder Donna Choke, and TJ Trott. Front Row spearing the salmon is James Cayenne.

Photo by Francis Pickernell

## Watershed Festival Educates Children on the Ecology of the Chehalis River

By Glen Connelly, Environmental Specialist

On September 26, the Chehalis Basin Partnership hosted the Fourth Annual Chehalis River Watershed Festival at the Rotary Log Pavilion in Aberdeen. The event focused on educating children (and adults) about the ecology of the river and what people in the basin are doing to protect and enhance the Chehalis River.

The Tribe's Department of Natural Resources was there to show off all the great projects we have been working on to improve the watershed. A salmon bake was provided by the Chehalis Canoe Family in exchange for donations.

One of the highlights of the festival was Finn the giant salmon, a 28 foot long

fiberglass salmon that children can climb into and see beautiful paintings representing the salmon's life cycle on the inside walls. Attendees could participate in Gyotaku, the Japanese art of fish printing, using a rubber fish putting paint on the fish, then rolling the fish over paper to form a unique and fun print. Other exhibits were part of the festival including ones from the local conservation districts, the Nature Conservancy, US Fish and Wildlife, The Chehalis River Basin Land Trust, and the Chehalis Basin Fisheries Task Force.

Watch for it next year and join in the fun, it's a great way to learn about the river and our ecosystem.

## Curfew Laws Protect Our Youth

By Fred Shortman, Editor

In December of 1993 the General Council approved Chehalis Tribal Codes for a curfew ordinance. A curfew is an official order to return home before a stated time. It may often be imposed by a government to maintain public order. The curfew law keeps youth under the age of 18 off the streets and away from gangs, drugs and crime. Curfews, which apply to the nighttime hours, aren't just there to keep the youth from getting into trouble, they are also there to keep them from being hurt or becoming victims of crime. The primary reason for enacting a curfew law was to encourage the safety of minors, decrease their victimization, and

reduce crime and violence committed by minors. The original intent of the curfew law was not to punish youth, but to protect them.

The limited job market in our area causes some parents to take shift work. This can cause problems with the supervision of children. Finding a good baby sitter for younger children is a challenge. Teens left without parent supervision don't always make the right choice.

If your child is caught in violation of the curfew by Law Enforcement you will be contacted to pick up your child.

Talk to your children about staying safe and getting home on time.

### Chehalis Tribal Ordinance

17.27.050 Curfew – Day, Hour and Age Restrictions.

It is unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen years to be in any public or community gathering place unsupervised by an adult between the hours specified below.

Age	Days	Hours
15 years and under	Sunday – Thursday	9:00 pm – 6:00 am
	Friday and Saturday	10:00 pm – 6:00 am
16 and 17 years old	Sunday – Thursday	10:00 pm – 6:00 am
	Friday and Saturday	11:00 pm – 6:00 am

Between June 1st and August 31st, curfew begins one hour later than the time specified above.

All days immediately preceding a legal holiday are subject to weekend curfew hours. (Res. 1993-45, passed Dec. 16, 1993)

## News from the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center



Your CTWC Health Care providers are training to use the new Electronic Health Record (EHR). Pictured (L-R) top row are Neil Dial, Portland Area EHR CAC Consultant, Autum Klimek, Debra Shortman, Christina Hicks, Marsha Pocket, John Williams, Tribal EHR Consultant. Bottom row (L-R) are Sue Ortez, Cori Fluetsch, Kelsie Steelhammer, Deborah Burkybile, IHS National EHR Consultant, Christine Smith, and Melanie Hjelm-Snell.

By Cindy Gamble, Director of CTWC

### Technology Improvements to Assist Patients and Health Providers

A new look at the CTWC is coming soon! Your CTWC Health Care providers will be doing something new during your medical appointment. The nurse and the doctors will enter your health care exam into an Electronic Health Record (EHR). The CTWC is joining the national movement to improve patient privacy and continuity of care by moving from the old paper chart to the new electronic record.

