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# Program News

## Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center News

**Medication Refills:** If you are running out of your pills, please call your pharmacy before you run out. Please expect it to take at least 1-3 working days for it to be filled. Safeway Pharmacy phone number is 360-330-5229. You call them and they send a refill request to us, if you have no refills left. After you've called them please verify with the clinic at 360-273-5911 about your prescriptions. They need to be logged in, so they will be available no later than 4 PM. Be aware that the clinic will have closures during the upcoming holidays.

**Patient Registration:** You must notify Debbie Shortman of any changes to: your address, phone number, insurance coverage, etc. You will be asked at every visit to the clinic about this. Please remember to bring your insurance card with you to every visit.

**Flu Shot:** The clinic is now giving out the flu shot to everyone! You can call the clinic to make your appointment with the nurse; it is just now the beginning of the flu season. Please call 273-5504 to get your flu shot.

**Dental Appointments:** Please remember if you make a dental appointment to please remember to make it to them, If you know you are not going to be able to make it to your appointment PLEASE call at least 24 hours before the appointment so we are able to schedule another appointment during that time. Thanks for your cooperation and consideration.

## Support Group Created to Assist in Achieving Goals of Getting Healthy

Do you have goals of getting healthy? Eating differently? Getting into an exercise routine? This new support group might be just what you are looking for. Participants will learn and share from each other as they establish lifelong healthy habits.

Starting on November 10<sup>th</sup>, we will meet on Thursday evenings from 5:30 – 6:30 pm in the Clinic PT room. All Community Members are welcome.

For more information contact Cindy Beck at 709-1810 or cbeck@chehalis-tribe.org.

## Dental Clinic Has Electric Tooth Brush Available for Community Members

The dental clinic has Oral B Triumph electric toothbrush is available for \$82.00 and for a limited time Oral B is offering a \$40.00 mail in rebate that ends on December 31. Retail price of this brush is \$160.00. We also have the brand new Sonicare Diamond Clean toothbrush available for \$66.00 retail price for this brush is \$200.00.

For more information please contact Kristi Burke at the dental clinic or call 360-709-1875.

### Quote of the Day!

*"Nothing great has ever been achieved without enthusiasm."*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

# CHEHALIS TRIBAL NEWSLETTER



♦ "People of the Sands" ♦



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## Casino Hosts Annual Elders Bazaar Bringing out Christmas Spirit for Shoppers and Vendors



Families enjoyed the day shopping for that native gifts for someone special wandering from the wall to wall vendors at the Elders Bazaar.

By Fred Shortman, Editor

The Annual Elders Bazaar was held at the Lucky Eagle Casino on Saturday, December 3. The room was filled with over 80 vendors and Christmas shoppers looking for that special gift. What better way to spend the day for those hard core shop-a-holics. There was plenty to pick from too! Vendors provided a wide assortment of hand crafted gifts from native art, carvings, basketry, jewelry and much, much more.

The Elders provided a delicious assortment of food as part of their fund raising efforts. MMMM! Clam chowder, fried bread, chili, goulash was soooo good! They also sold raffle tickets to enhance a chance at winning donated items from the

vendors.

The Shaker Church also sold raffle tickets to help raise money for improvements to the Church and other activities.

The Head Start program had photos with Santa to assist in providing the purchase of Christmas presents for the little ones in their program. The parent committee has been busy to make this yearly effort a special Christmas for all the children attending Head Start. They also had a buggy ride at the Tribal Center to tour the reservation.

It was a good day as Christmas is almost here. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

## Annual Meeting Provides Insight On Growth of the Chehalis Tribe

By Fred Shortman, Editor

The Annual Chehalis General Council meeting was held on Saturday, November 12 at the Community Center. A large turnout of 220 Tribal members came out to hear the recent year's accomplishments and future direction of the Chehalis Tribe and its Enterprises.

Program staff members were available at their tables in the main lobby of the Community Center to meet and greet tribal members. Literature and information was readily available. Social Services, Law Enforcement, Planning, Wellness Center, Natural Resources and other Tribal governmental departments provided information and answered questions to individual Tribal members. The Eagles Landing Hotel provided complimentary lattes in the morning to announce the coming in 2012 of a Starbucks espresso shop off the new hotel lobby.

