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# Program News

## Energy Assistance Available to Help With Energy Bills

Do you need assistance with your electric bills? The LIHEAP energy assistance program will be accepting applications on December 2 at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center in the WIC Office from 10 AM to 6:00 PM.

### Qualifications

- Please bring your income verification from head of household for anyone 18 years and older. If you get a Per Capita bring a copy of the pay stub as long as it shows year to date income. If no year to date income then bring all of August, September and October.
  - Bring your current light bill.
  - If you are on the financial part of DSHS then an award letter is required.
  - If your on Social Security or SSI an award letter or direct deposit stub from the bank.
  - The client will also need to know the social security numbers of all the household regardless of age.
- Any questions for qualification please contact Debbie Shortman 360-709-1689.

## Tribal Holiday Closures

The Tribal Center and Clinic will be closed through Thanksgiving and Christmas. Plan ahead to insure your have your medicines and other business taken care of. Have a Safe Holiday Season.

### Thanksgiving:

November 24, 25 and 26 (All day)

### Christmas:

December 23, 24 and 27

### New Years

December 30 (1/2 day)

December 31 and January 3, 2011

## November is Native American Heritage Month!

November is Native American Heritage Month, and what better way to celebrate it than to learn something about the culture of some of the first Americans?

### Elders Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 4  
9 AM-5:30 PM  
At the Lucky Eagle Casino Bingo Hall

There will be over 100 vendors-good food, Native crafts and many different items to choose from. Do all your Christmas shopping in one place!!!

Please contact Nancy Romero at 360-480-2911.

### Tribal Community Christmas Party

Sunday, December 19  
Starts at 11 AM  
At the Lucky Eagle Casino

Lots of fun activities for the tribal community bingo, dinner, crafts for the kids and Santa will be there for photos and gifts. Please contact Cheryl Starr, Events Coordinator at 360-709-1524.

# CHEHALIS TRIBAL NEWSLETTER



♦ "People of the Sands" ♦



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- Casino Management Program helps tribal members to become successful managers: Featured (Vanessa Youckton).

## Youth place in Annual Flag Football tournament

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## Tribe Puts on Class-Act Veterans Evening, Attracting Vets from Entire Region



Veterans were honored at the Veterans Day Dinner at the Lucky Eagle Casino. Chehalis tribal youth, Junior Jack and his brother Geo Jack thanked them personally with a heartfelt handshake and kinds words.

By Cecilia Kayano, Freelance Writer

■ The November 11 Celebration's highlight was a tribute to World War II vets who each received an embroidered jacket

What started as a way to thank a Chehalis family's veteran for his sacrifices is now a huge, regional show of gratitude to veterans of every color. And, the heartfelt feeling of thanks is being reciprocated.

Over a decade ago, Lori (Thomas) Tovrea wanted to honor veterans, and show her appreciation for her step-father, Garnett

Aldrich, who served in WWII, and her uncles who served in Vietnam. She started a Veterans Appreciation Ceremony at the Quinalt Nation, then moved to the Chehalis Reservation where, along with Donna Choke and Joan Martin, started this tribe's Veterans Appreciation Day.

The first one was funded by money raised by Lori, her children and Donna. The tribe donated fish. It was an instant hit, filling the massive Lucky Eagle Casino Event Hall with veterans who came from local communities and far corners of southwestern Washington.

Now, nine years later, it is so popular

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## Volunteers Create Memorable Halloween for the Community

By Fred Shortman, Editor

As a popular holiday Halloween is second only to Christmas in America. Millions celebrate the holiday each year without knowing its origins, which makes the holiday that much more exciting. Some view Halloween as a time for fun, friends, and families getting together, and a chance to talk with neighbors. Others see its superstitious nature or ties to the deceased. Some religions even view it as an unholy holiday. But whatever your view, you cannot deny the fascinating nature of the story of Halloween.

No matter what your age, the last night of October is one to look forward to celebrating. This year on the reservation homes were decorated and some very elaborate Jack-o'-lanterns lit as the night began. Halloween trick or treating started early as the weather was cool, but the rain held off as children ran house to house in their costumes.

