When will an Emergency be declared? Emergencies will be declared by the Emergency Manager. The Emergency Manager monitors river levels, water main outages, and adverse weather conditions. Any of these things could constitute an emergency.


Where do I go if I cannot remain in my home? The Community Center has been designated as a safe center during emergency declarations. Any person is welcome to go to the Community Center. There is no food and beverages provided unless there is a major emergency in which case group meals will be provided. This information will be available to you when you call the Emergency Phone Line.

Can I go to the Hotel? The hotel has been designated as a safe center during times of emergency. It is being reserved for At-risk individuals who are not able to be safe and have their needs met in the community center.

Exercise Room Available for Use to Keep in Shape Year 2011 has arrived and so has our community’s resolution to exercise and get healthy together! Your-Own risk facility. A waiver is being filled out by the Emergency Phone Line.

Community Efforts Help Operation Native Helping Neighbors Spread Love and Hope With Heartfelt Gifts

The Chehalis Tribal Native Scene is depicted with Joseph at the left of Mary carrying food back for his family. As a good hunter and husband, he is shown in the Native Scene giving food to his wife and new son. Above the Baby Jesus are three Angels. If you look closely you will see that the Angel in the center has long grey braids. She embodies the Elders of our Tribe and is shown holding the Tribal Logo of the Chehalis.

The Christmas spirit took fire, starting small and became something to make everyone proud. Volunteers and programs joined in to help families struggling with the economy to make this Christmas a time to remember. With families still struggling with the economy, losing their jobs, health issues, or an income that barely supports their family, emergencies and holidays are times that unique opportunities to help them. “BINGO!” Proudly raising their winning card in the air alternating verification from Santa’s little elves.

Santa arrived as he chuckled throughout the event center. “Look Everyone, Santa has arrived!” A cheerful and loud applause was received as he answered. “HO! HO! HO!” Children eyes quickly searched the room to find him. As he towered through the aisle ways, children were seen smiling as they reached out to give him a high as he walked to his destination to have his picture taken and hand out Christmas presents. Children were seen smiling and laughing as they received their gifts. The photos were printed and laid out for them to pick up later in the day. Many thanks to Mr. Blevins for getting the photos.

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Interesting Information on Page 3:

- 2010 Elders Christmas Party.
- The Book “Glimpses of Gate” shares neighbors memories of past Chehalis Reservation’s Tribal Church. The Cheryle Stewart and her group of volunteers have made this a very popular event.
- Dine will be provided by the Casino and their staff. It was a delicious mixture of prime rib, chestnuts, mashed potatoes and all the fixings for a great meal. With their appetites satisfied onto the next stage of the Christmas activities.
- Gathered hands out bingo packets, and doughnuts for everyone to play. There was 10 games played to have a chance to win a price with different age brackets. Each game winner was limited to only one youth and one adult. Families laughed and joked with each other focusing on drawing their numbers, and was Hampshire unique opportunity to help the “BINGO!” Proudly raising their winning card in the air alternating verification from Santa’s little elves.

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Christmas Party Brings Families Together

By Fred Shortman, Editor

The community Christmas was held on December 6th at the Lucky Eagle Casino. Christmas spirit filled the air, and the sound of Christmas filled throughout the Casino. As the doors opened families came and sat together to enjoy a fun filled day of activities in the Lucky Eagle Casino. Cheryle Starr and her group of volunteers have made this a very popular event.

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Special thanks go out to Elder Ray Kohler for his time and effort at the wood shop providing us the proper way to see the saw jaw to cut out the figures. Additional thanks go to Tribal Elder Sully Pikutark who helped paint the finishing

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Program and Tribal Artist Contribution Creates a Very Beautiful 2010 Chehalis Tribal Indian Native Scene

By Dianne Devlin, Cultural Coordinator

Big thanks go out to all the community members who helped in completing the “Chehalis Tribal Indian Native Scene”. Under Tony Medina’s direction the Youth Program’s young artists lined up to help paint the Animal People, Indian Angles and Medicine Man portrayed in the Native Scene. The Bear and Eagle where painted entirely by young budding artists, who each adding their personal touches to the project.

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Dianne Devlin, Cultural Coordinator supervises the youth as they paint the Nativity scene. Many talented artists contributed to making this a successful community project. Pictured (L-R) are Dianne Devlin, Payton Simmons, Shayna Pickernell.
National Indian Conference Creates Strategies to Assist Programs in Healing Victims of Crime

By Dawn Boley, Domestic Violence Advocate

The 12th National Indian Nations conference was held in the home of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians of Palm Springs, California. The diversity at this conference is amazing rich with culture, healing, and talents. This event focused on innovation and successful victim programs and strategies as well as providing current information and promising practices from the field.

