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Program News

Program Requests Information Recognizing the 2011 Graduating Seniors

The Education Department is getting an early start at planning the Graduation Celebration for the 2011 graduating seniors. The Education Department is asking all parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to let us know if you have a student who will be graduating this year. Also, if your student is graduating with honors, let us know which school your child is graduating from and we will do our part to make sure your student is recognized.

Any information is helpful, and thanks for your participation. Seniors, keep up the good work and we're looking forward to seeing you this summer. We could be looking forward to the largest graduating class of Chehalis Youth in a long time.

Please turn your information to Jason Gillie at 360-709-1888 or JJ Shortman at 360-709-1749. Graduation will soon be upon us, so our program encourages families to get their information to us.

Program Available to Assist Tribal Community Members to Become More Employable

The Vocational Rehabilitation Program has moved back to the Resource Center (the old Clinic)!

We have posted the latest job openings and news on trainings, apprenticeships, and much more.

Stop in or give us a call. For more information about our program contact Barbara Churchill 360-709-1633 or Orinda Goddard 360-709-1735.

Insurance Available for Home Owners/Tenants Program Available to Protect Your Property

The Chehalis Tribal Housing Authority has information and applications for the AMERIND Native American Protection Plan or the AMERIND Native American Shield. This insurance coverage covers dwellings, other structures (garages, barns, tool sheds etc) and personal property.

This program is available to Native American Homeowners and Rental Tenants living within the boundaries of the Reservation. For an application and/or additional information stop by the Housing Office.

Quote of the Day!

*Your beliefs become your thoughts.
Your thoughts become your words.
Your words become your actions.
Your actions become your habits.
Your habits become your values
Your values become your destiny.*

Ghandi

To forget how to dig the earth and to tend the soil is to forget ourselves.

Mohandas K. Gandhi

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♦ "People of the Sands" ♦

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Community Center Gym Hosts It's First Men's All-Indian Basketball Tournament



Tomahawk and Tournament Director Chris Klatush takes a free throw attempt during the first game of the tournament against Nisqually. The Tomahawks team came out the victors in this game.

By Fred Shortman, Editor

This is the first men's All-Indian Basketball Tournament at the Chehalis Tribal Community Center on the weekend of February 11-14. Chris Klatush assisted by Justin Youckton had 14 teams participate in their first Tomahawk Basketball Tournament. They were busy scheduling games to be played at our community center and Oakville High School gymnasiums.

This was an All Indian+1 true double elimination tournament, allowing 5 fouls and each Technical foul called cost the offending player \$5.00 to be paid before the start of the next game or they were disqualified. Interesting note on the weekend that there was only one technical was called during the whole tournament.

This was a fun and exciting basketball tournament weekend as natives from the all over the northwest came to demonstrate their basketball prowess to win the jackets. Their athletic ability made for some dazzling plays on both offense and defense which kept you on the edge of your seat. On offense watching the fast breaks, run and gun attitude, deadly accurate 3 point shooters, as well as slowing down the game and setting up and running through their plays. On defense is also an exciting part of the game, with blocked shots, steals with quick hands as defenses quickly shut down opposing offenses denying attempts to score points. At times the game became very intense and competitive with some very

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Tribe Steps Up When the Call for Help is Heard

By Jenee Penn, Tribal Member

I heard about the fire on the Yakama reservation. About 18 homes were lost and some of those homes were multiple family dwellings. I decided that I wanted to help. I know in 2007, when we had major flooding, that Dan and I were in a similar situation. We lost our home, car and most of our belongings. During that hard time, we were very touched by some Puyallup tribal members that held a benefit concert to assist flood victims. It felt nice to know that someone who doesn't even know me cared enough about me and my family to help us.

I called the volunteers over in Yakama and asked what I could do to help. The lady coordinating the relief efforts over there told me the fire victims were desperately in need of canned food and toiletries, especially diapers. I decided to spear-head a relief effort on the Chehalis reservation. For a little more than a week donations were collected at the Tribal Center. The generosity of our people absolutely amazed me. When it came time to drive the donations over to the White Swan families, we had to rent a U-haul truck. The truck was absolutely packed with clothes, diapers, kitchen items, towels, canned food etc. The volunteer who helped unload the truck was excited to go through all the good stuff the Chehalis people sent over.