On what other holiday do you have an excuse to eat all the sugar you want and wear whatever you want or wear a disguise and act out a character of your choosing. People chose some very scary costumes to wear to various activities, the costume contest, haunted house, and teen dance. The 2010 Halloween was memorable on the Chehalis Reservation.

### Head Start

On Friday, October 29 Head Start students kicked off the Halloween holiday with their annual parade through the tribal departments.

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## Large Turnout in Support for the NWWP's 8th Annual Intertribal Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

By Christina Hicks, Community Health Representative

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. On Saturday, October 16th, the Chehalis Tribe's NWWP program hosted the Native Women's Wellness 8th Annual Intertribal Breast Cancer Awareness Walk convening at the Chehalis Tribe's Community Center "Gathering Room".

We started the event with an opening prayer, led by Chehalis Tribal elder Dan "Bones" Gleason. Don Secena, Vice-Chairman, welcomed everyone to our community and acknowledged that it was Breast Cancer Awareness Month. He thanked participants for coming to support this event. Carmen Kalama, Community Service Director at SPIPA, then welcomed everyone.

It was a cool, brisk, and sunny morning to take a walk in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. Walkers chose to walk a one, two or three mile route. Most of the 159 walkers chose to walk the two-mile course from the Community Center to the stop sign at Anderson and Howanut Road.

Once back from the walk, everyone listened to Donna Lyle, breast cancer survivor. Donnas' mother had six daughters;

three of them were diagnosed with breast cancer, two were diagnosed with cervical cancer and one is cancer free. Donna has been cancer free for eleven years and three

months. Through a Self Breast Exam (SBE) she found a small hard lump and discovered she had stage one breast cancer. Donna

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The AVON Foundation for Women banner was carried along the Intertribal Breast Cancer Awareness Walk encouraging women to get their mammograms done because early detection saves lives in the prevention of cancer. Pictured are (L-R) is Tanya Brown, Elisa Del Rosario, Courtney Wright, Lynn Hoheisel, Connie Baker, Chisula Chambers, Talisa Jones, Shayden and Layla Baker

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## 2 Youth Receive Rewarding Experience in 5th Annual Football Tournament

By JJ Shortman, Educational Assistant

It wasn't the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field or the crowd laden noise fest of Qwest Field, but all in all this years flag football turned out to be a great event. Five teams of seven participated in a very competitive round robin tournament.

This event showed a swing of competition to a younger crowd. The TELO team took first place and received \$100.00

Visa cards. In a surprising turn of events the youngest team, Little Gary's took second in a close championship game, receiving hooded sweatshirts. Third place went to Miller's team after a competitive bout with the Team Newtons. Frank Boyd's team got fifth. Everybody who participated in this year's flag football tournament received T-shirts.



Gary Ortiz III flag football team was the youngest team in this annual football tournament. They demonstrated their competitive spirit in the championship match. Pictured (L-R) are Marcus Youckton, Geo Jack, Gary Ortiz III, Heather Daniels, Marcus Rivera, Jordan Bird.

## Program Sponsors Activity for Youth to Dance the Night Away

By Tracy Bray, Family Services

The Casino offered a Halloween lunch in the Gathering Room to all who stopped by and that evening the Teens had a blast at their very own Halloween Dance sponsored by Family Services.

During the dance, contests were held to encourage the teens to get out on the dance floor. Glo-Stick jump rope started off the games. It was great fun until it was time to double dutch. That proved a little too difficult. After the cupid shuffle and the cha-cha slide the chaperones were a bit tired, but they hung in there and joined the teens again for the electric slide and the macarana. Not to be outdone by us "old" folks, the teens started a conga line during the song "ghostbusters" and went all around the

dance floor.

Many volunteers and other programs staff provided proper supervision as chaperones. Thank you for providing a safe environment for the youth to enjoy themselves. We would also like to thank the youth for helping to clean up and providing ideas to add to the next event.

The teens enjoyed the evening out without their parents..... and Family Services are willing to host another event. So if you are a teen and you have ideas on what you want us to do for you every month give us a call or email. Contact Tracy Bray at 360-709-1571 or email Tbray@chehalistribe.org.

## Checking Your Credit History Can Help Your Financial Future

By Diana Pickernell, Loan Coordinator

To get a glimpse of your financial future, many businesses look at your financial past. This history is contained in your credit report. Your credit report determines everything from qualifying for a loan, the rate you'll pay on that loan, getting a new job, renting an apartment and obtaining car insurance.