### Chehalis Tribal Enterprises

The Enterprises (CTE) were represented by David Youckton, CEO and Chris Richardson, Managing Director. They presented the operating results of each business that the Tribe operates outside of the casino and Great Wolf Lodge, including the Eagles Landing Hotel, Confederated Construction Company, End of the Trail Stores, Stamping, Burger Claim restaurant, the storage warehouse and I-5 billboards. The casino and lodge have their own management companies which reported

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## Basketball League Keeps Youth Moving and Promotes Healthy Lifestyles

By Fred Shortman, Editor

This is the second year for the Inter-tribal Youth Basketball League. The fall season is winding down with the last game being played in December. This year the boys and girls played in the two Elementary and Junior High School divisions. Many of the games were played at several locations every Wednesday evening with the hosting tribe providing a meal. Participating in the fall league were the Skokomish, Nisqually, Suquamish, and Chehalis Tribes.

The Inter Tribal League was formed with the intent of having native youth play other natives from Tribal communities throughout the Northwest. The league is drug and alcohol free and promotes healthy life styles, sportsmanship, engaging community members and increasing school attendance. Students who participate must be in school or striving to attain their GED.

Win or lose the youth had fun as they dribbled, passed and shot the basketball. You could hear words

of encouragement from the parents, and coaches as they played at their skill level. Each game you could see the improvement as they gained precious game experience.

Many thanks to all the youth and with

the support of the Tribal communities in the continued commitment in keeping this worthwhile league going. The youth are looking forward to the Spring league schedule which will start soon.



Team Chehalis (Wearing blue) plays defense against team Nisqually (Wearing white) during a game in the Nisqually gym. Nisqually came out the victor, but all the youth had fun playing a sport they love.

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## 2 Hatchery Tour Teaches Children the Dynamics of Raising Fish



**Bette Tanner, Fish Hatchery Technician demonstrates to the Head Start Students how the smolts are fed during a tour of the Fish Hatchery.**

*By Larry Durham, Fisheries Biologist*

On Wednesday, November 2, a group of young children from the Tribal Headstart program toured the new tribal fish hatchery and fish house. A total of 16 kids went on the tour. They got to see young rainbow trout, and watched them being fed. They also saw the egg incubators, rearing tanks, and some seines used to sample fish in the rivers. They looked at the large freezer in the fish house. All of the children received some pictures to color.

Right now, the first salmon eggs taken from Chinook (king) salmon and spawned at the new facility are hatching. This is a milestone for the fish program. The salmon were captured in the Black River not far from the hatchery, held in captivity until they were ready, and then the eggs were fertilized at the hatchery. The salmon won't be fed for another

2 to 3 weeks, as they will live off of their yolk sacks until then. The hatchery also has a good number of chum (dog) salmon eggs that will be hatching in late December or early January.

The rainbow trout at the hatchery are growing rapidly. There are 17,000 of them and they weigh nearly 2 grams each. Right now, they are being fed about 2 pounds of fish food each day. This amount of food will make the population gain 2 pounds of total weight each day so in one week, there will be 14 more pounds of fish in the tank than there is presently. Soon the fish will be divided into 2 groups and each group will have their own tank to live in. The plan at this time is to grow the trout to a good size and to release them into reservation fishing ponds.

## Halfway There - Update on the Inter-tribal Biggest Loser Contest

*By Cindy Beck, Patient Navigator CTWC*

The first month of the Biggest Loser competition has ended, and we are mid-way thru month 2. I apologize for the delay in getting you these results. Hopefully future results will be timelier.

### October Winners

- Chehalis - John Tanzy 5.67%
- Squaxin Island - Mike Ulakovich 4.46%
- Skokomish - Terri 9.66%
- Shoalwater Bay - Christine H. 8.19%

Each monthly tribal biggest loser will receive \$85. Congratulations to all! Please remember - If you miss a weigh-in, you will not be eligible for the monthly biggest loser prize.

The Competition will end with a dinner at Squaxin Island in February and a representative from NIKE will be there

to present the grand prize to the overall winner. Besides the NIKE gear - the winner will receive \$685. Second Place will receive \$342.00. Third Place will receive \$171.00. And both fourth and fifth place will receive \$85 each.

On March 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be a Maintenance Weigh-In. Any participants who keep their weight off - or lose more, will split \$1,381.00. REMINDER: the next weigh in is Tuesday November 29 - but if you want to stop by the clinic on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> I will be here - and you can get weighed.

