Greetings from Mary Secena! I apologize for not getting this out sooner, but, I have a NEW job title now. Yes, after 30 some years of service for the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, I am now working for the NEW Tribal Health Authority. I am excited about this new change and the opportunity to serve the Elders if you need a ride to an appointment (Centralia, Olympia Area) – please call 709-1810 or cbeck@chehalistribe.org.

Beck at 709-1875.

The Nightmare From Wall Street Made It’s Appearance at the Haunted House

By Dianne Devlin, Cultural Coordinator

This was the second year of the now famous “Scary Haunted House” hosted by the Tribe’s Events Coordinator, Cheryl Starr and her dedicated crew of workers. Last year was such a hit there was no doubt it would be done again this year. It was great fun for those who threw themselves in the making of the Haunted House. Bringing excitement for those who dared to enter the Chehalis Tribal Community Center’s gym. This year the Haunted House was almost twice as big as last year. The crew had learned from the Haunted House was almost twice as big as last year. The crew had learned from the trials and errors of last year and were better prepared to work their magic to create true terror in this year’s haunted house. Volunteer spokes who placed throughout the Haunted House jumping out and scaring all who entered. You would think after going through 5 times I would not be scared. But Noooo! They got me every time. I can not divulge the magic secrets of what went into the making of the Haunted House upon pain of death. Simply put, if I tell the classified information of their magic tricks I will not be working on next year’s haunted house, I will be turned into a fixture in the next haunted house. Hicchucks! Children and adults were equally heard screaming and running in terror. As the admiral went off they gathered and laughed about how they got away, or what scared them the most inside the haunted house. The community turnout was fantastic. Part of the Haunted House Tradition has come to include a Halloween lunch where you can see the Chehalis Tribe. Trudy Marcellay at 709-709-1875.

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The Rez-opoly provides community with a healthy fun filled evening

On Thursday, October 20 Tsapowum Behavioral Health hosted a Rez-opoly family night. The turn-out was huge as families came to see what this was all about. It was a unique approach in suicide prevention and learning what the programs have to offer, take and teach and meet the staff from the sponsoring programs. The event started in the Gathering Room with Elaine McCloud, Heritage Coordinator asking questions about the history of the Chehalis Tribal Health Authority. Elaine then presented people with a memory bundle necklace, made from cedar, and then presented people with a memory bundle necklace, made from cedar, and explained this would assist participants in remembering the occasion and what they learned. Charlene Abrahamson, Behavioral Health Director opened, welcoming everyone to the event, noting that the foundation of the community is very strong and that everyone can be a partner in suicide prevention, domestic violence prevention and either accessing, or prompting family and friends, to get support from Chemical Dependency services.

Sheryl Spahr, Mental Health Counselor, was at the wheel of chance, which gave everyone an opportunity to answer questions regarding domestic violence and behavioral health earning extra raffle tickets to win prizes. Law Enforcement personnel provided the “Safe Children” registration program in case of an abduction or a missing child. In total they fingerprinted photographed 41 children and 3 adults for emergency identification purposes.

Manned display tables had information on:

- Antimicrobial toothpaste
- Twilight dinner with dessert
- Health fair
- Rez-opoly

See “People of the Sands” for profiles on Page 3:

- 10th Annual Veterans Recognition Dinner at the Lucky Eagle Casino
- Tribal Health Authority
- SPIPA Art Auction

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Winter Weather Safety Tips on How To Drive on Black Ice: Techniques to Protect You and Your Family While Driving on Ice and Snow

By Fred Shortman, Editor

October is the time for pumpkins, cider, caramel apples and spooky fun on the farm. On Saturday, October 22 the Youth Center took a group of youth to the Schiller Family Farm in Olympia. No better way to spend the day with your child to select that special pumpkin to be carved. These gatherings have been an annual tradition for the Halloween season for decades. It was cool mist afternoon as everyone arrived. Tony Medina had everyone gather up and before he sent them off to select their pumpkins he said, “Pick any pumpkin, but only as big as you can carry!” Meet back here with your pumpkins and mark it with your name.” Youth and parents were off into the pumpkin patch, laughing and pushing as they went from pumpkin to pumpkin. Some went for the larger ones, some went for the ones with warts, picking the one that took their fancy. There were more fun activities there too! Children were seen enjoying the some of the other fun activities from the round-up railroad cow train, farm animal petting zoo, hay maze, and pony rides. A special treat to relax was the hay ride. It was a short jaunt around the pumpkin patch. Volunteers who remained weighed up all the pumpkins and when everyone returned the youth and pumpkins were loaded up. It was a lot of fun for all. Some of the children in the Halloween spirit were overhead talking about how they were planning to carve something scary on their pumpkins for Halloween.