### What Is a Credit History?

Your credit history is a financial profile. It lets lenders, landlords and employers know how you have managed money in the past and helps them decide whether or not to do business with you. This history is contained in a credit report that is kept on file by the three independent credit bureaus listed below. It may include such information as:

- How promptly you have paid off credit cards and loans
- How well you have handled paying other bills, such as rent and utilities
- Your total outstanding debts
- How much available credit you have on credit cards and home equity loans

### Who Can See Your Credit Report?

Your credit report can and most likely will be reviewed by anyone planning to give you a loan or credit, such as banks and credit unions, credit card issuers, auto financing companies, and insurance companies. Your report also may be checked by landlords and potential employers. Some lenders may also use the details in your report to determine how much credit they are willing to offer you and at what rate. Anyone with a legitimate business need can access your credit report, though an employer (or prospective employer) typically requires

your written consent to do so.

### Beware of "Fast Fixes" For Accurate Credit Problems

If you've had any late payments, foreclosures, or repossessions, this information stays in your credit report for up to seven years. If you've filed for bankruptcy, this information can stay in your report for up to 10 years.

Some companies claim they can "fix" such problems for a fee. However, it is legally impossible to alter an accurate credit history. If you find yourself in financial trouble, contact a member agency of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC), the nation's largest national nonprofit credit counseling network, by calling 1-800-388-2227 or visiting [www.nfcc.org](http://www.nfcc.org)

### Credit Bureau Contact Information

Once a year, it's a good idea to check your credit report for accuracy, and you can do so for **FREE** through the three major credit bureaus. Get your reports at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or by contacting the bureaus directly:

**Equifax** Report Order: 1-800-685-1111  
Fraud Hotline: 1-888-766-0008 or [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

**Experian**  
Report Order: 1-888-397-3742, Fraud Hotline: 1-888-397-3742, or [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

**Trans Union**  
Report Order: 1-877-322-8228, Fraud Hotline: 1-800-680-7289, or [www.tuc.com](http://www.tuc.com)

## Setting a Good Example Helps Build Respect

Submitted by Dawn Boley, Domestic Violence Advocate

**If you feed it, you'll breed it! We all need to take a good look at ourselves, are we feeding good behavior, or bad?**

Youth learn by watching others, especially parents. Be the kind of person you want your teen to be. Talk to your teenager about your beliefs. Talk about what you expect of them. Most importantly set a good example.

Children learn social skills, manners, respect and confidence just by watching their parents. They watch what you do and how you do it – whether it's eating, exercising, drinking, taking drugs, driving, smoking, or wearing a seat belt. They also watch how you deal with anger (and other emotions) and how you treat other people. What they see will affect how they behave.

Manage anger and avoid violence. Talk about your problems with the person you are angry with by keeping your cool instead of getting really mad and possibly violent. You can set an example of patience and tolerance. This doesn't mean you have to agree or not get angry, but talking about feelings (anger, for example) is a more effective solution than violence.

Do community service with your youth. This teaches job skills and responsibility. It also puts kids in touch with good role

models. It teaches them that they can make a difference by helping other people, and it builds self-confidence.

Get involved with your child's school. This will show your child that education is important. Talk to them early on about going to college and about careers that might interest them. Take the time to go to their schools, attend their events and encourage them with your presence.

Share your cultural identity and history with your teens. Talk to your child about their country's history – the good and bad. Compare your culture to others. Talking about cultural differences will help your teen understand and respect others.

Be caring, fair, truthful, and responsible. Keep your promises to your kids, if you want them to keep their promises to you. This will set an example they will follow. Tell the truth, if you want them to tell the truth.

Remember, your teen is always watching and learning from you. Show your teen that you are responsible for your actions and they will learn to be responsible for their actions, too. Feed them the behavior you expect from them and breed success!

## News from the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center

### Program offers Support for caring for their families

By Christina Hicks, Community Health Representative

November 2010 marks the 10th Anniversary of the Native American Caregiver Support Program (NACSP). In Tribal communities; caregiving of elders and grandchildren has always been part of the culture. For ten years, the Native American Caregiver Support Program has provided services

to assist the unpaid, informal caregiver in caring for grandparents, parents, spouses, and children who cannot care for themselves. If you would like to know about this program please contact Christina Hicks, at 360-273-5504 ext. 1741.