With help from Pam Youckton, Elaine McCloud and a couple others that prefer to stay anonymous, we were able to also put together a very last minute lunch/silent auction. The Lucky Eagle Casino donated hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch as well

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Hard Work and Dedication Rewards Basketball Team with Gold in the Winter Special Olympics

By Fred Shortman, Editor

Nikki Sanders, a tribal member participated in the Basketball Division of the 2011 Winter Special Olympics. She is the daughter of Mike and Sheena

"Bette" Tanner. A chance meeting brought this dream to a reality. While on a field trip she ran into one of her coaches. He asked her about why he hadn't seen her playing basketball. Afterwards, she immediately asked staff if she could play in this year's competition. When asked why she wanted to play basketball, "Because I love sports in general, and basketball is one of my favorite sports."

She joined the Thurston County Bulldogs basketball team with 9 other players, practicing a few hours a day two times a week. This helped build a solid teamwork effort, and fundamental basketball skills. Nikki admitted that there were some obstacles to

overcome, but was glad she did it. She also admitted it was a lot of hard work, but she kept working hard to improve.

The Road to the Gold

Regionals: On February 13 their team

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The Thurston County Bulldogs won gold medals in the 2011 Winter Special Olympics in Wenatchee Washington in March. Their effort and dedication to playing basketball was awe-inspiring.

Photo by Anita Roberts, Team Leader of the Place One

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2 Exercise Room Available for Use to Keep in Shape



The Exercise Room at the Community Center is fully equipped and use-at-your-own-risk facility. It is available to community members is open week days from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Save some money instead of paying for other programs, and stay in shape. There are some tips on proper stretching. It's a great opportunity to use this new equipment that has been provided by the Tribe.

The Exercise room and equipment at the Community Center is available to Tribal and community members. The hours it is open are week days from 7:00 AM to 5:00 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 equipment to be used. Let's exercise and get healthy together!

For more information contact Cheryl Starr, Events Coordinator at 360-709-1524.

News from the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center

Get Healthy Through Water Aerobics

Water Aerobics is a good way to get low impact exercise. The Diabetes Prevention Program has offered classes to the community for the past year.

There have been participants that have physical challenges. That didn't deter them, it allows them to exercise at their own pace and they've benefited a great deal with water exercise. Some have even had weight loss. One of the best parts of water exercise is sitting in the hot spa. It is very relaxing and helps you unwind, and gives you a chance to visit, which is also important in maintaining a healthy body.

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

We offer classes 3 days a week.
Elders: Tuesdays 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon
Everyone: Wednesday and Thursday evenings; 5:00-7:00 PM.

The classes have been small and our program encourages everyone to get healthy by using water aerobics to get into shape. Grab your swimsuit or shorts and tank top and come join a fun filled exercise class. Or drop by and check it out!

For more information please contact Lynn Hoheisel at 360-709-1744.

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.

Tools to Help You Pick the Best Strategy for Being Heard

Prepared by the Boston Public Health Commission, July 2010
www.BPHC.org

U R BREAKING UP!?! The way you communicate often determines how well your message is received. This is especially true when you are breaking-up. Use this tool to help you pick the best strategy for being heard. Like the reception bars on your phone, the more bars you have the stronger and clearer your message will be.

Five bars

FACE-TO-FACE With face-to-face contact you have the best possible reception. That doesn't mean that talking about breaking-up is going to be any easier, but you both will have a better chance of understanding each other's feelings with less miscommunication. You will be able to use body language and tone of voice to help get your message across without interference.

Four bars

PHONE Phones are amazing tools that help us stay in touch with the people we care about. Unfortunately, they are not the best tool for ending relationships. They let you have a live conversation where you can verbally communicate feelings and thoughts, and hear tone of voice, but the problem is that there can be interference — abrupt hang-ups, zero body language information, a lack of privacy and lost reception.