Afterwards, Tony Medina treated everyone a favorite treat. Pizza! Where they enjoy each others company, a meal, and to warm up.

Youth were seen picking out their pumpkins that took their fancy. Some youth were seen taking a photo with the pumpkin cut outs that Schiller Farm provided throughout the pumpkin patch. By Fred Shortman, Editor

Winter driving conditions can be tricky for even the most experienced drivers. While a snow-covered road can be an obvious driving hazard, a road that just looks wet can also be deceptively slippery. Black ice is a dangerous winter time hazard because the icy road may not always be visible to the driver. Instead, melted snow or ice that reflects may still look deceptively like a dry road. And temperature (not just how cold it is) is very important to determine how black ice forms. Black ice can occur if temperatures are near the freezing mark--or even a few degrees above it.

While a shiny road surface indicates an obviously wet or icy road, a road covered with black ice will look a little different. Keep an eye out for pavement that is slightly darker and a little duller looking than the rest of the road surface--this may indicate that black ice is present. Because black ice is so tricky to detect, a driver may not realize there is an icy road surface until his car begins to slide. Here are some winter driving safety tips on how to drive on black ice:

1. As soon as your car begins to slide on black ice, take your foot off the gas pedal. In fact, the last thing you want to do is give yourself and your car more gas. It is very important to slow down when you are driving on black ice, that doesn't mean the driver in front of you. Be prepared in case other cars start to slide.

2. Drive with your low beam headlights on even if it is daytime. This will make your vehicle more visible to the other cars on the road.

3. Make sure your tires are in good condition and properly maintain your vehicle. Worn tires will make it much more difficult for you to drive on black ice. Make sure there is plenty of traction between your tires and the road surface.

4. Black ice is most commonly found on roads that run around bodies of water (such as lakes and rivers, in tunnels, and in shady or rural areas). Bridges and overpasses are also common spots for black ice to form. Use extra caution on bridges and overpasses, where the road surface freezes more quickly. Even if you have been cruising down the highway with no problem, an overpass or bridge can be unexpectedly icy.

5. Be sure to wear your seat belt. Winter driving is always unpredictable so be prepared for the unexpected and keep yourself safe from accidents!

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By Victoria Miller–Howtodothings.com

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Recently the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) approved funding to the Chehalis Tribe for a Community Transformation Grant. Chehalis was 1 of 7 Tribes in the Nation to receive this grant. The service area for this project is the Chehalis Tribal Community and the City of Oakville. The focus of this grant is to help these two communities take steps toward making healthy communities. Communities can transform themselves in ways that will make a large difference in the ways their members live, work, play and go to school. The overall goal is to make healthier living easier in our communities.

This Community Transformation Grant (CTG) will help develop the Chehalis Tribe and the City of Oakville determine what is needed to improve the health status of community members. Possibilities include improving access to fresh healthy food, more walking and biking trails, and reducing exposure to second-hand smoke.

The CTG will help build on these healthy assets providing opportunities for community members to live healthier. Currently, diseases such as heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes take their toll on our communities. These diseases shorten lives; most are caused by tobacco use, obesity, poor diet and physical inactivity. The Community Transformation Grant is an opportunity to transform our communities into places that encourage healthier living and provide healthier options for all people.

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The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation

"People of the Sand"
Friday, November 11 the Chehalis hosted the Chehalis Tribe’s 10th Annual Veterans Appreciation Day. It was a well attended and honorable day for all those that came to this annual event to honor all veterans that served in American Armed Forces. The veteran’s committee and their volunteers did an outstanding job in preparation for this year’s event.

Gary Schneider, Master of Ceremonies did a fantastic job, keeping the audience entertained for the night moving along throughout the evening. The pledge of allegiance was presented by our Chehalis Tribal Princesses; Deydra Hankes, Dode Adams, and Payton Simmons, David winded up the day with the American history speech.

Jesse Goddard blessed the food. The delicious salmon dinner was cooked at our tribal fish pit crew and the Lucky Eagle line cooks did another outstanding job preparing other dishes. The beautiful cakes were made to represent each individual armed forces.

Many thanks from Les Turner, Nancy Bumero and Gloria Jones

The annual auction was a huge success. Many of the bidders gave a donation to the Wounded WArriors Organization. This organization takes veterans on fishing trips and other activities.

Many thanks to the Wounded Warriors Organization and the Wounded Warriors Fund.

