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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 you are 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 360-709-8899.

Tribal Holiday Closures

The Tribal Center and Clinic will be closed through Thanksgiving and Christmas. Plan ahead to insure you 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

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Tribal Community Christmas Party

Sunday, December 19

Starts at 11 AM

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.

November 11

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 and Tovea wanted to honor veterans, and show their appreciation for her step-father, Garrett Aldrich, who served in WWII, and her uncle who served in Vietnam. She started a Veterans Appreciation Ceremony at the Quinault 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 kicked off the 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 that veterans and their families are traveling to attend.

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 kind words.

By Cecilia Kayano, Freelance Writer

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 Part 3 of the 1927 Deposition of Chehalis Tribal Elders from our archives on housing.

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

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

By Christina Hicks, Community Health Representative

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

By Fred Shortman, Editor

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Who Can See Your Credit Report?

To get a glimpse of your financial future, check your credit report once a year by calling 1-800-388-2227 or visiting www.annualcreditreport.com. Some companies claim they can “fix” certain issues 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) for nonprofit credit counseling networking, by calling 1-888-567-1234 or visiting 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 or by contacting the bureaus directly:

Equifax Report Order: 1-800-688-1111
Fax Order: 1-888-766-0008 or www.equifax.com

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October 9th, two events took place in regards to the Upper Chehalis Tribe

Mary Heck was produced as a witness for the claimant and sworn to tell the truth. Her 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 Reservation and a member of the Upper Chehalis Tribe. He said that there was some primitive 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 timber, all kinds of timber. The timber was recognized for what they have contributed or brought to us in our communities. This is a fun and playful night as Elders along with family members shared some very fond memories of the good old days and a little bit of history for their younger generations to share as time goes on.

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 (Dennis & American Indian) was 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. The biggest win of the night it was for the elders that attended. It was a fun and playful night as Elders were seen smiling, laughing, and joking in the spirit of Halloween as they spent the evening as they spent together with their friends and family. It was a good time for all! M. Clark was looking forward to next year.

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 progress so that the Tribal community has an awareness of what efforts are being made to support our tribal members employed at the casino. This building success stories which will be reflected in the Succession Plan. It is hoped a large number of young adults will read about the hard work and sacrifices fellow Tribal members are undertaking 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 your dreams for the stars and make it happen.

“Our commitment is to provide an unparalleled entertainment experience that exceeds our guests’ expectations.”

By Jessie Goddard

October 9th, two events took place in regards to the Upper Chehalis Tribe.

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 Klathus, Sr., Mr. Youckton and George “Chops” Youckton.

By Elaine McCloud, Heritage Coordinator

George Ben, Joe Pete, and George Jack were seen decked out as a witch (Mary Heck), a mummy, cake walk winner (Evelyn Penn), and baseball caps given out from each team.

By Lisa, which copies or setups were not available for the production of this book.
there is a first-come, first-served policy in place. The tribe, casino, SARE Electric and Travels Electric contribute the facility, food, and door prizes. The 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 went past the buffet, almost reaching the gaming room. “I don’t think there is anything in Southeastern 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 veteran events. But no one could compare a fancy evening event for veterans.

Navy Veteran Darla Smith, daughter of the late John Smith and current Dine’ Community Liaison, put it this way, “Natives treat veterans with a lot of respect.”

She said that 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 community,” Neal continued.

Carlin Dupuis, who served in two Green Beret Special Forces in Vietnam, clearly remembers the community support he received from the tribe and the mainstream population regarded veterans. “When we came back from Vietnam in 1979, there were a lot of community comments and anger directed towards us, except in the Chehalis. The Chehalis treated us well. He said that tribes have always honored veterans at powwows and other gatherings. So, we should embrace the veterans in our community here in Vietnam and be honored, but the treatment of the mainstream population did surprise me.

“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 don’t, who will?”

What the Chehalis Tribe and its members did that night was an expansion of how all Natives feel about warriors. Navy Veterans George Youckton simply explained it by saying, “It should be done to give appreciation to veterans, plus to recognize the war losses 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 finds, the music by the American Legion Band, the film presentation of Pearl Harbor, the special honoring of World War II vets, the green berets lawn sign with Mr. Youckton and, by the evening send off of hand-shakes, the greeting by the tribe youth and other tribal volunteers.

Many veterans went out of their way to shake hands with the veterans who took them in the eyes and let them know how much the celebration means to them.

Our Haunts Go Up in Appreciation in Our Honor

Lori Tovey sends out many thanks to all the volunteers who put the work in to make the 2010 Veterans Appreciation Day event another huge success: “To the special speakers, Generals George Youckton and John Youckton; Tom “Tomcat” Nelson (Pearl Harbor survivor & Purple Heart recipient); Terry Jordan and Kathy Jordan; to our Lucky Eagle cooks and Tira Sabandal for her tireless hard work the sale. To R. Curtis Tovrea and the Chehalis Tribe for hosting the Annual Chehalis Tribe’s Veteran’s Committee - Lori Tovey, Nancy Romero, Gita Jackson, David Youckton, Johnny Bagman, Merrill Goldstein, Lindy Wang, Rita Wiley, and Kristina Nilsson. A special thanks to Charles Thomas, Geo, Junior and Elaine helped 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 made the Veterans day a huge success. Top row: pictured (L-R) are Maiko Slights, Junior Jack, Geo Jack, Mark Tovey, Middle row pictured (L-R) are Carlos Thomas, Lori Tovey, Gloria Jones, Front row (L-R) are Wanda Youckton, and Ramona young. Photo by Cecilia Kayano

The Cancer Walk is an annual event which raises money for the American Cancer Society. The walk is held every year to raise awareness about cancer and to support those affected by it. This year, the Cancer Walk was held on October 31st, with many people participating and raising funds. The event is not only about raising money but also about creating a community that supports and cares for one another. It is a day to come together and show our support for those battling cancer. The Cancer Walk is a way for people to get involved and contribute to the fight against cancer. It is a day filled with hope and inspiration, where people come together to support each other and make a difference.