Three bars

Email Sending an email is an effective way of communicating a message; however it is not the ideal way to communicate during a break-up. It

can be hard to tell if someone is joking, happy or angry from an email. The person you're trying to communicate with may not get your message. The reception is dependent on what the other person thinks is meant by each word or phrase or idea. Also, once something is in print, it is very hard to take it back or explain away the miscommunication.

Two bars

TEXTING With texting, the chances of your message being clearly received are very small, just like the length of a text message. Too little is said, leaving too much room for misunderstanding. Communicating by text may actually add to the pain and prolong the breaking-up process. If you break-up this way, you may be sending the message that this person is not worth your time, which can result in a stronger negative reaction.

One Bar

SOCIAL NETWORKS You're breaking-up, and you want the whole world to know! Posting something hurtful on Facebook, MySpace, AIM or Twitter may feel good for a moment, but no one will really hear your message clearly, especially the person who needs to understand. Even if your ex did something hurtful to cause the break-up, posting hurtful messages tells others more about you and how you treat others.



Avoid Paying Penalties as the Tax Filing Deadline Looms Ahead

By Jason Alderman

Nobody likes being nagged, but I'm going to risk reader displeasure by reminding everyone that there are hefty financial consequences if you owe income taxes and do not file a return on time – or at least request a filing extension.

Ordinarily, the federal income tax deadline is April 15; but this year the IRS has granted a reprieve until April 18. Nevertheless, here's why procrastinating is a bad idea:

If your 2010 federal tax return (or extension request) isn't postmarked or electronically filed by April 18, the penalty on any taxes you owe increases dramatically. Generally, you'll have to pay an additional 5 percent for each full or partial month you're late, plus interest, up to a maximum penalty of 25 percent. However, if you file your return or request an extension on time, the penalty drops to 0.5 percent per month, plus interest.

Here's how it can add up: Say you owe \$2,000 in federal income tax. If you haven't requested an extension, you would be charged an additional \$100 (5 percent) for each month you're late. Had you filed for an extension, the penalty would drop to only \$10 a month (0.5 percent).

Contact the IRS early if you won't be able to pay on time. They may even waive the penalty, depending on your circumstances. Call 800-829-1040 or visit www.irs.gov for more information.

Another way to avoid a penalty: The IRS accepts payment by credit or debit card, with a small convenience fee that is tax deductible if you itemize expenses. Just be sure to pay off your card balance within a few months, or the interest accrued might exceed the penalty.

A few additional tax-filing tips:

Find out what's new. Because the tax code changes every year, scan the IRS' Tax Information for Individuals website

for updates before diving in. Many of your questions are likely answered in its Frequently Asked Questions section.

Make sure your return is accurate.

Common tax-filing errors include:

- Omitting or filling in incorrect/illegible taxpayer ID numbers, filing status, dependent names and Social Security numbers
- Documentation not attached (W-2s, supplemental forms, etc.)
- Omitting income items
- Tax return not signed and dated
- Information entered on the wrong lines
- Child tax credit incorrectly calculated
- Math errors. (Tax software does the math, but you're still responsible for entering correct numbers initially.)

Ask for help. If calculating your own taxes is too confusing or time-consuming, consider using tax-completion software like Turbo Tax, or hire a tax professional. A sharp preparer could save you a bundle by finding hidden credits or deductions.

If cost is an issue, several free options are available to seniors, military and low- and middle-income taxpayers:

- The IRS sponsors the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE). Read Free Tax Preparation on the IRS website for information.
- AARP Tax-Aide volunteers, who are trained by the IRS, provide free tax preparation to low and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to people over age 60. Go to www.aarp.org/taxaide for information.
- Military personnel and their families worldwide can get free assistance through a program offered through VITA. Check with your base for details.

This article comes from Practical Money Skills for life; Diana Pickernell-Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund.