### The Healthier Choice Between Breastmilk and Formula

**How does formula compare to breastmilk?**

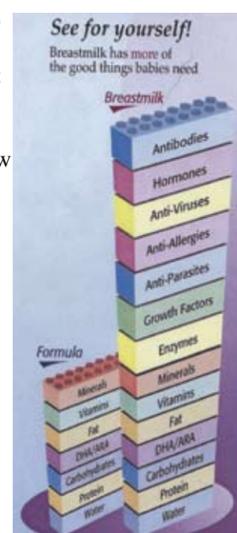
Compared to mother's breast milk, formula is missing many things babies need to be strong, healthy and smart. Did you know

**Formula-fed babies have a greater risk of:**

- Ear infections
- Diarrhea/constipation
- Pneumonia
- SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome)

**Children who are formula-fed have a greater risk of:**

- Obesity (Becoming overweight)



- Diabetes
- Asthma and allergies
- Cancer

**What is the cost of formula feeding?**

Formula feeding costs money. The dollars add up because you must buy extra formula as your baby grows, since WIC does not give you all the formula your baby will need. But the real cost of formula is the cost to your baby's health and the time you spend away from work or at the doctor when your baby is sick.



Youth were heard screaming as the the mummy and other scary beasts appeared out of nowhere at the Tribe's Haunted House in the Community Center. After getting over the initial shock they finished the tour thoroughly enjoying what Cheryl and her volunteers provided.

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The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation...  
"People of the Sand"

# PART 3, DEPOSITION OF CHEHALIS ELDERS: Lands of the Chehalis<sup>3</sup> March 19, 1927, Oakville, Washington from Mary Heck, Dan Secena, Marion Davis, George Ben, Joe Pete, and George Jack

Submitted by Elaine McCloud, Heritage Coordinator

Third part of excerpts are taken from the deposition of Chehalis Tribal Elders. For brevity, we have taken the liberty of extracting only portions of her the testimony and other editorial privileges. I have the deposition in its entirety at my office.

## LANDS OF THE CHEHALIS

**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; that her place of residence is Chehalis Indian Reservation and she is a member of the Upper Chehalis Tribe of Indians.

She said this country was just full of timber, all kinds of timber. The timber was what we call virgin timber. The hills were covered with good timber. She said these prairies, what we see now was so far back she doesn't remember; but she says there have been prairies here since creation. Mary said the prairies were inclined to be gravel, but the land was fertile enough to produce the roots of all kinds for their food.

**Dan Secena** was produced as a witness for the claimant and sworn to tell the truth. His occupation is that of a farmer, that he is 69 years of age, that his place of residence is the Upper Chehalis

Reservation and a member of the Upper Chehalis Tribe.

He said that there was some prairie land, but most of it was hilly and covered with timber. The prairie land is gravel and it is not as good as bottom land. The hilly land is good all over. He thought about a third of the land had light soil or gravel.

**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 said that the Chehalis territory was full of first class timber, fir tree, cedar, hemlock and so on. When questioned whether the rivers and streams afforded a means of navigation to all parts of the country, he agreed. He said they used the canoe to travel up and down the rivers. He said that sometimes in the summertime, the rivers get pretty dry and you couldn't hardly drag the canoe up the river.

**George Ben** was produced as a witness for the claimant and sworn to tell the truth, through an interpreter. His occupation is that of a farmer, that he is 70 years of age, that his place of residence is Oakville, WA, and that he is a member of the Upper Chehalis Tribe.

He said that there were all good fir trees, cedar, hemlock and good merchantable timber. The character of the land was good and rich and the hill lands were very fertile. He said that all parts of the territory was were available for traveling by canoes in the river, that the river was the only highway of travel at that time.

**Joe Pete** was produced as a witness for the claimant and sworn to tell the truth. His occupation is that of a retired farmer, that his age is 62 years and that his residence is near Oakville.

He was asked if he was the president of the Tribe and he said he was the Chairman. He said the country of the Upper Chehalis people had some what they call upland and some bottomland and some prairie land. He said that originally it was heavy timber, outside from the prairies.

