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Program News

Informational Line Available When an Emergency is Declared

Emergency Information Phone Line: 1-866-623-8883

When will an Emergency be declared?

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

When do I call the Emergency Phone Line?

Any time you are concerned about adverse weather, power outages or other emergency situations.

***** For power outages call: *****

**Grays Harbor PUD: 1-888-541-5923
Thurston County, Puget Sound Energy: 1-888-225-5773**

What happens once the emergency is declared?

Once an Emergency is declared the emergency line will be updated with the appropriate information regarding the situation.

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.

Who do I call if I need help?

For life threatening emergencies call 911.

For other non-emergency assistance call Law Enforcement at 709-1603. Remember officers are busy during emergency declarations and will respond as soon as they are able.

Exercise Room Available for Use to Keep in Shape

Year 2011 has arrived and so has our new year's resolution. To assist tribal and community members in achieving their getting healthy goals, the exercise room and equipment are available at the community center. The hours it is open are week days from 8 AM to 4 PM.

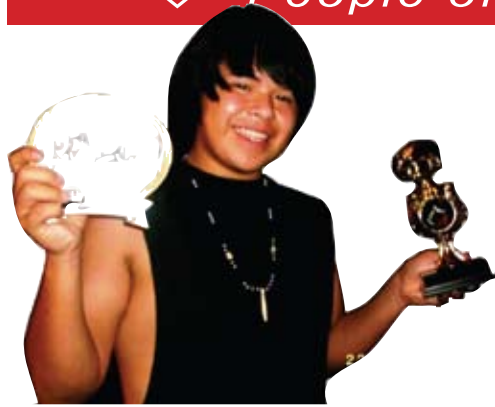
Please respect the equipment, and children under the age of 13 will need parental supervision. This is a Use-at-Your-Own risk facility. A waiver is being developed in order for the exercise to be used. Let's exercise and get healthy together!

For more information contact Cheryl Starr, Events Coordinator at 360-709-1524. Please leave your name, a short message, and return phone number.

CHEHALIS TRIBAL NEWSLETTER



♦ "People of the Sands" ♦



Youth recognized at Oakville high school sports banquet

■ Tribal youth inspiring play receives recognition award for the 2010 football season, page 2

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



In the tribal center Operation Natives Helping Neighbors volunteers are finalizing lists and signing Christmas cards for the adopted families. Pictured (L-R) are Dawn Boley, Carla Thomas and Penny Gleason-Wheeler.

By Fred Shortman, Editor

Operation Natives Helping Neighbors was a brainstorming idea by a very impressive group. Seeing these people and great minds work together as one was awe inspiring. Originally, Joyce Thomas had started a food and toy drive because she cared with all her heart, mind and soul that we, as a tribe should give back to the community and her way was via Christmas. This idea and dream grew way beyond even her expectations.

This year's Christmas food and toy drive began with a couple of phone calls. There are a few outreach programs in our community that help families in the area. The Roof program and Oakville Fire Department readily provided this year's list to work from. Operation Natives Helping Neighbors took off adopting 24 families.

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. Families don't enjoy going to food banks, but you do what's necessary to feed your family. Our community has been raised to help each other out in a time of need; when we have plenty, we share, when help is needed, you help. So when the call came out, individuals stepped up and helped. The timing was perfect; Christmas is a time to spread the feeling of love and hope.

There were two huge fundraisers to help

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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 people.
- Casino Management Program for Tribal members-Part 4: Featured Kevin Bray.

Christmas Party Brings Families Together

By Fred Shortman, Editor

The community Christmas party was held on Sunday, December 19 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 that was offered by the Tribe. Cheryl Starr and her group of volunteers have made this a very popular event.

Dinner was provided by the Casino and their staff. It was a delicious mixture of prime rib, clams, mashed potatoes and all the fixings for a great meal. With their appetites satisfied onto the next stage of the Christmas activities.