For more information contact Cindy Beck at the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center at 360-709-1710.

## Program Requests Community Input on HUD Indian Housing Plan

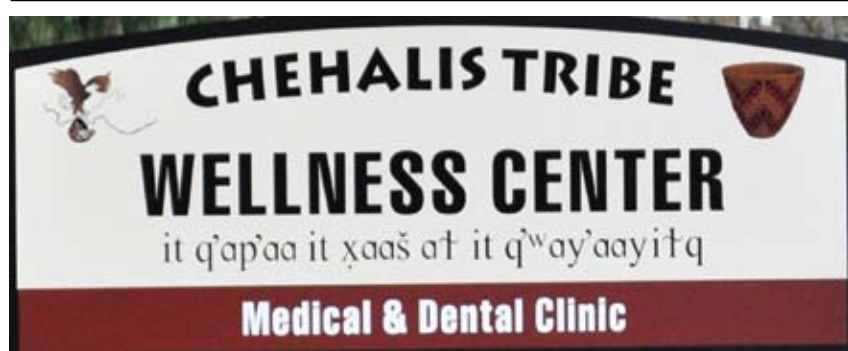
The 2012 Chehalis Tribal Housing Authority Indian Housing Plan (IHP) is an annual plan required by HUD. The IHP is an opportunity to report to the Chehalis Tribe and HUD about the proposed activities of the Housing Authority for the 2012 Fiscal Year that begins on April 1, 2012.

One of the requirements of the IHP is to allow community members to have a thirty (30) day opportunity to review the Plan and comment on the proposed activities. The public comment period opens December 1, 2011 and will close at noon on January 2, 2012. A copy of the IHP will be at the Housing Authority office and Tribal Administrative building during regular business hours. Community members may

also request a copy of the IHP by contacting the Housing Authority by e-mail at edctha@comcast.net or by calling at (360) 273-7723.

Community members may comment on the IHP by telephone, e-mail, or in person at the Housing Authority office. Written comments are preferred; however, all public comments will be reviewed prior to submission of the final IHP is delivered to HUD. The IHP is due to HUD by January 17, 2012.

If you have any questions about the IHP or the Chehalis Tribal Housing Authority, please contact James Gutierrez, Executive Director, at 360-273-7723 extension 100 or edctha@comcast.net.



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(it ka-pow it hash aTHL it kwhy-ITHL-k)  
(Chehalis house of healing)

**Pictured here is the sign for the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center. This is a helpful hint to assist you in pronouncing it in our Chehalis language from our Dan Penn, Language Coordinator.**

## Practicing Safety Protects You and Your Family While Shopping

*By Scott Freeman, Public Safety Officer*

Christmas is almost here and we are all out shopping. Don't let criminals be your "scrooge" this holiday season or anytime of year. Take a few precautions when you venture out to do your shopping and you will "take a bite out of crime!"

- Remember the threat of physical assault is not greatest in the crowded portion of malls and shopping centers. It's when you're in the distant reaches of parking lots or isolated areas that you are most at risk. To protect yourself:
- Always try to walk to and from your vehicle with another person. If you are alone try and stay close to another group of shoppers. If you are alone and leaving at night ask security for an escort to your car. Have your keys ready when you approach your vehicle. Look inside your vehicle before getting in to make sure nothing is out of the ordinary.
- More than 100,000 children are abducted every year - often in malls or department stores, according to the National Center for Missing or Exploited Children. Never use the arcade or toy store as a baby sitter; predators are on the prowl for unattended children.
- While we're taking about our kids, think about this: It is estimated that about 21,600 children end up in the hospital each year after they've fallen—or even leaped—from shopping carts, according to the National Safe Kids Campaign. Children 5 and younger, particularly boys have the highest risk. Shopping cart injuries can be very severe, including death. If your child must

ride in the shopping cart, please use the child seat and don't let them ride in the basket or on the frame of the cart, for their safety.