He was asked if he knew the history of the Tribe, to know the boundaries of the country that formally belonged to the Upper Chehalis Band of Indians. He said he knew my by general knowledge. Upon cross-examination, he was asked if he studied the history of the Upper Chehalis people. He said that no, he didn't say he studied the history; he just knew from general knowledge. He was asked if he discussed the boundary with all his people. He said that yes he had

discussed it with all 86 of them

**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.

He said that the character of the soil was number one and that the timber was the very best that the country could produce. He said a small portion of their land was prairie, maybe a quarter. He was asked how many feet, board measure, of timber would average on 160 acres. He said 160 acres would produce about 5,000,000- 6,000,000 feet of standing merchantable timber. He said there were 4 characters of soil, sandy loam, shot clay, and on the prairie, black soil.

He was asked about whether the rivers went dry and you had to drag their canoes over the rocks. He said that about the last part of August and September, before the rains came, that the rivers were navigable but you would have to work pretty hard to get over them, not all gravel and riffles.

He was asked if it got cold enough for people to freeze to death. He said there were days when it got below zero, that he had seen it get 8 below zero. He said the ordinary winter was very mild.

## Honoring Our Baseball Legends



At the Honoring Our Legends event awarded three tribal Elders with recognition for playing baseball for our beloved Oakville Tomahawks, and continue to contribute to baseball memories. Pictured (L-R) are Dale Klatush, Sr., Mel Youckton and George "Chops" Youckton.

Photo provided by Jesse Goddard

By Jessie Goddard

October 9<sup>th</sup>, two events took place in regards to baseball. A meal was provided with a baseball field designed cake to share. Over 50 people attended, with t-shirts and baseball caps given out from each event. Honoring Our Legends was held to recognize three of the oldest tribal member men that played baseball for over 60 years beginning with our beloved Oakville Tomahawks. Dale Klatush, Sr., George "Chops" Youckton and Mel Youckton received vests embroidered with their name and a symbol of "Honoring Our Legends". Stories were told, encouragement was given, and everyone enjoyed reminiscing as family members shared some very fond memories about baseball.

Often times, many people are not recognized for what they have contributed or brought to us in our communities. This recognition was provided to hear about "the good ol' days" and a little bit of history for the younger generations to share as time

goes on. Then again, the "good ol' days" have not been totally shared to the fullest. I laughed as my Uncle Chops and dad as they wanted to tell a story about the other, yet being unsure if the other has more of a story to tell than them. All good times, I guess.

Another name of the past, Gordon "Gordy" Klatush was remembered for his time in baseball. Ray Secena, Jr. spoke of his memory of Gordy and what Gordy meant to him as an individual and as a baseball manager. The original design was made by the late Lisa Goldman. This design had to be redesigned as a replica due to the original work for this tournament being done solely by Lisa, which copies or setups were not available to reuse, for this gathering.

The plans for 2011 will be to schedule both of these gatherings, during our regular baseball season. Thank you to all of those that participated and provided food for this event. Looking forward to what next year will bring. Best wishes to all of you.

## Elders Gather to Celebrate Halloween

By Fred Shortman, Editor

On Friday, October 29 Nancy Romero, Elders Coordinator scheduled a Halloween Party at the Elders Center. Yes, celebrating Halloween is for all ages and what fun they had with the activities. There were games like candy pong, pin-the-heart on the mummy, cake walk, Halloween bingo, and a pumpkin toss.

Some Elders were seen decked out

in their costumes as Janette White Claw (Dressed as Aunt Jamima) won first prize, second went to Diana Devlin (Dressed as a witch) and third went to Evelyn Penn, dressed as the mummy). The winners were selected by applause on the best costume and what a great night it was for the elders that attended.

It was a fun and playful night as Elders

## 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 in the Succession Plan. We are hopeful a 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."



Vanessa Youckton has an Associate of Arts degree from Centralia College, and a Bachelors Degree from Central Washington University. She is currently in the Tribal Enterprise and Gaming Management certification program with Tacoma Community College. Planning to taking some additional accounting and business classes before beginning a second Bachelors degree in Business Management.