The software has been installed by the Indian Health Service National and area trainers who were on site the week of Sept. 13. The CTWC staff had comprehensive trainings and long days while the trainers were on site. The national trainer complimented the CTWC staff on

their enthusiasm and participation. The tribal IT staff was also supportive and had lots of work to do. All involved staff were awesome!

What are some advantages of an EHR?

- More patient privacy and security.
- More complete records.
- Continuity of care.
- Time saving for medical staff.
- Allows for timely billing.

Once we have all of our monitors set up in the exam rooms, we plan to have an open house for the community. We hope to see you all then.

### Plan Ahead for Medication Refills

At the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center (CTWC) we have been hearing a lot of concerns about medication refills lately. We want to encourage all patients to allow a minimum of three working days for your refills. Five days would be best.

There are several issues that are contributing to this. One is that we are not fully staffed at the CTWC. The providers are fully booked for appointments and our same day appointments are reserved for sick patients or urgent care patients. Medication refills, physical exams such as PAP's, school physicals, or work physicals are not an appropriate use for the short, same day appointments. Therefore it may take several days to get an advance appointment for medication refill. Hall's

is also experiencing increased volume and decreased capacity. They are going from three pharmacies to one pharmacy. They are not always able to guarantee a same day refill, especially for deliveries. Please plan for your medication refills. Make sure you order your medications 2-3 days in advance, if you know you have a refill. If you don't have a refill it is best to give yourself a 7 day window to schedule an appointment with a CTWC provider to get your medications ordered and delivered.

CTWC staff wants to be sure that all of our patients are able to order and receive their medications. This requires that every patient plans ahead and allows enough time for the orders to make it through the system.

### Coming Soon! Have your Questions Answered in the "Dear CTWC Provider" Section of the Chehalis Tribal Newsletter

The Staff at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center (CTWC) want to hear from you. We invite you to participate in a new monthly column: "Dear CTWC Provider." You can write a question to the CTWC Provider of your choice---or just

a general question.

The questions can be anonymous. You do not need to sign the letter. We will have drop boxes at the Wellness Center for your letters. We hope this will give our community and our staff another way to communicate. We hope this will be a good service for our community. We hope to hear from you soon.



MD providers will be available to answer your question regarding health. Pictured top row is Eugene Sine. Bottom row (L-R) are Ivan Reveron, Maribeth Duffy and James Hampton.

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# DEPOSITION OF CHEHALIS ELDERS: Topic of Housing March 19, 1927, Oakville, Washington from Mary Heck, Marion Davis, and George Jack

Submitted by Elaine McCloud, Heritage Coordinator

*These excerpts are taken from the deposition of Chehalis Tribal Elders. For brevity, we have taken the liberty of extracting only portions of their testimony and other editorial privileges. I have the deposition in its entirety at my office. You can contact me at 360-709-1748.*

## HOUSES

Mary Heck was produced as a witness on behalf of claimant and sworn through an interpreter, to tell the truth. Her occupation is making Indian baskets, that she is 92 years of age.

The houses were very large, made out of cedar and they lined their houses with the mats. They had a place where they sleep, a platform around the border of the inside. There was another one a little farther up that they used for sleeping purpose too. They stored dried fish, dried meat and berries overhead, a place prepared for that. They had 6 fires in one house and a large space in between reserved for entertainment.

There was a village near where the city of Chehalis is now located. At the mouth of the Neuwukum River; there were 3 large houses there, permanent residences. There was another village further up the river; it is a place where a little town by the name of Adna is, with 4 houses there. Another village further up the river at a place what they call PeEll now and there was 6 big houses there.

Where the city of Centralia is was a large village, comprised of 10 houses and what they call now a potlatch house. People might call it a community hall, where people get together and entertain other tribes. They

had another place, what we call Grand Mound. You see that mound this side of Centralia; there was a village there of 7 houses. They were all big houses, because that is where they practiced the Indian belief of tamahousing, that is where they sing out and call on the spirits. That village practiced that.