Resources Available to Assist in Breaking the Cycle of Violence

By Dann Boley, Domestic Violence Advocate

Chehalis Tribal Domestic Violence Program. All Services are Free and Confidential: 24/7

- Safety Planning
- Emergency Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault
- Crisis Counseling
- Advocacy Based Counseling
- Resources and Referrals
- Preventive Skill Building
- Crime Victims Compensation Assistance

What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic Violence includes emotional abuse, threats, physical violence threats, stalking, and sexual abuse by an intimate partner, a spouse, family member or a person you have a child with.

Domestic Violence is often a pattern of behaviors and controlling acts that present physical and psychological harm to victims and their children.

What is Sexual Assault?

Any unwanted sexual contact by force, threats, manipulation, pressure, tricks, or violence.

Sexual Assault includes rape, incest, child molestation, and sexual harassment. Sexual assault is a crime of violence, power and control.

If you have been a victim of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault: **Remember...you are not alone, and it is not your fault! You have rights and options!**

Working together we can end abuse!

Chehalis Tribal Domestic Violence Prevention Program
360-709-1874
Law Enforcement
360-273-7051
Emergency call 9-1-1



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

Interview of Neighbors Reveals Memories of Chehalis Reservation People, Part 3

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,**

Before the "Bostons" (settlers) came, the "Siwash" (Indians) lived along the banks of the Black and Chehalis Rivers, which they fished for salmon and eels. They hunted birds and small game by the sloughs, elk on the mound prairies and deer in the forests of fir, spruce and cedar.

The rivers were the first passageways through the heavily timbered valley. Even the physical appearance of the Chehalis men may have been affected by their use of dugout canoes on the rivers, which caused their arms and shoulders to be muscular and their legs to be bowed.

When A. R. Smith came to the area, he saw Indians portaging their canoes east of

his house on a trail from the Black to the Chehalis River. Often they would be coming home from Mud Bay, where they had gone to visit and dig clams. Near the Rutledge farm, the Black River was so shallow the Indians would have to drag their canoes upstream to deeper water, and sometimes borrowed Rutledge's horses to help pull it. This happened so frequently that the ruts in the land became a permanent fixture on the farm.

The women kicked loose the "wappato" (Indian potatoes), which grew in sluggish places in the river, and gathered them when they floated up. Along with the children, they would dig up "lakamas" (camas, like a hyacinth) bulbs on the prairie with a stick as soon as the blue flowers opened. Those with white flowers were poisonous. Blackberries, salal (an evergreen shrub) berries, and the "kinnikinnik" (bear berry) were important staples, which would be eaten fresh or dried and stored for the winter.

They would gather, clean, and dry material, including cattails and cedar bark, for baskets. Some baskets were woven so tightly they were waterproof, and used for cooking pots as well as for storing food and clothing. A basket woven loosely so the water would drain out was used to gather

clams. Basket designs belonged to a family, and a distinguishing mark was made on the bottom. The Chehalis had shawl and button blankets to tell stories, but didn't use masks or totem poles.

Some of the traditional Indian customs were still followed when the first white pioneers came into the Black River valley. Mrs. Heck was one of the last to have a flattened head, caused by binding a baby's head with gradually increasing pressure that caused the forehead to slope back. Some said it was practical, so that they could carry heavier loads. Some said it was social, a visual difference between the free and the slaves.

Hops were among the major crops for the early settlers. In the area by the Chehalis Indian Reservation, Mr. Germ and George Pearson had hop fields and drying kilns. Pearson and George Sanders farmed together.

George Pearson had homesteaded about the same time as the Robert Ames family, who were "particular" friends, traded work, and "went down just to be there." The Ames and Brewer girls would sometimes throw up a little shack and camp for days at the hops field. There was a bread wagon that came in once a day, and a bell would signal lunch

time, quitting time, and an emergency. Pickers were paid a dollar a box until 1905.

There were other hop fields in the general area, and Andrew Newton recalled the Brewer girls, his cousins, going out with him and his mother to pick at the Blechschmidts'. They drove back and forth with a pony to where there were eight to ten acres of hops planted between the bend of Garrett Creek. Mae Parsons' Granddad, Charlie Parsons, worked for Blechschmidt.