- The kids are safe how about our wallets and purses? A man should carry his wallet in the front pocket of his pants, rather than in a back pocket or in his jacket. A woman should hold her purse close to her body, with the opening facing towards her, if walking with another person keep your purse between the two of you.
- What about getting our cash out of the bank. First always handle your bankcard with the same prudence you handle cash or credit cards. Memorize your pin number and try not to let others see you enter it on the keypad. Choose a bank ATM that is highly visible and in well-lit areas. While you're getting your cash pay attention to who's around. If someone looks or acts suspicious, don't take chances, cancel your transaction and walk away. Lastly, collect your receipts never leave your private information available for someone to steal your identity.
- So you couldn't find a parking space near the doors to park. Make the best of it and at least try and park near or under a light, or well-traveled roadway. Stow purchases and valuables in the trunk, if you leave valuables in plain view, you might just return to find your window smashed and your things missing.

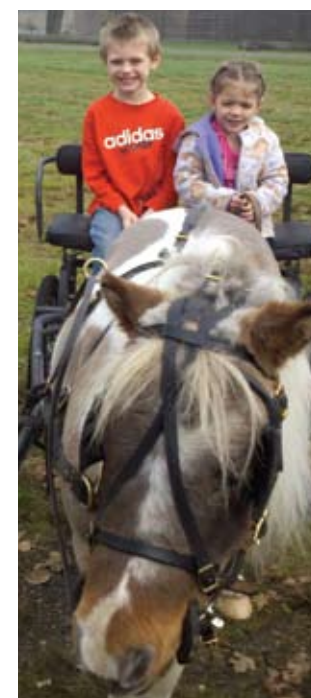
From all of us at Public Safety. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

## Parent Committee Efforts Reward Students with Presents From Santa

The Head Start Parent Committee did picture with Santa and buggy rides as a fund raiser on Saturday in which we raised \$230.00. There were several parents involved. We had more than 20 kids get their photo with Santa, and probably about 20 get buggy rides.

The money that is raised goes to get every child at Head Start a present from Santa. We have raised a little over \$1,000.00 of our final goal of \$2000.00

The parent committee is also doing a bake sale on December 16th. And we are having Krispy Kreme donut



day on December 19th. Any one interested in pre-ordering donuts can contact a Head Start parent. We will be selling donuts at EOT 2 and EOT 3 on Monday December 19th.

**Buggy rides were available at the Tribal Center on Saturday, December 3. The rides were offered as part of Head Start Program fund raising efforts purchasing a present from Santa for every child in Head Start Program. Pictured (L-R) are Tristan Knutson and Desiree Knutson.**

Photo by Jessi Knutson

## Protect Your Baby's Teeth Following These Important Guidelines

Your Baby's Teeth are very important! They help with chewing and learning to talk.

- Take these steps to keep your baby's teeth strong and healthy.
- Lift the lip and look for chalky white or brown spots. Go to the dentist if you see these signs of cavities.
- Brush baby's teeth twice daily with a smear of fluoride toothpaste beginning when the first tooth come in.
- Put baby in bed without a bottle and wean

from the bottle around 12 months of age.

- Feed your baby a healthy diet and lit sweets and sodas.
- Ask about fluoride varnish treatments to protect your baby's teeth from cavities.



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*To be a Thriving, Self-sufficient, Sovereign People. Honoring our past and serving current and Future Generations.*



The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation...

"People of the Sand"

# Centralia College will be offering college preparation classes at the Chehalis Tribal Community Center this winter quarter.

These classes will lead you to college level courses. All classes are offered to all Tribal and Community members. Chehalis Tribal members will be paid through the Higher Education program.

**Starts: January 3, 2012**

Schedule will go as follows:

Monday –Thursday total of credits 13-15  
 Math (5) 7:55 to 9:00 AM  
 English (5) 9:05 to 9:50 AM  
 Reading or windows (n/a) 9:55 to 11:00 AM

In order to take these classes you must...