The were board of directors from Tribal Law and Policy Institute, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), Cahuilla Indians Tribal Council. There were members of Obama’s cabinet Larry Echohawk a (Pow) confirmed Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs in 2009, Eric Holder, as the E2 Attorney General of the United States 2009 by the Bidens he was the first African American to hold that post. The room filled with Judges, Lawyers, Advocates, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The sensational Healing Entertainers: Star Noyce, Joumea Shanoudah, and The Boyz a traditional native singing group winning top honors such as Aboriginal peoples Choice Music Awards. There were too many awesome people there to name them all.

There was a song about a cultural song to honor victims and survivors.

Speakers read poetry to the audience and video shown of survivors to honor victims. The blanket makes offered the most impressive blankets for the advocates. The blankets barely made in memory of female and male victims. Those that survived, and those that were lost.

Larry Echohawk gave a touching speech and left his followers at a loss for words for delivering the ultimate speech. Larry informed the audience that Obama nominated him to his seat. He said he did not say yes right away. He knew that everyone before him had really hurt the Native American and he would take it on as he would brave to get back on even or come was a very long journey. The many that had hated the person holding the seat would have to be hand by hand. Then he told of the one person that had saved him from a beating for our rights drew tears to the room. The participants sat following his story that made the room a very intimate space but in the time and told the room what his intentions were. There must have been 900 people in the room, but you could hear a pin drop.

The tribes from other nations that stood in his presence told you not to be afraid and lined up to meet him as I did to thank him and get a picture.

The most compelling were the survivor’s stories shared at the workshops. Victims and survivors gave their personal stories to each group. Many times the audience moved to tears with the reality of their losses. That brought victims to encourage public served and embrace who each individual does in the name of ending abuse.

The conference honored survivors and healers with blankets to honor the survivors and healers. The blankets are exclusively for healers by category. The advocates were asked to come take a token from the chair and smudge before they sat down. Then several artists offered a healing song in honor of survivors and those who were taken away too early and why.

The audience was comprised of Indians and Non-Indians. The diversity in the room felt humble and people came together as one. There was absolute respect felt for the cultural traditions presented and respected the native language, to traditional practices of cleansing and prayers.

The workshops offered a look into protection orders and on off Tribal lands. Many officers explained that they look at domestic violence compared to the advocates. Officers are trained not express emotion. The opposite of what we handle our victims. It is important that we know that instead of thinking they are heartless people. Emotion could cost them their lives in certain situations. This is the healers, advocates, and counselors must prepare for the questions or hurt when this problem arises. It was good to know how to handle.

In closing, the assembly of public servants and healing leaders will have a plan. The conference honored survivors and healers with blankets. Songs and ceremonies were performed to pray and bless them on their path to healing.

Photo by Dawn Boley

News from the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center

Detention is the best method in the battle against colon cancer

Colon Cancer is the 3rd most common type of cancer diagnosed in the United States affecting over 104,000 Americans each year. It is a slow moving disease. When you are between the ages of 50 – 64, you may be at risk. Why? Because of the presence of precancerous tissues. You’re between the ages of 50 – 64, do you get regular checkups? If not, do you get a colonoscopy? Do you go to the test?” You don’t know if you’re at risk; you take a test for a reason. Sometimes our busy schedules seem to control and finding the time to take care of ourselves seems impossible. Take a moment and breath. Listen to your body. Do you need to stretch, move around, or get fresh air? Do you get enough sleep? Research has shown that not only are adults sleep deprived, but not getting enough sleep can actually lead to weight gain. When you don’t get enough sleep, the body reacts producing cortisol, a hormone associated with stress. Increased cortisol levels disrupts normal glucose metabolism, increasing appetite. Eating more, especially when you are tired leads to more body weight, and other health related problems. If for a reason you can’t achieve a goal. Don’t give up! Reassess your plan and continue on. You’ll have more luck if you use a plan to lose weight, and you get results. Remember to keep each step simple. Set reasonable, attainable goals. Keep working on it, by bit by bit each day.

Youth were interviewed about the meaning of the Native American art of painting to the Navajo Nation. Pictured (L-R) are Payon Simmons, Shanya Pickernell and Cecilia Kayano, Freelance reporter for the Chehalis Tribes. Article is in The Chronicle, November 20, 2010

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On December 16th at the Gathering they'd grab it and poke it in a bag. Before head of a log jam. They would run the pole drift that you could stick a pole in at the spring – George Sanders too – and find a mud ditching to the creek. The girls thought riffle. They used to dig little ones out of the spot that was shallow, swift and narrow – a day were probably old ones. They went to a were three feet long. The night eel fishers eel couldn't get purchase. The biggest eels inches across. When the eel would bite, Judith Upton, 8333 Camano author for $25, which includes tax. The book can be purchased from the The Lucky Eagle Management Program is designed for our tribal members and their success working at the casino. The casino is our only source of revenue so we have to make sure we are building success stories which will be reflected in the Succession Plan. We are hoping the large number of young adults who read about the hard work and sacrifices fellow Tribe 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 visionary to be the successful ones. That’s their choice. All we have dreams. Never, never, give up on your dreams. Reach for the stars. Never give up. “Our commitment is to provide an unapologetic entertainment experience that exceeds our guests’ expectations.”