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Law Enforcement Staff Profile: Jessica Mahon

My name is Jessica Mahon. I am originally from Idaho, but have lived in Washington for 8 years. I enjoy many outdoor activities such as hiking and running.

I have worked with the public in various settings for over 15 years. I was a police officer in Idaho for about a year before coming here. I have successfully completed the State Police Academy.

I am excited to be working for the Chehalis Tribal Police Department and look forward to serving this community.

Tribal Building Receive New Signs

The Chehalis Tribal Police Department had the 12th Annual SPIPA Art Auction and Dinner at the Lucky Eagle Casino.

By Fred Shortman, Editor

On Saturday, November 5 the Chehalis Tribe Hosted the 12th Annual SPIPA Native Art Auction and Dinner at the Lucky Eagle Casino. SPIPA works hard in maintaining their mission of “Building Communities for the Future.” They continue to commit to deliver social, human and health services, resources, development and planning to the five tribal communities they service.

Seventy-five percent of the proceeds from the art auction and dinner will be invested into an Endowment Fund. The remaining twenty-five percent will be used to meet the immediate needs of the five tribe’s youth and Elders programs. There were about 250 people who came out to bid on the beautiful and stunning artwork that was donated by many local artists. There were challenges to coming out to this annual Native art auction.

Every year volunteers assist in making this annual event a huge success. They spent many hours decorating the room, helping out where they were needed. The event Emcee was Elaine Miles, Caunayee/Nez Perce from Northern Exposure. She entertained the audience with her simple but funny comments.

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They were two types of bidding for the items, either the silent auction or the exciting live auction for 132 items that were available this year. Volunteers were seen displaying each individual item throughout the floor and was also available on the big screen for bidders to see during the live auction. You could hear the conversations in the room as the bid tables were about to close. There was a rush of bidders as they competed to win their favorite item.

During the live auction was Raise Your Paddle in memory of Bob Bojorcas. While on the SPIPA Board of Directors, he took in troubled and homeless Indian and non-Indian youth and got them involved in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities to keep them out of trouble. He worked very hard to assure that children at the Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe and other Indian children would receive presents during the Christmas holiday season. SPIPA continues to raise funds in his honor as he was called SPIPA’s Indian Santa Clause. Dedication Bob’s commitment to the children and continue with the work he began. All donations will go to the “Bob Bojorcas Children’s Christmas Fund” and purchase Christmas presents for the children of the five consortium Tribes.

There are many talented tribal artists who donated to this auction. What an exhilarating evening, witnessing artist and volunteer donated items being bid on in the live auction. The auctioneer kept things rolling and he laughed and joked as his hunter enticed bidders to compete against each other.

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The Chehalis Tribal Princesses, Deidra Hawkes, Dede Nation played the American history song. This annual event was such a success without the help of the volunteers and contributions making this annual auction a huge success.

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Many Thanks from the following for their donations: Lucy Eagle Casino, SARE Electric, Chehalis Tribe, Travers Electric, Jay May, Coast Office, Tatt Time Tattoo Shop.

Patriotic speakers gave credit to each and every veteran that served in our American Armed Forces. Pictured (L-R) are Michael W. McMunn, Sergeant First Class; Antonio Mendez, U.S. Army, Curtis Dupuis, 5th Special Forces; and Jim Matinson, Vietnam Veteran.

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Youth were seen racing through the dark and sinister haunted house that snaked throughout the community centers gym floor. Not knowing what to expect around the next corner.

Elders Christmas Bazaar
Saturday, December 3
Took the Head Start children on a trick-or-treating in their Halloween costumes
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Part of the Rez-opoly Sheryl Spahr asked Devon Boyd a question about his knowledge of Rez-opoly. It was one of the ways to earn a raffle ticket for the prizes.

Rez-opoly (continued from page 1)

Helen Thayer is a best selling author, international speaker, National Geographic explorer, gifted story tell and motivator. She can inspire you to “Make it happen—Achieve your ultimate success!”

Haunted “The afternoon of the 29th of October.

Year, but you had to bring your pumpkin and goodies and a costume contest for various age groups from babies to elders followed the lunch. Pumpkin Carving was added this year, but you had to bring your pumpkin pre-carved.

The Culture Program’s contribution to the Haunted House was a giant eight foot tall monster constructed from wood with an extended hand that looked like he was grabbing you. The Monster display was used for the Halloween “Photo Shoot at the Haunted House” the afternoon of the 29th of October.