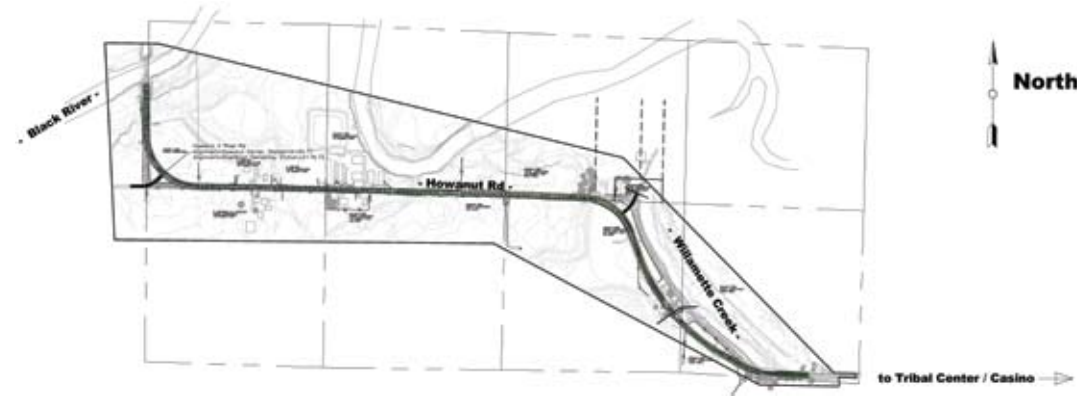
- Apply to Centralia College
  - Receive acceptance letter
  - To do this go to [www.centralia.edu](http://www.centralia.edu)
- File for your Free Financial Aid Application (Financial Aid is optional but college tuitions are expensive and Chehalis Tribal members not applying will only receive a Basic Scholarship award of \$130.00 per credit this barely covers tuition and books)
  - To do this go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (Things you will need to fill out the forms)
    - IRS Taxes for 2010, Social Security Number, WA ID, Date of Birth
    - Ages 24 & ↓ will need (unless you have children)
      - Parents taxes 2010, Social

- Security numbers, Date of Birth, Maiden name,
  - Data sheet for Centralia financial Aid
  - You can get this information at [www.centralia.edu/admissions/finaid/forms.html](http://www.centralia.edu/admissions/finaid/forms.html).

- You must take the Compass test at Centralia College
  - You may go to the Phoenix Center/Library at the Centralia College or call Racheal Mendez to find out good time for her to drive you there.
    - The test cost \$10.00 (Chehalis Tribal Members test will be paid through the Education Program)
- Chehalis Tribal members must also have the following forms filled out:
  - A completed Chehalis Tribal Higher Education Scholarship application which includes:
    - Release of information form
    - Refund Agreement & basic Scholarship agreement
    - Proof of Tribal enrollment
    - Copy of High School Diploma/ GED completion
    - College transcripts if any

Please feel free to contact Racheal Mendez at the Community Center, email: [rmendez@chehalis-tribe.org](mailto:rmendez@chehalis-tribe.org) or 360-70-1698.

# Tribe Seeks Public Comment on the Howanut Realignment Project



The proposed plan for the Howanut Realignment Project will flatten 3 existing sub-standard curves, add 5 foot shoulders, and improve riparian function and water quality along Willamette Creek.

The Tribe proposes a road improvement project between the Black River and Willamette Creek Bridges. This project is identified in the Tribe's 2010 Long Range Transportation Plan. The project reconstructs 1 mile of existing road to improve motor vehicle safety, allow for pedestrian and bike use, and to enhance local water resources. The project will flatten 3 existing sub-standard curves, add 5 foot shoulders, and improve riparian function and water quality along 1500 lineal feet of Willamette Creek by providing a critical areas buffer.

A draft environmental assessment (EA) was prepared for the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The EA evaluates alternatives for compliance with applicable environmental laws.

The EA is available for review online at the Chehalis Tribe website at: <http://www.chehalis-tribe.org/news-events/index.html>.

[chehalis-tribe.org/news-events/index.html](http://www.chehalis-tribe.org/news-events/index.html). If no significant issues are identified during the comment period, the Chehalis Tribe will finalize the EA and issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Unless substantive comments are received, the Chehalis Tribe will not publish another notice for this project. However, should a FONSI be issued, it will be available for public viewing at <http://www.chehalis-tribe.org/news-events/index.html>

The draft EA is also available at the Chehalis Tribal Center- Planning Department at 420 Howanut, Oakville, WA.

Written comments on the draft EA should be directed to Kayloe Dawson, Transportation Planner, Chehalis Tribe, P.O. Box 536, Oakville, Washington 98568, or by e-mail at [kdawson@chehalis-tribe.org](mailto:kdawson@chehalis-tribe.org). Comments also can be faxed to 360-273-9024.