Right in this part of the Territory there was something like 5 houses. Down here about a mile from here; there was another place. The place has no English name. There were 2 houses there, permanent residence. Made it a purpose to gather fern roots. That was noted for fern roots.

Right where a certain place there, one locality; there was about 7 houses. At Cederville, there were 3 houses.

There was a place they call Klukwulum. The city of Elma is within a mile of it and there were 4 houses there. There was another place where the city of Elma is now and there were 4 houses there.

She said they were substantial houses, on account of the posts were set in the ground and they were hard to move or blow down or can't hardly break it down. Whenever they go out in the summertime – go out camping or hunting and fishing – they loosen the roof boards and slide it down. This airs the house and never gets stale and that way they kept healthy.

When asked what became of the house, she said the Indian custom was pretty strong. When a whole family dies out and there is not one left of that family, they take the house and destroy it with fire. When the white man came in they built their houses or lived right near our houses. They took possession of the land. They plowed the land and burned their houses.

The white man didn't allow them to even

cut a stick of anything. She couldn't go back to the localities where she used to live in her younger days, on account of the white people took possession of it. She said they never got paid, never got nothing. When they go back to their places where they used to live the white man threatened their life. They even mutilated their graves. She said the government sent an agent up here to look after us and help us. Mary said the agents just visited one another and got a big salary from the government, but they never helped the Indians with nothing.

Under cross examination, she was asked if she had been to each and every one of those 10 or more villages. She said yes because it was her territory; she went from village to village. They questioned her figures that the usual houses were 6 fathoms long by 4 1/2 fathoms wide. She said just because she had been converted into the Christian religion; she is not going to lie to you. She is sure of her figures. She saw it with her own eyes. As a little girl, her father used to make that lumber and she was right there.

They questioned her regarding her statement that the houses had 6 fires. She said yes, the ordinary house had 6 fires. Six-fire houses, they called it.

Another person cross examined her and asked her if knew of any one of the old houses ever being sold or exchanged or traded away. She replied that no they never sold a house, but they sold the lumber to another house.

Marion Davis was produced as a witness for the claimant and sworn to tell the truth. His occupation is that of a farmer, that he is 76 years of age, that his residence is the Upper Chehalis Reservation and a member

of the Upper Chehalis Tribe.

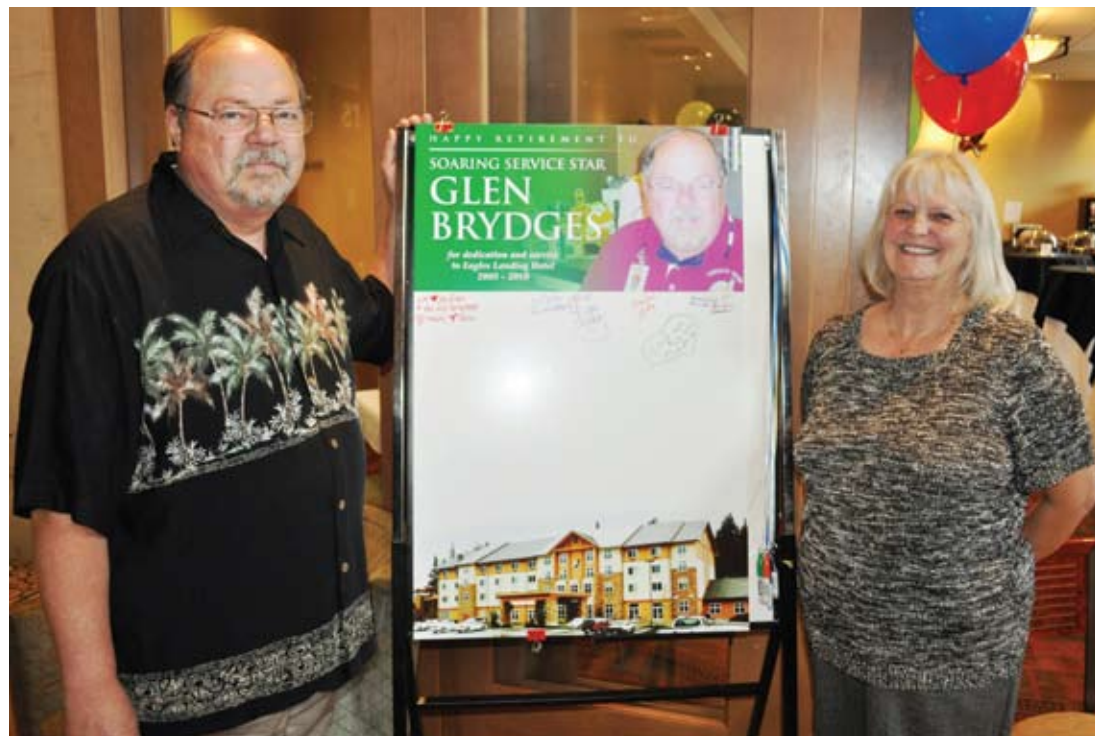
He was questioned regarding the houses that Mary described and asked if he had seen them and he replied that he had. When asked if the white people ever paid anything for the land or houses they took, he said they never paid anything for them; they just took them away. The white man used the lumber for their barns or anything. He was asked if the government ever paid them anything and he replied no, just took it.