Actually I got a lot of help in the making of the photo display. Ray Becena’s staff helped rough cut the form of the monster and assembled the 6 pieces that fit together to form the outline of the monster and his extended hand. The painted features were aided by Elders, Sally Pickutark and Evelyn Poten who guided the hand of young artist as we painted the details of the monsters face and hand. Resident Artist and Sally Pickutark said, “You know we named him ‘Wall Street.’ As we worked on him we came up with the name Wall Street for “The Nightmare from Wall Street.” We joked that Wall Street looks like he is grabbing up the poor 99% (99% is a term used by the occupiers of Wall Street, meaning 99% of the people in American are poor and 1% is rich). Might be a little too political for young minds, but the name stuck. During the Saturday afternoon Dawn Boley and Charlotte Lopez helped me to document photos of over 200 family members posing with their “Trick or Treaters.” We printed around 150 photos for guests who signed up to take a picture with Wall Street. Each photo was placed in a card to mark the date and event.

The 2011 Haunted House was a big success thanks to a lot of people who did the hard work behind the scene to make something memorable for the kids of our Tribal Community. Great job Cheryl! Thanks from Cheryle Starr, Events Coordinator*

Thanks goes to Tony Medina, Marla Medina, Tony Olney, Phillip Youckton, Tom Hayden, Derek Youckson, Josh Terry, Sonny Youckton, Carla Thomas, Jodie Smith, Dianne Devlin, Charlotte Lopez, Dawn Boley, Sally Pikitark, Annie Jones, Jeremy Fanning, Baby Gaye Ortiz, Justin Youckton, Mr. & Mrs. Wilson, Everett Penn, Jay Lyons, Scott Freeman, Ang Youckton, Correna Young and all the ones that helped clean up after the party was greatly appreciated.

On Friday, October 28th

Teachers and parents took the Head Start children on a trick-or-treating in their Halloween costumes.
They stocked up on the goodies employers had to offer.

Nightmare on Wall Street was added to this years haunted house. Giving families an opportunity to take a photo with this scary ghost. Pictured (L-R) are Dawn Boley and Dianne Devlin.

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Helen’s dynamic energy and positive enthusiasm was very captivating, keeping us on the edge of our seats. The name is a realistic look at the way of life the people of all ages to look to higher levels of achievement, plan for success and forge ahead in the absolute belief that the goal will be reached in business or in life. What Helen shared helped us to realize our dreams, set goals, and reach for the top and succeed. She said, “I’ve been there and here’s how I did it.”

This was more than just an “amateur adventure” presentation, Helen motivated us to believe we too have unlimited horizons. Helen believes, “My journeys are like life itself. We all have our North Poles and our Gobots deserts, but we can all reach our goals just as I did, one step at a time, never giving up on ourselves. If we reach for the top and believe we can do it, we can make our dreams come true”.

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Helen Thayer presentation was educational, entertaining, and highly motivating. Her narrative and on-location photography was very powerful as she shared her adventures first hand in regards to her challenging goal to reach the north pole.

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There will be 50 vendors. Loads of good food, Native made hand made items to choose from. Come out and find that special gift. Do all your Christmas shopping in one place!!!

For more information, please contact Janey Remy at 360-468-2141.

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Suicide Prevention specific to Native Americans and Crime Victims information, the people at the tables answered any questions.

There were many fun activities and interactive games as parents played along-side their children: from interactive computer dance games and sports games. Children lined up for air tattoos or playing basketball, Pacman, Frogger, Dance Dance Revolution, and so on.

Dianne Devlin, Cultural Coordinator and her sister Sally Pikitark were there to teach how to make dream catchers and fancy hair decorations.

There was an opportunity to get your photo taken with your friends in the photo booth, with many displaying their dream catchers and hair decorations in their pictures.

As you walked around everyone was seen smiling and laughing enjoying a great evening as they munched on popcorn or nachos. Not many minded going to jail that night as they gleefully spun the wheel to get out of jail.

The Dinner was a delicious combination of chicken and barbeque ribs. The dinner was blessed by Teresa Youckton. Felita Luna, from Crime Victims spoke a bit about her program. Then Bush Sanders, Mental Health Counselor, spoke about Suicide Prevention, the signs to look for, where to access help/provide initial interventions, how to talk to someone showing signs of suicidal thought and that telling someone else, if they were concerned, is a positive step. She also covered the ABC’s of Suicide Prevention that was included in the handouts. Several audience members had good questions, such as what are symptoms of depression and tips if someone is giving away their valuable items. Then as the evening winded down the raffle tickets were announced by Gail Hurst, CDP and Dawn Boley, Domestic Violence Prevention Advocate, who were the main coordinators of the night’s event. Yes, many agreed it was a great family event.

A popular attraction was to get an airbrush tattoo at the Rez-opoly event.