# 2011 Winter Native Youth Basketball League



# SPOTLIGHT ON TRANSIT SERVICE

Looking for a ride? Looking for an alternative to high gas prices? The Planning Department is evaluating the possibility of providing a local van/transit service and also seeks to increase public awareness of existing transit services in the area.

Recent community survey results from the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Annual Meeting shows:

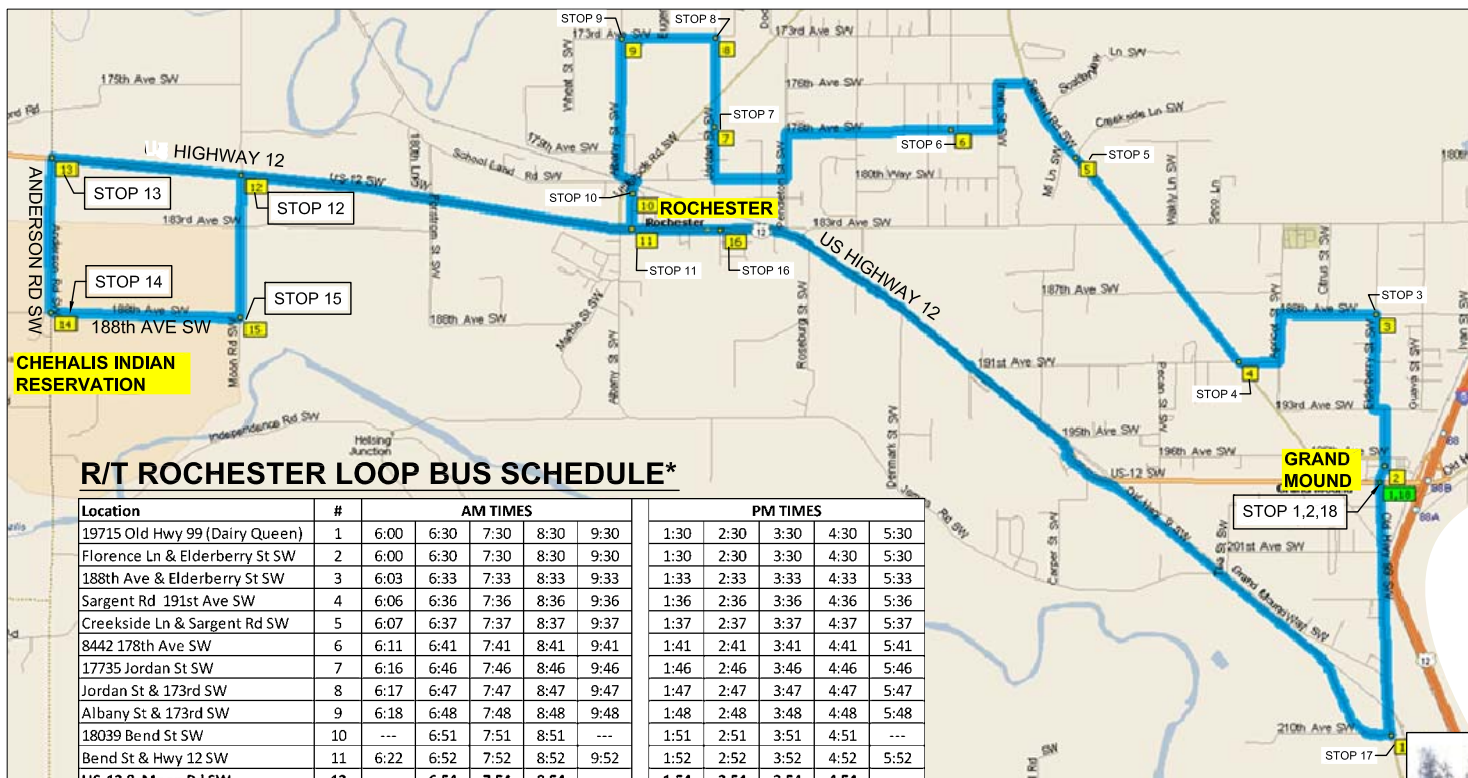
- 85% of responders would support a local, tribally operated, transit service (an on-call shuttle van), while 29% of responders would personally use such a service.
- Current regional transit services {Grays Harbor Transit, Twin Transit, Intercity Transit, and Rural and Tribal Transportation (R/T)} have been

used by 11% of responders in the last 6 months. At least 17% of responders are unaware of **existing** transportation services

The most direct transportation service on the reservation is provided by Rural and Tribal Transportation (R/T). R/T provides scheduled bus service to the communities

of Tumwater, Centralia, Rochester, Tenino, and Bucoda. Their "Rochester Loop" bus route has 4 scheduled stops along Anderson, 188<sup>th</sup>, the Casino, and Moon Road. For more information on this and other routes visit their website at: [www.Transpo.org](http://www.Transpo.org). R/T asks that rides be scheduled 24 hours in advance by calling 1-800-650-7846 during office hours of 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday thru Friday.