He was questioned on the size of the houses. He said at the time he was a boy so he couldn't judge the exact size.

George Jack was produced as a witness for the claimant and sworn to tell the truth. His occupation is that of a woodsman; that he is 61 or 62 years of age; that his residence is Oakville and a member of the Upper Chehalis Tribe.

When asked who owns the buildings in the villages, he responded the bands that worked on the buildings do. The head builder has more say about the building than the rest. He said that instead of letting a poor fellow freeze to death outside they would let him in even if he wasn't related or had helped build the house. When cross-examined about the crowd that builds the house owns the house, he replied that not really owned but have a right to live there. They asked him if he understood the difference between the right of ownership and the right of occupancy using a blanket or canoe and that of a house as an example. He said a blanket is personal property and the house is owned by the chief of the building and all those who assisted him in building it.

## Eagles Landing Hotel Manager Glenn Brydges Retires



The hotel staff honored Glenn Brydges with a retirement party at the Eagles Landing Hotel on Monday, September 27. Glenn Brydges is pictured here with his wife Joann by the memorabilia board that was signed by all who attended.

The hotel staff gave a retirement party at the Eagles Landing Hotel on Monday, September 27 for Glenn Brydges. It was attended by many of his co-workers, friends and family, who also honored him for his commitment in helping get an important enterprise started for our tribe.

Mr. Glen Brydges started working for the Chehalis Tribe July 3, 2005 bringing 43 years of hotel management experience. The Eagles Landing Hotel has been a great success for the Chehalis Tribe. When hired

he said he was close to retirement, but would establish a solid ground work for the tribe to continue to make this a successful business venture.

Lucy Hill, a tribal member, was hired last year in a training program that had been established to pursue her career in hotel management. Lucy will be the assistant hotel manager until she completes the training program. Until that time, Debbie Kydland serves as the interim hotel manager.

## Lucky Eagle Management Training Program Helps Tribal Members Become Successful Managers

By Rodney Youckton, Director of Business Operations

The Lucky Eagle Management Training Program is designed for our tribal members and their success working at the casino. The casino reports quarterly on the program so that the Tribal community has an awareness of what efforts are being made with our tribal members employed at the casino. We are building success stories which will be reflected of the Succession Plan. We are hopeful the large number of young adults will read about the hard work and sacrifices fellow Tribal

members are undergoing in an effort to achieve their goals. They all have dreams and set goals to reach those dreams. Tribal Management Training Program employees hope to be good role models and mentors for those wanting to be successful in the career of their choice. We all have dreams. Never, never, give up on your dreams. Reach for the stars and make it happen. "Our commitment is to provide an unparalleled entertainment experience that exceeds our guests' expectations."