Helpers handed out bingo packets, and daubers so everyone could play. There was 10 games played to have a chance to win a prize 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 daubing their numbers, so as not to miss that unique opportunity to holler "BINGO!" Proudly raising their winning card in the air awaiting verification from Santa's little elves.

Santa arrival was announced as it echoed 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 traveled through the aisle ways, children were seen smiling as they reached out to give him a high five as he walked to his destination to have his picture taken and hand out Christmas presents. Children were seen lining up anxiously to get their gifts. The photos were printed and laid out for them to pick up later in the day. Many thanks to Bev Starr for her time in getting

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

By Dianne Devlin, Cultural Coordinator

Big thanks go out to all the community members who helped in completing the "Chehalis Tribal Indian Nativity Scene."

Under Tony Medina's direction the Youth Program's young artist lined-up to help paint the Animal People, Indian Angles and Medicine Men portrayed in the Nativity Scene. The Bear and Eagle were painted entirely by young budding artist, who each adding their personal touches to the project.

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



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.

Basket as a gift for Baby Jesus.

The Animal People depicted in the scene have come to witness the birth of Baby Jesus. Our traditional stories passed down through families tell us each of the Animal People taught something that made us better, stronger, or showed us how to survive in this land. The Eagle represents Edification and Spiritual Enlightenment; Wolves represent family and working together; Bears represent strength, not just immense power from without, but immeasurable strength from within. Next year we hope to add to the Nativity Scene. Watch for flyers.

Special thanks go out to Elder Ray Griswold who led the effort at the wood shop showing us the proper way to use the jig saw to cut out the figures. Additional thanks go to Tribal Elder Sally Pikutark who helped paint the finishing

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By Carla Thomas, Mother

One of our tribal youth had an outstanding season for the Oakville High School football team. His inspirational play earned him the right. During the Awards banquet he was acknowledged and the introduction to the award was awesome as the coach said, "It's my pleasure in introducing the next young man. He was explosive off the line. He was intense in his tackles, and his excitement of the game carried onto the other players. He was very inspiring to his teammates throughout each and every game."

Junior Jack has been nominated all conference for his outstanding defensive line



Junior Jack smiling as he proudly displays his recognition awards he received at the Oakville sports awards banquet.

Photo by Carla Thomas

position he has since been honored with the being named all conference! The Oakville coaches choose the most outstanding lineman of the year and honor them with what they call the Hog Award. This year it was Junior and deservedly so, since being he was named all conference. He was also given the

individual awards of most inspirational and best defensive lineman of the year and they call that the Hog Award!

Great Job Junior, you make us so proud. Keep up the good work!

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 (Pawnee) confirmed Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs in 2009, Eric Holder, Jr. as the 82nd Attorney General of the United States 2009 by Joe Biden. Eric 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 Nayea, Joanne Shenandoah, and The Boyz a traditional native singing group winning top honors such as Aboriginal peoples Choice Music Awards etc. There were too many awesome people there to name them all.

The conference opened with a cultural song to honor victims and survivors. Speakers read poetry to the audience and videos shown of survivors to honor victims. The blanket makers offered the most impressive blankets for the advocates. The blankets carefully 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 he delivered 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 Americans. The long road it would take to get back or even close was a very long journey. The many that had hated the person holding the seat would be hard to sway. Then he told of the one person that moved his heart enough to fight for our rights drew tears to the room. The participants sat there following his story that went on for a long time. He took his 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 of their position. Then 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 servants and embrace what 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 made 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 song artists offered a healing song in honor of survivors and those whom were taken away too early.

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 from songs in the native language, to traditional practices of cleansing and prayer.

The workshops offered a look into protection orders on and off Tribal lands. Many officers explained how they look at domestic violence compared to the advocates. Officers are trained not express emotion. The very opposite of how 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 can prepare for the questions or hurt when this problem arises. It was good to know how officers respond and why.