Vanessa current position is the Compliance Officer at Lucky Eagle Casino for just over a year. Previously she was employed at Yakama Nation Legends Casino for almost nine years working in several different

areas such as: Assistant Compliance Officer, Accountant, Title 31 and Cage Auditor, Cage cashier and Cage Manager. While employed she received extensive training in Title 31, NIGC MICs, and other training. Her previous employment here at Lucky Eagle was in the Gift Shop.

Vanessa said, "I would like to continue my work experience in Finance to coincide with my next education endeavor. In the future, I would like to work in the capacity of Financial Analyst, possibly CFO or General Manager of the Tribe, depending on where my education and work experience are best suited."

were seen smiling, laughing, and joking in the spirit of Halloween enjoying the evening as they spent together with their friends and family. It was a good time! Many agreed they were looking forward to next year.



Elders along with family members enjoyed the cake walk which was one of the fun activities at the Elders Halloween Party.



**Elders, adults and youth volunteered in making the haunted house so memorable for many tribal and community members. They enjoyed getting dressed up in the spirit of Halloween.**

Photo by Cheryl Starr

**Employees Halloween Party**

Friday, October 29 the Employees Halloween party was held at the Community Center Gathering Room. Employees dressed up for the costume contest in costumes from cute to scary.

Employees brought deserts for a potluck with the main course of spaghetti. One dessert was called cat turds. It was made in the spirit of Halloween as a trick, but was a tasty treat, consisting of a brownie mix though it wasn't appealing to the eye. Many refused to eat it. Those that did try it, closed their eyes trying not to gag. But the gag turned to smiles as they tasted it.

There was a raffle, games for the day: Who would eat this? Employees were offered by Cheryl Starr, Events Coordinator to enter this contest. She walked around the room inviting anyone to eat some very gross looking food. There were a few that tried it with Theresa Pannkuk eating 25 of the icky morsels and Pam Youckton finishing second place eating 20 pieces. Yuck! Halloween Pong: Winners were Amil and Bev Starr fist place and Shawn Ortivez and Eli Snell took second.

Costume Contest winners were Don Terry dressed as an Over-the-Hill Geisha Girl won the Best Costume. Winner in the witch category were Winona Youckton. Cutest was Sue Ortivez, Scariest was Amil Starr who came dress as predator.

If laughter is the best medicine than the employees sure received a lot of it.

**Activities at the Community Center Created Fond Halloween Memories**

Saturday, October 30 was a day to remember for the 200 youth that came to celebrate Halloween. The community center was decorated in lavish Halloween style, with hay bales, jack-o'-lanterns, bats, skeletons, witches, spiders and spider webs, eerie castle walls, head stones and other cool stuff.

Cheryle Starr, Events Coordinator and her group of volunteers out did themselves in preparing for this year's Halloween party. There were fun games done such as the cake walk, best costumes contest, haunted house plus lunch was provided by the Lucky Eagle Casino.

The youth center provided many of the prizes and toys for the youth to win. The zombie clowns and Big Foot were there to hand out candy as the children. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson had their balloon game and gave out prizes and cookies.

**Volunteers Made the Haunted House a Big Success.**

By Dianne Devlin, Cultural Coordinator

This Halloween was the first time the Tribe hosted a Haunted House at the new Community Center. Cheryl Starr recruited a long list of helpers who helped make the Haunted House both scary and fun. The fun part was working on the Haunted House. Many long days and nights went into putting the project together.

The Haunted House was divided into five theme sections. As unsuspecting children entered the Haunted House they were greeted by a kindly group of Hogwarts witches and wizards from the Harry Potter World of Wizardry. Muggles (a term in the Potter books that means non-magical persons) were welcomed and each given a glow in the dark bracelet or necklace and pointed in the right direction to enter the

**Haunted House.**

Still feeling all warm and fuzzy from the greeting by a happy group of witches, the kids entered the first room thinking this would be a piece of cake. WRONG! The haunting began as you stepped into Alice in Wonder Land. To your right the Mad Hatter was sipping tea with the Queen of Hearts, the Cheshire-Cat faded in and out before your eyes. But where was the White Rabbit? Too late, jumping out from the dark was a demented White Rabbit with six inch fangs and he was not looking for a cup of tea.