Joseph DuPuis is participating in the Casino Executive Development Program and is working toward the General Manager Position at the Lucky Eagle Casino. In 2003, he received his Bachelor of Arts in International Business from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. He has six years of gaming experience and is currently responsible for the oversight and direction of the Video Department. This includes, but is not limited to: strategic planning, project development, quality assurance, profitability, budgeting and implementing the priorities of senior management. DuPuis is responsible for the staff development of over 60 employees and the overall performance of the slot floor, including the slot floor layout, game mix, installation, repair and maintenance of over 850 slot machines. His previous positions at the casino include the Assistant Bingo Manager, Marketing Analyst, IT Special Projects Coordinator and Slot Technician.



**Tribal Member  
Joseph DuPuis,  
Casino Executive  
Development Program**

His accomplishments include:

- Successfully completed an expansion of the casino floor, doubling the square footage of gaming space and adding 151 new slot machines while creating a new

slot floor layout and improving the overall ambiance of the casino floor;

- Successfully implemented Cash in/X2 on all of the Tribal Lottery Systems;

- Successfully implemented the Bally One Ticket Solution System on all of Tribal Lottery Systems;

- Project Manager of the installation of the IGT, WMS and Multimedia M11L Tribal Lottery Systems;

- Project Manager of the installation of the

Planet Bingo system, an electronic WAN progressive bingo system;

- Successfully completed the gaming management certificate from the University of Nevada, Reno;

- Successfully completed the Executive Development course for Gaming Executives from the Wharton School of Business, Penn University;

- Successfully completed the Executive Development Program at the University of Nevada, Reno;

- Participated as a speaker on Slot Technology at the Northwest Indian Gaming Convention in 2007 and 2008; and was

- Featured in an article in *Indian Gaming Magazine*.

### Community Halloween Party



**Saturday, October 30  
At the Community  
Center  
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

On Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> a Community Halloween Party and Haunted House will be held at the Community Center. Bring your children and dress up for Halloween. Join in the fun and games. Prizes will be awarded to different age groups.

### Annual General Council Meeting

**Saturday, November 6  
Tribal Election Polls will be located  
at the Community Center  
Open at 8:00 AM  
Close at 5:00 PM**

Lunch will be provided. There will be booths in the Gathering Room for programs to provide information.

Watch for flyers for the agenda. Any questions please contact Sharon Hall, Secretary at 360-709-1541

## 4 Picnic (continued from page 1)



**Dale Klatush Sr., son of Mena Secena and Walt Klatush, displays his hand carved red cedar paddle that he received for 33 years of service. Gathered around him are his daughters (L-R) Colleen Klatush, Joyleen McCrory, and Bev Starr at the 2009 Employee Picnic. He retired in December 2009 at 81 after working for the Chehalis tribe in. He devoted over 33 years to the Tribe in different areas. Thank you, Dale, for your dedication!**

## New Program Information Will Help You Plan Ahead for Bad Winter

Weather forecasters are warning Puget Sound residents to plan now for a colder, wetter and snowier winter. A La Nina weather pattern is likely to bring nastier weather to the region, especially in late fall and early winter. The weather pattern occurs when the temperature of the ocean's surface cools near the equator, sending storms to the Pacific Northwest.

A new program called "Take Winter by Storm" has been set up to help people get ready. It includes a website, <http://www.govlink.org/storm> with advice on how to prepare. Washington State Emergency Management Division offers the following recommendations regarding storing emergency supplies:

- 1) You may have to rely upon supplies you have available in your home for a period of time following any major disaster. Store these items in something that is portable and easily carried, like a plastic tub with a tight-fitting lid. In the event of fire or rapid evacuation, you'll appreciate having more than just the clothes on your back.
- 2) The container should be able to withstand moisture, insects, and some abuse. If you have a large family, several smaller tubs may be easier to carry than one large container. Place items in plastic bags to protect against condensation, which causes mildew and rust. Locate these supplies as close to your primary house exit as possible. You may have to find it in the dark or after the upheaval of an earthquake.
- 3) Plan to rotate the items in your kit annually. This includes making sure the clothes you have stored still fit.
- 4) Keep at least a three-day supply of water and non-perishable food for each person in your household. Select foods that require no

refrigeration or cooking with minimal water.