In closing, the assembly of public servants all who play a role in ending abuse has an important role in the future of healing. The Office of Victim of Crimes, Tribal Law and Policy Institute and every counselor, Judge, Advocate, Mental Health Counselors and survivor is helping change the way for future generation. The Indian culture needs preserved for future generations of Indian people. Historical Culture most get passed on to our people in the healthiest way possible to bring honor to all.



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

Detection is the best method in the battle against colon cancer

Your colon. Not a common topic of conversation, but an important part of your anatomy. The colon, sometimes called the large intestine, is about 5 feet long and 2½ inches in diameter, processes the remnants of meals. Water and vitamins are absorbed by the colon and the rest is eliminated. Because of the amount of time material stays within this organ, the tissues are easily irritated and inflamed. Once the tissue is damaged, toxins can easily penetrate, and

problems arise.

Colon Cancer is the 3rd most common type of cancer diagnosed in the United States and the second leading cause of cancer death. An easy test to assess the health of your colon is called the FIT Test. It's painless, and can help detect cancerous tissue. If you're between the ages of 50 – 64, stop by the clinic, we have free FIT kits for you. Start the New Year right; take care of yourself – GET FIT.

New Year's Resolutions are Achievable

By Cindy Beck, ND, CPT, Diabetes Prevention Program

2011 is here and if you are like most of us, you've made a few resolutions. It all starts with good intentions and a majority will result in being given up on by March 1st. Goals like losing a few pounds or cleaning all the closets in your house are achievable if you have a plan.

What did you resolve to do this year? Do you want to lose weight? Think about how much you want to lose – 10 pounds? 20 pounds? More? Take it slowly, say you want to lose 25 pounds; give yourself a realistic time frame [by Memorial Day]; and then cut that goal into smaller segments: lose 5 pounds by February 1st. Lose another 5 pounds [10 pounds total] by March 1st and 15 pounds total by April 1st. A great step towards success in achieving and sticking to your goal is to find a friend or family member who has a similar goal, and support each other. If you both decide to start exercising, do it together. You'll keep each other accountable, and can help motivate each other.

Sometimes our busy schedules seem to take control and finding the time to take care of ourselves seems impossible. Take a moment and breath. Learn to 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 most adults sleep deprived, but not getting enough sleep can actually lead to weight gain! When you don't get enough sleep, the body reacts by producing cortisol, a hormone associated with stress. Increased cortisol levels disrupts normal glucose metabolism, increasing appetite. Eating more food, especially, when you are tired leads to more body weight, and other health related problems.

If for some reason you don't achieve a goal. Don't give up! Reassess your plan and continue on. You'll have more luck if you use a variety of strategies to achieve your goals. Remember to keep each step simple. Set reasonable, attainable goals. Keep working on it, bit by bit every day.

Program requesting volunteers for committee

Looking for volunteers to be on a new committee in developing strategies for a Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Free community.

These monthly meetings will address any issue that is causing harm to our community.

If you are interested in

If you are interested in being a part of this Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco Free Community Committee or volunteering or giving input please contact Lorrie Bonifer at 360-709-1717, 360-977-1606 or email lbonifer@chehalistribe.org.

The Great American Spit-out event for a healthier life

One of your new years resolution may have been to quit chewing or smoking. Those that are truly serious may chose to participate in the **Great American Spit-Out** observance day on Thursday, February 24. It is truly your choice to a healthier lifestyle.

Smoking and chewing Commit to quit smokeless tobacco! Join our Great American Spit Out on February 24 and say goodbye to smokeless tobacco once and for all. Check out our great resources to get you started:

■ Enroll in the tobacco cessation program.

- Create your own Quit Plan, Quit Calendar
- Calculate how much money quitting will save you.
- Locate support and find information about different kinds of medicine to help you quit smoking.
- Chat one-on-one with a trained Cessation Coach.

Please contact Lorrie Bonifer at 360-709-1717 cell 360-977-1606 lbonifer@chehalistribe.org.

Program available to answer health questions "Dear Provider"

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.