Hops were picked in the fall. As Don Burlingame described it, "Indians made a circuit from Puyallup through Tenino, into Oakville by horse. They would drop in, stay a day or two, move off ten miles down the road and stop again. Indians were excellent hop pickers. Whites saw it as a party time and a way for the family to make money. Hard money was hard to come by for a stump rancher. Picking would last a couple of weeks. They were the best hops in the world. Blight wiped them out. It helped to spray them with whale oil, but it took a lot of whales. Stock from 120 years ago is still growing by Wildwood (and along the Chehalis River). It's hardy."

Training Program Helps Tribal Members Advance Within the Organization



By John Setterstrom, General Manager Lucky Eagle Casino

I am pleased to announce the following organization advancements within the Lucky Eagle Casino:

Rodney Youckton has been promoted from Director of Business Operations to Assistant General Manager:

Rodney started work with the Lucky Eagle Casino in July 2004 as an Executive in Development participant. He enrolled at TESC and earned his Bachelor's Degree in July 2009. Rodney graduated from Leadership Thurston County Program in 2005. He has attended intensive workshops at the University Nevada Reno. Additionally he has earned certificates in Security/Risk Management, Title 31 and Executive Development. He completed a 12 week Dale Carnegie Program on Human Relations and Public Speaking in 2010. In 2010 he was promoted to Director of Business Operations. As a part of his community outreach Rodney continues to be involved with several non-profit organizations; including being a Board member for The Community Foundation and serves on two Chehalis Tribal Committees-Housing and Health.

As Assistant General Manager, Rodney's next phase of advancement will include responsibilities from the office of the General Manager. He will be the Senior Executive in charge, in the absence of the General Manager.

Joseph DuPuis has been promoted from Video Slot Manager to Casino Manager:

In 2003, Joseph received his Bachelor of Arts in International Business from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado and is currently working on his MBA at Saint Martin's University in Lacey, Washington.

Joseph began in the Development Program in 2004 and now has seven years of gaming experience. His previous positions at the casino include Slot Manager, Assistant Bingo Manager, Marketing Analyst, Slot

Project Coordinator and Slot Technician.

Joseph's expertise is optimizing the casino games offered for play and maximizing gaming revenues, through customer service excellence, staff development and creating an exciting casino environment. Under Joseph's guidance the Casino slot revenues have grown significantly during his tenure.

As the Casino Manager, Joseph's responsibilities will include direct oversight of Bingo and Slot operations, and other responsibilities as delegated by the Director of Casino Operations. His responsibilities will continue to expand and will ultimately include oversight of all aspects of Casino operations. He will be the Senior Executive in charge of Casino operations in the absence of the Director of Operations.

Kevin Bray has been promoted from Executive Sous Chef to Assistant Executive Chef:

Kevin has held a variety of positions within the Casino since opening in 1995. He began as a busser and worked his way up to Executive Sous Chef in September of 2007. He received a Culinary Certificate from SPSCC in 2007 and served his internship at Spirit Mountain Casino. Kevin graduated from the Leadership Thurston County Program in 2009.

In his new position as Assistant Executive Chef, Kevin will begin to assist the Executive Chef in overseeing the "global" aspects of the Food & Beverage department. His new responsibilities will include: cost analysis, labor controls, implementation and maintenance of standards, development and implementation of new product offerings, promotions, the inventory control program (Food-Trak), and revenue growth.

Please join me in congratulating Rodney, Joseph and Kevin as they have each worked diligently over the past several years to achieve their goals and obtain their new positions.



The ground work has begun for the hotel expansion. Soon the construction phase will begin to add another 90 rooms for our Eagles Landing Hotel.