5) Keep the following supplies stored together for use in case of emergency:

- Band aids, sterile bandages, gauze pads, and adhesive tape.
  - Hydrogen peroxide, antibiotic ointment, instant cold packs.
  - Scissors, tweezers, safety pins, needle & thread, pocket knife.
  - Splinting materials.
  - Moistened towelettes, bar soap, liquid soap, toilet paper.
  - Latex gloves, plastic bags
  - Aspirin & non-aspirin pain reliever
  - Antacid and any other similar medications needed.
  - Paper cups, plates, and plastic utensils.
  - Battery-operated AM radio.
  - Extra batteries.
  - Flashlight.
  - Non-electric can opener.
  - ABC fire extinguisher.
  - Roll of plastic and duct tape to seal broken windows.
- 6) Always preplan for prescription drugs and medications. During an emergency, it will be extremely difficult to obtain these items. Also plan for other medical concerns like extra eye glasses, contact lens solution, denture adhesive, baby diapers, food, and formula. Keep copies of important papers including insurance policies, bank account numbers, and an inventory of valuables. Other things to consider are a family picture, family records, and games and books.
- 7) Consider adding items like blankets or sleeping bags, sturdy shoes, warm socks, a hat and gloves, and one complete change of clothes.

For more information on planning for emergencies, come see our Emergency Management table at the Annual Meeting.

## Temporary Program Office Relocations

**Behavioral Health**-They are located at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center. To contact Gail Hurst call 360-709-1682 and leave a brief message.

**Domestic Violence**-The Domestic Violence Program is located at the New Community Center. Dawn Boley can be reached at 360-709-1874.

**Vocational Rehabilitation Program**-The Vocation Rehabilitation Program is located in the Family Service Building. Any questions please contact Barb Churchill at 360-709-1633.

**General Assistance**-The General Assistance Office is in the Elders Building. George Youckton can be contacted at 360-709-1572.

## Parrot Feather the Next Battle in the Fight Against Aquatic Invasive Plants

By Andy Olson, Fisheries Biologist

In 2010 the war on Brazilian Elodea seems to have been won with a few small plants remaining, but Thurston County noxious weed is mopping them up. The new opponent is Parrot Feather; this invasive plant is unique in that it can live in the water or on land so it is quite a battle. The crew that Maynard Starr and his company Freshwater Nuisance Specialists did another great job pulling more than we had expected and were very productive. The work was hard, wet, muddy, and stinky but they did their work hard and earned their money this year. All in all the crew pulled over 36,000lbs or 18 tons of Parrot feather.

Several acres were cleared in Davis Creek Slough on and near the Tribes property on South Bank road. The work began at the mouth of Lincoln Creek in the town of Galvin and the guys came downstream to a major concentration in the Slough at the mouth of Davis Creek. This will be an ongoing process as long as we can continue to get grants to fund Invasive plant removal. Hopefully it's a war that can be won just like the Brazilian Elodea that is now under control. Maynard's crew include Tommy Colson, Shawn Goddard, Andrew Starr, Bobby Jones, and Jimmy James.

## Dams (continued from page 1)

on the Chehalis River will improve the water quality of the river and help salmon, but our Tribe has seen how dams hurt fish runs. A good example is the Lower Elwha Dam on the Olympic Peninsula, now being 'deconstructed' after years of struggle by the Lower Elwha Indian Tribe to have it removed. The Wynoochie Dam was built for flood control first and hydro electricity generation was added later. Land below the dam still flooded during the 2007 and 2009 floods when the river came over Highway 12.