We hope this will give our community and

our staff another way to communicate. The questions can be anonymous. You do not need to sign the letter.

The drop boxes are located at the Wellness Center and Tribal Center for your letters. We hope this will be a good service for our community. We hope to hear from you soon.



Youth were interviewed about the meaning of the nativity scene while awaiting to paint the Nativity Scene. Pictured (L-R) are Payton Simmons, Shayna Pickernell and Cecilia Kayano, Freelance reporter for the Chronicle

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

Christmas Dinner Provides Elders Time to Gather and Share ³

By Nancy Romero, Elders Coordinator

On December 16th at the Gathering room there was festival tables decorated by Nancy and her family. It was decorated very Christmassy and had candles lit for a warm and festive get together. Nadine Burnett and Lynn Hoheisel helped decorate the tables and make a few wreathes for the give away! Thanks so much!

Seemed like all 75 chairs were filled with Elders, community Elders and guest. It was so grand to see all of the Elders to come together for a beautiful occasion. They conversed and seemed to be laughing and enjoying each other's company.

The tables were set and Christmas music in the background and the food was delicious, which was provided by the Lucky Eagle casino staff Kevin Bray and Chris Cameron, which included all the seafood the Elders



Elders gathered with their friends, and families enjoying a delicious seafood and prime rib dinner at the Elders Christmas Party. Wishing each other a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season. Pictured (L-R) are Curtis DuPuis, Ellery Choke, Sr., Donna Choke and Gary Peterson.

Photo by Elder Nadine Burnett

could possibly eat along with Prime Rib and all the trimmings and pies as dessert. The food was marvelous!!

As the microphone was passed around every Elder got a chance to wish each other peace and joy thru the Christmas season. The Elders that wanted to participate in the gift exchange to each other did so- seemed almost everyone participated and was happy with the gifts they received. Each and every Elder received a raffle ticket and was able to choose a gift from the raffle table—from candy, wreathes and wrapped presents.

The evening ended with good vibes and Merry Christmas wishes to each other.

I would like to Thank Tom Hayden, Penny Gleason, Correna Young that helped set the tables and chairs up. These guys do so much for the Elders program and other programs and deserve a big THANKS! HAPPY NEW YEARS!

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."



Featured Tribal Member:

My name is Kevin Bray, and I am the Executive Sous Chef at Lucky Eagle Casino. I began my career with Lucky Eagle in 1997 when I was hired as a dishwasher. Since that time I have progressed to my current position with much support from my family and the Chehalis Tribe.



**Tribal Member
Kevin Bray
Executive Sous Chef
Tribal Enterprise
in the Gaming
Management Program**

a three-month internship at the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's Spirit Mountain Casino in Oregon.

In 2009 I completed the ten-month educational program, Leadership Thurston County. Today, I continue to attend seminars and workshops which help me further my career goals.

I have been with my wife, Tracy, since 1997 and together we are raising our six children. Needless to say, my kids keep me very busy when I am not at work.

Tribal Member Employment Opportunity for Eagles Landing Hotel Expansion

Chehalis Tribal Enterprises (CTE) is moving closer to starting the expansion of the Eagle's Landing Hotel expansion. Construction is expected to begin early in 2011 with PNE Construction serving as our General Contractor.

The construction schedule to complete the project is approximately 12 months. We anticipate that during the course of construction there will be a number of employment positions available, both directly with PNE and with their subcontractors. Some of these jobs will be for a limited duration while others may be for the entire construction period.

CTE and PNE are working together to develop opportunities for our tribal members to fill as many of these positions as possible. To facilitate the hiring process PNE has formed a new division in their company called PNE Labor Force, which will be selecting candidates for work at PNE and with the subcontractors. PNE Labor Force will also be providing job training classes to prepare our candidates for the positions they are assigned to.

In accordance with the Chehalis Tribal ordinance on employment practices, qualified **tribal members will be given preference in hiring** for these jobs. Hiring, interviews, pre-employment requirements such as drug testing and training will be done on the reservation for Tribal member

convenience. One single hiring process will enable a Tribal member to work with the general contractor and/or the subcontractors.