G.E.D. Information at Centralia College

By Racheal Mendez, Higher Education Coordinator

Centralia College has GED classes starting Monday's from 4:30 to 6:30 although sign-ups will end Monday, May 2, 2011. For Chehalis Tribal members the class is FREE. Monday's are pretest and registration day. Tuesday's are results from pretest and setup for class. If the pretest shows that you are ready for the GED test you are then signed up for a date and time to take the test. Centralia College also offers GED correspondence and online there is very limited space for these offers. The GED test cost \$75.00 for Chehalis Tribal Members the test is free if you contact the Higher Education Coordinator.

College Information

If you are considering going to college this fall you should have already started your free FAFSA online and applied to your

choice of college. If you have not done this already I would start now, many colleges will have fall registration open as early as April or May.

Chehalis Tribal Scholarship deadline will be Monday June 20, 2011. This means you will need your: acceptance letter from your college, registration of classes, free FAFSA paper work, proof of Chehalis tribal member enrollment, copy of High School Diploma or GED Completion, college transcripts if any. These are only parts of very important documents needed for the Scholarship deadline so please get started right away.

If you would like more information regarding any of these subjects, please feel free to contact the Higher Education Coordinator Racheal Mendez via email at Rmendez@chehalisTribes.org or phone 360-709-1698.

Internship Program Promotes Employment to Tribal Members

By Mike Lusky, General Manager of Grand Mound Great Wolf Lodge

Great Wolf Lodge, in an effort to promote the employment of Chehalis Tribal Members, does a variety of programs to assist in getting Tribal Members in to the lodge to see what positions might be the best opportunities for each candidate. The Internship program that they put into place a little over a year ago allows interested candidates the opportunity to get a good understanding of virtually all the positions available at the lodge. From Sales to Front Desk and HR to Aquatics, this program is designed to give the interested parties a unique glimpse of the role each department

has and allows both the candidate and the department to see what positions would potentially be a long-term match. The program has been very popular and highly successful. The lodge always looks to promote from within and this is a great opportunity for someone who is interested in growing in the hospitality industry to take the first step.

We invite tribal members interested in this internship program to contact Lindsey Fern, Human Resources at 360-273-7718 or stop by the Human Resources Office to fill out an application.



Featured Tribal Member: Julie Miller

My name is Julie Miller, and I am the lead Banquet Supervisor in the Conference Center at the Great Wolf Lodge. I have brought over 20 years of Banquet Service experience to the Great Wolf Lodge when it opened in March of 2008.

Currently, I work side by side with the Banquet Manager in the organization of upcoming and current events, scheduling, and delegation of duties for our Banquet Pack Members. Conference and Banquet events come in all different sizes and set styles and I believe that is why I enjoy the challenges of each and every event that comes to the Great Wolf Lodge.

Being a part of the Great Wolf Lodge



Julie Miller
Lead Banquet Supervisor
Conference Center
Great Wolf Lodge

has given me a sense of belonging to a secondary family each day I walk down the hallway and greet other pack members. Every department in the lodge is very passionate towards our mission of "Creating Family Traditions, One Family at a Time" for every guest we greet and it all stems from the positive interaction with guests from our pack members. Being a leader in the Banquet Department is not only fun and exciting but has

given me the opportunity to enhance my career path of one day becoming a Banquet Manager. Seeing all the smiling faces on all the children when you walk in the door, makes it all worthwhile.

4 Basketball Tournament (continued from page 1)



Here are victors wearing their championship jackets after defeating Muckleshoot during the Championship game. Coorie's Team the Shot Callers took first place during the 1st Annual Tomahawk Men's All-Native Basketball Tournament.

physical play. After it was all said and done everyone enjoyed the weekend of our first men's native basketball tournament.

Tournament Results

- First Place Jackets: Shot Callers
- Second Place Hooded Sweatshirts: Muckleshoot

■ Third Place Sweatshirts: Skokomish

Chris Klatush said, "This was a very successful tournament and with the centralized location many teams agreed that they enjoyed competing here. We now have an incredible new gym and it was available, so why not use it. The Native basketball

tournament season is upon us and it gives our local tribal members something to do during the winter months. Plus our tribal people wanted to do something more than just baseball. It was great fun and many people helped us make this successful.