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Submission methodology

Interview of Neighbor’s Reveals Memories of Chehalis Tribal Reservation People
These writings come from the book “Glimpses of Gäste” by Judith Upton. They were compiled from interviews with surrounding neighbors of the Chehalis Tribe. When Bob and Deirdre took a trip to the reservation from excerpts from the book with the person who was interviewed and provided the information.

The book can be purchased from the author for $25, which includes tax. The interview was conducted at 131 Camano Loop NE, Lacey, WA 98516.

George Sanders
Eel fishers used a big hook, several men across. When the tide was high, the eel couldn't get purchase. The biggest eels inches across. When the eel would bite, Judith Upton, 8333 Camano author for $25, which includes tax. The book can be purchased from the The Lucky Eagle Management Program is designed for our tribal members and their success working at the casino. The casino is our only source of revenue so we have to make sure we are building success stories which will be reflected in the Succession Plan. We are hoping the large number of young adults who read about the hard work and sacrifices fellow Tribe 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 visionary to be the successful ones. That’s their choice. All we have dreams. Never, never, give up on your dreams. Reach for the stars. Never give up.

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There was three different categories from Elders, adults and youth. Many gifts were happily given away without reservation. At the end of the raffle, tickets were drawn until all the presents were given away.

Youth were entertained by the magician and singers singing carols and in attendance on his personalized magic show.

They Medina, Youth Center Director honored and thanked two great people who have worked with our youth. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson receiving a loud, warm and sincere have worked with our youth. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson residing in Chehalis Tribal Newsletter: Page 4 maintaining more roads on the Reservation. Given the challenges for a similar transfer of holding more roads on the Reservation would be to evaluate whether other roads located to the Tribe. The planner is also evaluating whether other roads located by neighboring counties would be good candidates for a similar transfer of Howanut Road. The planner is also evaluating whether other roads located to the Tribe. The planner is also evaluating whether other roads located by neighboring counties would be good candidates for a similar transfer of Howanut Road.

On January 10, 2011, The Gray's Harbor County Commissioners executed the last of three deeds transferring ownership of three roads located on the Reservation to the Chehalis Tribe. As a result of the transfer, the Tribe is now the new owner of Salmon Road, a small dirt track connecting Howanut Road to the Chehalis River; about one half of the length of Pearson Road, from the intersection with Howanut Road toward Highways 12 and 109; and a section of Howanut Road, from the intersection with Anderson Road almost to the intersection with Elma-Garrett Road. This includes the portion of Howanut Road providing access to the Tribal Center, Clinic, and other Tribal government buildings.

The completion of these transfers reflects a number of years of effort by the Tribe’s Planning and Natural Resources Department, and the Office of Tribal Attorney, in working with Gray’s Harbor County staff and leadership to come to an agreement that works for both the County and the Tribe. In December 2008, upon the request of the Tribe, the Gray’s Harbor County Commission passed a Resolution directing the County’s Public Works Department to draft deeds transferring ownership of the roads to the Tribe. Representatives of the Planning Department, Natural Resources Department, and Office of Tribal Attorney then met with their counterparts in the County government to identify and resolve issues to complete the transfer. The Office of Tribal Attorney researched Washington State law related to transfers of public lands and discovered that a transfer could be accomplished with a number of different approaches. The County agreed, and as a result, the Tribe was able to acquire these properties without making any cash payments to the County. Instead, the County would be “compensated” in that the transfer of the roads would allow the County to save the cost of servicing and maintaining these roads. The Tribe will now be responsible for monitoring, maintaining, and administering the newly-acquired roads, and as part of the transfer of Howanut Road, the Tribe passed a Resolution that continues to hold Howanut Road open to the public and states the Tribe’s commitment to maintain Howanut Road, a minimum, in the condition it has been previously maintained by the County.

The Tribe, though, is hoping to exceed this commitment. While there are no plans to reopen the acquired sections of Pearson or Salmon Road, the Planning Department is working with an engineering firm to develop plans and cost estimates for a realignment of Howanut Road. Amy Loudmilk, who represented the Planning Department in the Tribe’s discussions with the County, commented, “The Howanut Road Realignment Project received the second highest number of votes in the road improvement survey we did with the community last year. The community has expressed a strong interest in improving Howanut Road and is responding by realigning the road to reduce the sharp curves and moving the road away from Willamette Creek. This will improve fish habitat and water quality and keep cars from going into the creek.”

This Planning Department expects to finish those realignment plans soon, and will then consider options for funding the new construction and improvements.

In the future, the Tribe plans to evaluate whether other roads located on the Reservation that are currently held by neighboring counties would be good candidates for a similar transfer of ownership to the Tribe, so that the Tribe can take the leading role in servicing and maintaining more roads on the Reservation.