Anyone who is interested in being considered for employment is encouraged to complete a job application. Application forms are available in the CTE Business Office at 18120 Anderson Road.

To be considered in the first round of employment positions, applications should be received by the CTE Business Office before the end of January. Individual interviews of applicants will begin shortly thereafter. Paid job training takes place one week prior to the start of construction.

This is an excellent opportunity for experienced trade-persons or for entry-level persons to learn about construction processes and techniques. The experience gained here will can only broaden and improve your future employment potential.

We hope to see many of Tribal members working on this project and encourage you to complete an application and return it to us in a timely manner.

If you have any questions regarding the application form, the interview process or the kinds of jobs that may become available, please contact Spencer Partridge, Construction Manager for PNE, at 1-800-533-2867 or by e-mail at spencerp@pnecorp.com.



This will be new look to the proposed Eagles Landing Hotel expansion.

Interview of Neighbor's Reveals Memories of Chehalis Reservation People

Submitted by Elaine McCloud, Heritage Coordinator

These writings come from the book "Glimpses of Gate" by Judith Upton. They were compiled from interviews with surrounding neighbors of the Chehalis Tribe. The information is taken from excerpts from the book with the person who was interviewed and provided the information is in parenthesis.

The book can be purchased from the author for \$25, which includes tax. The address is **Judith Upton, 8333 Camano Loop NE, Lacey, WA 98516.**

George Sanders

Eel fishers used a big hook, several inches across. When the eel would bite, the hook would slide off the stick and the eel couldn't get purchase. The biggest eels were three feet long. The night eel fishers used a light. The ones you could see in the day were probably old ones. They went to a spot that was shallow, swift and narrow – a riffle. They used to dig little ones out of the mud ditching to the creek. The girls thought it was fun to find one eel to hang from each finger.

The Indians used to go down in the spring – George Sanders too – and find a drift that you could stick a pole in at the head of a log jam. They would run the pole down, jerk it up, and the eel would pop up. They'd grab it and poke it in a bag. Before

the white man came along with his hook, they would dig maidenhair fern roots. They would build scaffolds on the riffle, jump down into the water and grab 'em with the fern so they could hold 'em. The Indian women turned 'em inside out on a stick and toasted 'em over a fire so the grease all dropped out. They said the white man put them in grease to fry and they couldn't understand that, as they were too greasy already. (Andrew Newton)

Andrew Sanders

There were three small Indian Longhouses on Grandma Delia Newton Medcalf's place. They relied almost entirely on fish, traded up and down the river. The Indian speared salmon on riffles. They used spears mad of the little splint in the deer's leg – with the hoof still on – from platforms. (Andrew Newton)

Fred Bob told me one time about Andrew Sanders. He said that when Andrew Sanders was a grown man and he was just a young boy; they'd go hunting and pack their lunch with them. They'd go out a ways and put their lunch up in the limb of a tree. They'd be hunting around and Fred wouldn't know where he was at; thought they were lost. Pretty soon Andrew would look up to the sky and say, "It's time for lunch." They'd walk over there and get their lunch. He knew what he was doing out in the woods.

He knew exactly where he was all the time. (Marion Schultz)

Dick Case and the Bone Gamble

Newton could hear the bone gamble in the night. They were playing slahal, a game of hand. They used small bones from a deer leg. One had two brown rings burned around it, the other was white – the klootchman bone. They would line up facing each other with boards that they hammered with sticks and one big one. Ten big ones was a game. There was a fire in the middle to keep them warm. One time the Nisquallys and the Chehalis had a game over at Dick Case's. They played a solid week, night and day. Orlie Newton stopped to see what was going on and was told by a friend to go on home. Things were not going good for their side. At the end they called it a draw; took their kloochmen (women), blankets and ponies and went home. (Andrew Newton)

Pike Benn

Old Pike Benn earned money putting people across the river before the first bridge. A young fellow came along with his girl all dressed up for a party. Pike Benn took them across for a dollar and the fellow told him, "You owe my father that for hay." Pike said all right. The young man got him out of bed later on that evening to be put

across the river for home. Before Ben would come out he told him "Want money, no hay" Nothing to do but pay the passage.