I would like to thank all the teams and their families for coming to our first tournament. Also, thanks to all of our

bookkeepers, scorekeepers, referees, cooks at the concession stand and Bob Johnson for allowing us to use the Oakville High School Gym. There were so many people that stepped up to make this a lot of fun. We are going to make this an annual basketball tournament, so listen for the call for next year tournament."



Muckleshoot Basketball team wearing their second place hooded sweatshirts after the championship game. It was a very competitive game and playing several games that day coming through the losers bracket.

Hazel Pete Institute of Chehalis Basketry

137 Anderson Rd., Oakville, WA 98568
Washington State Tax Registration # 603 509 665

"Basketry Workshop-Weavers Teaching Weavers"

Friday, Saturday, April 29th and 30th,
from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Doors open at 8:00 AM

I-5, Exit 88 at the Great Wolf Lodge,
Grand Mound, WA
1-800-640-WOLF (9653)

Mention Hazel Pete "Weaving" for the
Conference Room Rate

Registration Cost: \$100.00 Payments by
April 28th and at the door make checks
payable and sent to: HPICB or Hazel
Pete Institute of Chehalis Basketry, 173
Anderson Rd, Oakville, WA 98568.
For more information contact Trudy at
360-273-7274.

Join master weavers in a "sit beside" art-basketry. Challenge yourself, relearn, and adapt basketry techniques with new and old friends. Each master weaver will have kits priced. (Participants need to bring cash for the purchase of the kits.) Most class will be 1/2 day in length. You will be able to complete 2 projects per day. There will be box lunches daily and dinner Friday night with a program. Coffee, tea, and water service throughout the day. Door prizes, silent auction and raffle daily.

Are you only able to attend Saturday? Register for \$50.00 and bring kit fees!

Vendor tables available, please contact Yvonne Peterson at 360-490-9659 to discuss options. (email: yvonnepeterson1@comcast.net)

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as Steakhouse and buffet gift certificates for the silent auction. Thank you everyone who donated items to the event or purchased any of the auction items. The lunch and silent auction raised more than \$1,000.00 for the displaced families. Thank you to everyone that helped these efforts.

This was my first attempt organizing a charitable function and I could not have done it without all of you. My hands are up

to you Chehalis people.

If you would like to help the families of the White Swan fires you can make a monetary donation at any Bank of America location. The account name is "The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Reservation Fire Relief Fund". Feel free to e-mail me with questions Jeneepenn@live.com.



The U-haul rented to transport to the Yakama Families was filled to the top with all the items donated from the Chehalis Tribal Community. Photo by Jenee Penn

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attended the Regional Special Olympics in Bremerton. They received gold as they took first place competing against 12 other teams and won all 4 of their games. With this victory qualified them for the State Winter Games that were to be held in Wenatchee, Washington.

State Finals: On March 4,5 and 6 their team proudly travelled to Wenatchee to play in the State Winter Special Olympic Tournament. They successfully won five games during the tournament to take the gold medal. Their hard work paid off with the help of some super coaches who assisted them. Great job Coach, Mark Barker assisted by Mike Pratt, Jake Pratt and Jojo Greinke for their dedication, patience and time in assisting them in this awesome accomplishment. Congratulations and thank all the other coaches who also put their time, patience, and effort to the Special Olympic Teams.

Nikki was quoted saying, "I've played in the Winter Basketball

Special Olympics before, this year was awesome! It made me proud to win the tournament and receive a gold medal along with my other team mates. There isn't anything you can't accomplish if you try your best."

Congratulations Nikki! Like it says on your Gold Medal: Skill-Courage-Sharing-Joy. You did it and everyone is so proud of you, your team mates and coaches!



Nikki Sanders receives a hug from coach Jojo Greinke during the 2011 Winter Special Olympics.

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Correction from February 2011
Chehalis Tribal Newsletter:
Page 4. Caption in Tribal Management Training Program Article

Middle row (L-R) are Stephanie Pickernell, James Pickernell, Jessie Goddard, Lucy Hill, Angela Whitlock, Rachele Wells, Tasha Goddard.

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