With the Wynoochie flood control dam in place, a trap and haul system is used to move adult salmon upstream. This has not been successful and the downstream migration of juveniles is disastrous. The South Fork of the Chehalis and the main river past Pe Ell are prime spawning grounds that would be wiped out by construction of dams. This spawning area produces 40 percent of the fish runs for Chehalis River Basin. Fish ladders will not be practical because the dams will be too high. Trucking the returning adult salmon would be the only option to get them past the 250 foot tall dams. Smolt heading out to sea would

also be impacted as dams hold back gravel and logs that fish need for spawning and rearing habitat. Overall, the effect on salmon if dams are put in place is expected to be severe.

Jurisdictions working together on these issues are known as the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority. The Tribe is one of eleven agencies working to find solutions to controlling flood damages. The Tribe has strict rules about building in the flood zone, while some other areas continue to allow people to build in the flood plain. Unfortunately, this increases flooding that affects all of us. If you are interested in these issues and want more information check out the following websites:

<http://lewiscountywa.gov/chehalis-river-basin-flood-authority>

<http://www.ofm.wa.gov/chehalisbasin/>

<http://www.americanrivers.org/our-work/restoring-rivers/dams/dams-dam-removal-trp.html>

<http://nwsscs.blogspot.com/>

Contact Mark White, Director of Natural Resources at 360-709-1551 for the dates of the Chehalis River Basin meetings.

## Renewing Fishing License by October 31 Saves Money

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The 2010-2011 Tribal Commercial fishing licenses will include a reflective sticker which needs to be picked up in the Natural Resources upstairs office from Charlotte Lopez or Andy Olson. The reflective stickers are for the fishers' boats for easier identification and safety in dark/poor weather conditions.

Tribal fishing licenses expire October 31, 2010. Renewal by then saves \$30 at a renewal cost of \$5. The fees go up to \$35 for everyone, renewal or not, after October 31st. An announcement will be posted if an extension is granted due to a lack of commercial opportunity. This extension would be in effect until a

commercial opening occurs. We will try to include commercial fishing openings that are scheduled well in advance in future newsletters as time allows.

Please pay your fishing fees at the accounting office. First Time license buyer fee is \$35.00, and renewal fees are \$5.00, due before October 31st. Bring you receipt to the Fisheries office and pick up your boat sticker. Watch for flyers on opening and follow the Chehalis tribal fishing ordinance when participating in each fisheries opening. Please contact Andy Olson for more information at 360-709-1559 or email [Aolson@chehalis-tribe.org](mailto:Aolson@chehalis-tribe.org).



**The 34-space Chehalis Tribal RV Park, located near Highway 12, is basically self-service. RV customers reserve and pay for their overnight stays at the touch-screen reservation and payment kiosk located at the on-site registration building. The \$25 per night fee includes electric, water and Wi-Fi. There is a single RV waste station available for RV customers who stay at least one night. The Lucky Eagle Casino offers free shuttles to and from the casino. Reservations will be able to be made on the web in the near future so that customers can plan their trips in advance.**

## Register for the Grays Harbor County Notification System

Did you know that the Grays Harbor County Department of Emergency Management has a website and that you can follow them on Twitter? On the website, you can sign up for the Grays Harbor Notification System which will send e-mails and text messages as well as phone messages regarding hazardous weather, disaster information and other important information you'll need in critical situations for your family. On the Grays Harbor County Notification System Form, you can also request to be added to a daily e-mail list to receive current news issues about weather, PUD information and on Emergency Preparedness Issues on a daily basis. The website also provides you with an opportunity to read recent articles and have access to sites where you can obtain information about any Emergency

Management issue which could impact your family and the County.

The Grays Harbor County Department of Emergency Management website address is <http://www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/info/DEM/Index.asp>. Registration is about half way down the page. The Twitter account is GHCDM. You can also reach Grays Harbor County Department of Emergency Management by phone at 360-249-3911 ext. 290.

The Grays Harbor County Department of Emergency Management is continuing with a pro-active approach to communicate information about planning, preparation, response and mitigation to county citizens and welcomes feedback with your comments, questions and constructive criticism.