(Andrew Newton)

When Papa (Wright Brewer) was a young man they had a ferry to cross the Chehalis River, operated by pulling a cable. It was in the winter and Papa, his brother and two other men were on horseback. They were on this ferry, pulling themselves across and the cable snapped. All the horses and men went into the water. One of the men just threw up his hands and went down. Papa said here came Pike, paddling down the river with a little canoe. He came up to Papa and wanted to take him out. So Papa got hold of the canoe and then he got the other men and put them ashore. The funny thing is – there always has to be something funny no matter how bad it is – he was in such a hurry hat he set them ashore on the band that was across the river from where the houses were. Papa said they yelled for him to come back but he took off in an awful hurry.

That was an awfully dangerous place. A man had died violently there, and it is a credit to Pike that he did stop, because he was afraid that there were evil spirits around. Pike Ben and Dan Secena were papa's "brothers". They hunted, fished visited together. They told him "You're the palest Indian we've got here."

(Carolyn Brewer Lonborg)

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The Haukom Families spend the day together enjoying the activities, and the company of fellow family and tribal members at the community Christmas party. Pictured (L-R) are Dakoda, Jeff and Yvonne Haukom.

them out to the families.

Tony and Marla Medina sat and handed out gift cards from Target to help provide memorable Christmas for all they youth to enjoy.

Door prizes were offered to everyone that came to the Community Christmas party having to fill out their raffle tickets. There was three different categories from Elders, adults and youth. Many gifts were happily given out as the winning ticket was announced. At the end of the raffle, tickets were drawn until all the presents were given away.

Youth were entertained by the magician as they laughed and watched in amazement on his personalized magic show.

Tony 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 applause as the they were acknowledge for their commitment for the past 20 years. They received a sincere, warm and loud applause from everyone in appreciation for their hard work.

Tribe Acquires Sections of Pearson, Salmon, and Howanut Roads

By: Devon Tiam, Office of Tribal Attorney

On January 10, 2011, The Grays Harbor County Commissioners executed the last of three deeds transferring ownership of parts 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 Highway 12; and a large section of Howanut Road, from the intersection with Anderson Road almost to the intersection with Elma Gate 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 Departments, and the Office of Tribal Attorney, in working with Grays 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 Grays Harbor County Commissioners 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 the best way to complete the transfer. The Office of Tribal Attorney researched Washington State law related to transfers of County property, and determined that a transfer could be accomplished with a simple "Quit Claim" deed. 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 will be "compensated" in that the transfer of the roads will allow

the County to save the cost of servicing and maintaining those roads. The Tribe will now be responsible for monitoring, servicing, and maintaining the newly-acquired road sections, 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 that road, at 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 Salmon or Pearson Road, the Planning Department is working with an engineering firm to develop plans and cost estimates for a realignment of Howanut Road. Amy Loudermilk, 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 we're 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." The 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.

Correction from December 2010 Chehalis Tribal Newsletter: Page 4
Pictured (L-R) are Chairman David Burnett, Chops Youckton and Vice-Chairman Don Secena

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make this so successful. The raffle and silent auction at the Elders Bazaar raised \$1,629 when the final numbers were counted. Joyce sold Indian Tacos at the General Council raising another \$500. From there word was spreading and volunteers stepped in to adopt families. The final numbers between the money and donations was over \$20,000. Great Job everyone!

Our community stepped up and adopted families in need. What really became inspiring were tribal employees shopping and buying Christmas gifts out of their own pocket. Each family was shopped for as a number with no name to it and a list saying whether it was an adult, child, age, male or female. There were a few families made up of the same dynamics; as dad shopped for the dad, mom shopped for the mom, grandma shopped for the grandma, and so forth.