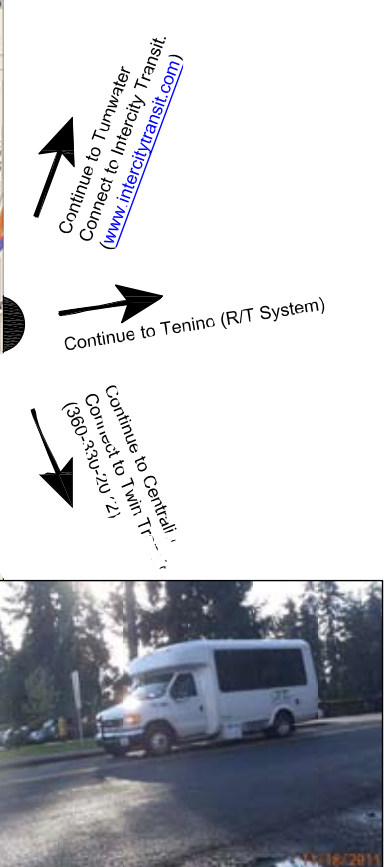
## R/T ROCHESTER LOOP BUS ROUTE



R/T ROCHESTER LOOP BUS SCHEDULE\*

Location	#	AM TIMES					PM TIMES				
		6:00	6:30	7:30	8:30	9:30	1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30	5:30
19715 Old Hwy 99 (Dairy Queen)	1	6:00	6:30	7:30	8:30	9:30	1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30	5:30
Florence Ln & Elderberry St SW	2	6:00	6:30	7:30	8:30	9:30	1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30	5:30
188th Ave & Elderberry St SW	3	6:03	6:33	7:33	8:33	9:33	1:33	2:33	3:33	4:33	5:33
Sargeant Rd 191st Ave SW	4	6:06	6:36	7:36	8:36	9:36	1:36	2:36	3:36	4:36	5:36
Creekside Ln & Sargeant Rd SW	5	6:07	6:37	7:37	8:37	9:37	1:37	2:37	3:37	4:37	5:37
8442 178th Ave SW	6	6:11	6:41	7:41	8:41	9:41	1:41	2:41	3:41	4:41	5:41
17735 Jordan St SW	7	6:16	6:46	7:46	8:46	9:46	1:46	2:46	3:46	4:46	5:46
Jordan St & 173rd SW	8	6:17	6:47	7:47	8:47	9:47	1:47	2:47	3:47	4:47	5:47
Albany St & 173rd SW	9	6:18	6:48	7:48	8:48	9:48	1:48	2:48	3:48	4:48	5:48
18039 Bend St SW	10	---	6:51	7:51	8:51	---	1:51	2:51	3:51	4:51	---
Bend St & Hwy 12 SW	11	6:22	6:52	7:52	8:52	9:52	1:52	2:52	3:52	4:52	5:52
US-12 & Moon Rd SW	12	---	6:54	7:54	8:54	---	1:54	2:54	3:54	4:54	---
US-12 & 188th Ave SW	13	---	6:55	7:55	8:55	---	1:55	2:55	3:55	4:55	---
Anderson Rd & 188th SW	14	---	6:57	7:57	8:57	---	1:57	2:57	3:57	4:57	---
Moon Rd & 188th Ave (Lucky Eagle)	15	---	7:00	8:00	9:00	---	2:00	3:00	4:57	5:00	---
18313 Paulson St SW (Rochester F)	16	6:23	7:06	8:06	9:06	9:53	2:06	3:06	5:57	5:06	5:53
Old Hwy 99 & Old Hwy 9 SW	17	---	7:12	8:12	9:12	---	2:12	3:12	6:57	5:12	---
19715 Old Hwy 99 (Dairy Queen)	18	6:30	7:16	8:16	9:16	10:00	2:16	3:16	7:57	5:16	6:00

\* CALL 1-800-650-7846 to schedule your trip at least 24 hours in advance also refer to [www.transpro.org](http://www.transpro.org) for other routes



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directly to the GC.