To escape the fangs of a non-veggie eating crazed rabbit you rush into the Twilight Room. Yep! Vampires and Werewolves were waiting to bite anything moving. Ohhh wonderful! Maybe the White Rabbit was not so bad. After all it was just him, not a room full of biters. But wait there is hope; you see an opening and run for it.

You enter a grave yard, on your right and left are the tombstones of the living dead. Thriller Music surrounds you and Michael Jackson and his armies of the risen dead are jive'n to the beat. Wanna Dance?" No way! Keep running; it's got to be better then sticking around here. Wrong again!

You have landed on the worst street in town, Nightmare on Elm Street. And Freddy wants to play. Leaping out at you from behind hay stocks with long metal claws Freddy is hoping you can't wake up or find your way out. Finally you see a lighted area. And you dart to safety.

Thank Goodness it's a doctor. Maybe he can treat you for the Nightmares Freddy gave you. OHHHH NOOOO! There are body parts everywhere, blood dripping down the walls. His operating table is full of bits and pieces of body parts. What is he making? But before you see anything else, a crazy chain saw carrying guy with a hockey mask jumps out of the wall, and I do mean right out of the wall...Run! Run! Run!

If you made it through the gantlet of crazies waiting to scare you, you got out. Everyone could hear the scream of little kids as they tried to get through the maze of the scary room. Some didn't make it and ran back out the front door. HeHeHeHe! But not to worry there were cookies, candy, games and prizes for everyone, even if you didn't make it through the Haunted House.

**Many Thanks to everyone that helped make the 2010 Halloween a huge success!**

By Cheryl Starr, Events Coordinator

Many thanks to our Elders volunteers: Annie Jones, Dianne Devlin, Sally Pikutark and Tony Medina. Your contribution made this the best Halloween ever.

And our Haunted House volunteers Charlotte Lopez, Monique Lopez, Brandon Palmer, Makko Slighte, Akasha Slighte, Jerry Youckton, Correna Young, Josh Terry, Jason Lyons, Junior Jack, Baby Gary Ortivez, Andrea Youckton, Jason Gillie, Big E (Elaine Myer), Theresa Pannkuk, Maria Adams, Marla Medina, Ray Banjuelous Sr. Our High School Seniors: Ann Marie Youckton, Monica Lopez, Bobby Jones, Jeanette Boyd, Raymond Banjuelous, Jr., also thank Josh Terry for making the CD mix for us. And the people who help set up the Haunted House and did all the shopping and all their ideals. Job well done couldn't of done it without everyone pitching in and helping make it a success, hope next year will be bigger and better.

there is a first-come, first-served policy in place. The tribe, casino, SARE Electric and Travers Electric contribute the facility, food and door prizes. Tribal fishermen donate their time and skill to catch, filet and cook the salmon. Many other volunteers help set up, serve, and keep the evening program flowing.

This year, before the doors opened at five, a line of veterans wove past the buffet, almost reaching the gaming room. "I don't think there is anything in Southwestern Washington like this," said Geoffrey Neal, a Navy veteran who lives in Rochester.

Neal mirrored the feelings of many veterans. Throughout the region there were parades. A few community colleges held mid-day veterans events. But no one could name a comparable fancy evening event for veterans.

Navy Veteran Darla Smith, daughter of Air Force Veteran Sid Smith, explained it this way, "Natives treat veterans with a lot of respect."

She said that the honor she felt from the tribe is nothing new. When she was stationed in Mississippi and feeling homesick, her family and the tribe regarded her with respect and fully supported her decision to join the military.

"This makes me feel thankful to my family and the tribe," she said.

Curtis Dupuis, who served in two Green Beret Special Forces in Vietnam, clearly remembers the difference between how the tribe and the mainstream population regarded veterans. "When we came back from Vietnam, there were a lot of hurtful comments and anger directed towards us, except in Indian communities," he said.

He said that tribes have always honored veterans at powwows and other gatherings. So, he was not surprised to come home from Vietnam and be honored, but the treatment of the mainstream population did surprise him.

"Any segment of the population needs to realize that if you are going to enjoy your way of life, someone's going to have to protect it," reminded Dupuis. "If the veterans are not here to save it for you, you're not going to have it."