Then delivery came as the Christmas presents were bagged up and delivered. The joy of Christmas and the gift of giving became a reality as families received them with heartfelt thanks as their gifts were delivered.

Thank You and Bless Your Hearts to everyone involved!

Operation Natives Helping Neighbors Committee: Joyce Thomas, Carla Thomas, Chris Ortivez, Janice Latch, Virginia Canales, Joan Martin, Marlene Hjelm, Charlotte Lopez, Cheryle Starr, Penny Gleason, Josh Terry, Elaine Meyer, Ang Youckton, Jamie Smith...Your time and commitment is truly a gift within itself! THANK YOU!

Volunteer, Carla Thomas expressed, "Wow, this is totally awesome! It brought tears to my eyes, and joy to my heart to witness everyone make this operation so successful! Bless you all and thank you for helping! I would like to extend a special thanks to everyone involved. It was truly an exceptional contribution and gift of giving to help make our neighbors Christmas a lil' better."

Special Thanks for the Awana Bible Studies

By Tony Medina, Director of Youth Center

For almost 20 years you could set your calendar on Thursday 4pm at the Youth Center. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson residing in Tenino, Washington would travel to the Chehalis Reservation to meet with the Youth for bible studies, snacks and food prepared by Mrs. Wilson. You could always enjoy her home made baked goods every Thursday. Also during special days like Halloween with her 'famous' Monster cookies; enjoyed by the youth and also parents would look forward to them all year. Christmas time for the Christmas

cookies and cupcakes. Mr. Wilson would recite bible versus with the Youth and also bible songs, which is always fun.



Mr. and Mrs. Wilson recognized for their commitment to the Tribe at Community Christmas Party.

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touches on the Nativity Scene.

Dawn Boley and Fred Shortman not only helped paint some of the figures but they also help cut out the animal people from the plywood. The project would not have been completed if not for JJ Shortman and Jason Gillie from the TELO Program, who jumped right in to help finish the task. Jason help cut out the final pieces and JJ drew all the faces on the people. I drew all the scenes, but just

couldn't do the faces. They remained blank until JJ, one of the many gifted artist of our Chehalis Tribe step up to help finish the project.

Ray Secena's department personnel set the Nativity Scene up at the Community Center and helped light the area for night time effect.

Thank you one and all. It really was a community effort.

Employees Entertain Displaying Their Talent at Christmas Party



On December 22 the Employee's Christmas party was held at the Lucky Eagle Events Center. It was a great day to gather to celebrate Christmas. The tables were filled with employees and family to enjoy a meal, and the fun activities the Tribe had to offer.

Winners of the Talent Contest at the employee Christmas party. Pictured (L-R) are second place winner 11 year old pianist Max Warnke son of Jeff Warnke, playing the song "Tequila." First place winners Tracy Bray and Jason Gillie dressed like Sonny and Cher, singing "I Got You Babe."

Public Notice: The Chehalis Indian Tribal Court. Oakville Washington

Che-J-11/09-380, 5/08-070, 11/06-307 In re K.S., D.H., R.S, Notice of Guardianship and Child Support Hearing To all Fathers and Mother of K.S., D.H, R.S,

Anyone having any interest in guardianship and Child support of K.S. DOB (11-04-2009) , D.H. DOB (05-28-2008), R.S. DOB (11-23-2006) Chehalis Indian Children. Mother's name is Tiffany Simmons. A petition for Guardianship and Child Support has been filed in the Chehalis Indian Tribal Court a hearing is set for February 16, 2011 at 2:00 PM. 30 Niederman Rd., Oakville WA on the Chehalis Indian Reservation. Any questions please feel free to contact the Tribal Court at (360) 709-1615.

THIS COURT HEARING MAY RESULT IN AN ORDER OF GUARDIANSHIP AND CHILD SUPPORT BEING GRANTED.