What the Chehalis Tribe and its members

did that night was an expansion of how all Natives feel about warriors. Navy Veteran George Youckton simply explained it by saying, "It should be done to give appreciation to veterans, plus to recognize the families of the people who didn't come back."

Many of the hundreds of veterans there had attended multiple times. Yet they were visibly affected by the honor and gratitude expressed through the free salmon dinner, the elaborate decorations, the singing of God Bless America by little Annie Burnett, the gifts, the music by the American Legion Band, the film presentation of Pearl Harbor, the special honoring of World War II vets, the ending poem and prayer by Jimmy Burnett, and, by the evening send off of hand shaking by Chehalis tribal youth and other tribal volunteers.

Many veterans went out of their ways to shake the hands of tribal members, to look them in the eyes and let them know how much the celebration means to them.

What started out that evening as a tribute to veterans expanded into every person's heart as a sincere thank you: thank you veterans for your sacrifices, thank you Chehalis Tribe, for not forgetting.

**Our Hands Go Up in Appreciation in Honoring our Veterans**

Lori Tovrea sends out many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this year's Veterans Appreciation Day event another huge success: "To the special speakers, General Jim McElroy, Richard DeBolt, TC "Tomcat" Nelson (Pearl Harbor survivor & POW for 3 years), and Bob Job. To our Lucky Eagle cooks and Tira Sabandal for her tireless hard work she did. To R. Curtis who came from Seattle to sing the National Anthem. Chehalis Tribe's Veteran's Committee - Lori Tovrea, Nancy Romero, Gloria Jones, Scarlett Romero; Raven John, Johnny Bumgarner, Merrill Goldstein, Lindy Waring, Rita Wiley, and Kristina Nielson.. A special thanks to Carla Thomas, Geo, Junior and Elaine helped out from the start 9:00 am - 10:00 pm helping with the clean-up. To Chehalis Tribal Fisherman for donating and providing the delicious salmon dinner."



**Volunteers for the Veterans day Dinner at the Lucky Eagle bring honor to everyone that attended. Top row: pictured (L-R) are Makko Slighte, Junior Jack, Geo Jack, Mark Tovrea. Middle row pictured (L-R) are Carla Thomas, Lori Tovrea, Gloria Jones. Front row (L-R) are Rita Wiley, and Nancy Romero. Photo by Cecilia Kayano**

stressed the importance of Self Breast Exams because "You know your body best". Donna encouraged all the ladies to "Get your mammograms and do your breast self exams." She also said, "If it doesn't feel right, get it checked. Breast self-exams are very important." In appreciation for her story and example, Donna was then wrapped with a Pendleton Blanket from the NWWP.

All breast cancer survivors were honored with a blanket and a survivor lapel pin. We then honored all other cancer survivors with a blanket. As part of the walk we ask walkers to raise money for the NWWP; this helps cover services the NWWP program does not cover. We honored Daryl Beckwith (Chehalis Tribal member) with a blanket for raising \$320.00 for the program. Funds raised for the program by walkers totaled over \$1,042.00. Thanks to all who helped raise money.

Representatives from Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Puget Sound Affiliate, Elisa Del Rosario and Chisula Chambers, who gave us a mini grant to help pay for this event, also attended. They led a quick forum on what were "barriers" for ladies to get their mammograms. Everyone was willing to raise their hands, and yell out answers, and a few won small gifts of thanks from the

Susan G. Komen foundation. Assured Imaging was also here with their motor coach during the event performing mammograms. Twenty-four ladies participated in having mammograms and were given a pink rose.

Walkers enjoyed baked salmon, chicken, rice, veggies, salad, and triple berries for lunch. All were given a raffle ticket, a t-shirt and a small information packet about breast care health when they signed in. At the end of the day there were lots of raffle drawings.

We would like to thank everyone who participated: by helping out, walking (especially those who also carried the AVON banner) and enjoying the nice day out. A big "Thank You" goes to all the grantors who support NWWP: AVON, Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and Susan G. Komen. Thank you to Chehalis Tribal Enterprises for their donation of the two gas cards which helped Pam and Shawn who watched over the walkers and handed out water. Thank you for supporting this event and remember, "The Best Protection is Early Detection!" Our next mammogram clinic is November 30, 2010 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center.