CTE remains strong in the hiring of Tribal members. Sixty-two percent of CTE employees support Native American families. CTE's mission continues to emphasize 4 main objectives: jobs, profit, taxes and growth. Most of the CTE managers are Tribal members. Their introduction to the General Council was met with a resounding applause for their commitment and hard work in holding these upper management positions.

The report on the past year's operations was positive and included the following: End of the Trail Stores are showing a profit for the first time. The addition of the EOT 2 fuel island and separate diesel canopy is complete. Chehalis Tribal Construction was being reorganized as the Confederated Construction Company, LLC, (CCC) which received SBA 8a status in 2011 as a minority business eligible for federal contracts. The Eagles Landing Hotel expansion with the addition of at least 92 rooms is within budget and on schedule. The expansion will open to the public in March 2012. Afterwards, the original 70 hotel rooms will be upgrading to match the new section. This should be completed by June. An added venue within the hotel will be Starbucks, which will offer sandwiches, salads and pastries as well as its world famous coffee. Enterprises worked with the Tribal Real Estate office to submit a fee-to-trust application for the property known as Eagle One, located behind the Arco AM/PM in Grand Mound. Two long term contracts with the Pilot and Love's national truck-stop companies were secured for the static sides of the I-5 billboards.

Enterprise has developed and implemented a debt payment plan in coordination with the Tribal CFO. CTE debt was reduced by \$2 million in 2011, including a sinking fund. The oldest CTE debt will be paid off by 2014, this includes the EOT stores and original hotel. CTE paid-off the Maytown billboard debt in full in 2011. With this improved outlook, CTE plans to have new enterprises fully pay for its own debt load. This business plan applies to the Eagle RV Park, Burger Claim restaurant and the new hotel expansion.

What are the new plans for the year 2012? With the recent passing of I-1183,



**Tribal members CTE Managers were introduced at the annual General Council Meeting. Each have worked hard to earn their respective positions. Pictured (L-R) are) David Youckton, CFO, Chris Richardson, Managing Director ; Manny Medina, Overall EOT Manager, Anna Hartman, HR Coordinator; Lucy Hill, Eagles Landing Hotel; Pam Youckton, Stamping; Steve Burnett, Construction Manager; Not Pictured are Duffy Black, EOT 2; and Bev Starr, EOT 1.**

CTE will analyze the prospect of distributing liquor to our existing businesses. In addition, the success of selling beer at EOT 3 warrants EOT 2 to also sell beer & wine in order to better serve its customers. CCC, the new 8a construction company, will start to bid for government contracts. Starbucks will be a new venue at the Hotel which will open in early 2012. Hotel expansion will be completed in March. CTE is exploring the feasibility of opening a second franchise for Burger Claim. They are always searching for new investments and business opportunities, including various properties owned in Grand Mound.

The Tribe receives two types of cash flow from Tribal businesses: free cash and taxes. Free cash, if any, in excess of debt payments, working capital, capital expenditures, sinking funds and new venture investments is returned to the Tribal government at the end of each year. In addition, a variety of taxes is generated from fuel, cigarettes, hotel room and retail sales, which are passed through to the Tribal Government.

**Lucky Eagle Casino**  
Lucky Eagle Casino was

represented by two Tribal member casino executives Rodney Youckton, Director of Operations, and Joseph Dupuis, Casino Manager. They presented a slide show about the Casino Operations and answered questions from the floor. They also provided success stories on the advancement and training of Tribal members within the organization through the Tacoma Community College. They provided information of how the economy has impacted the Casino operations, but has maintained very steady numbers.

### Great Wolf Lodge

Mr. Patrick Alvarez was introduced as



the new general manager for the Great Wolf Lodge having started on September 12 of this year. He has worked several Great Wolf Lodge properties over the past 8 years. He really likes Washington and plans to make this his permanent home. He introduced his Tribal liaison, Sheila Bray, to assist in communicating with the Tribe and its members.

He provided information on upcoming events and the improvements in order for Tribal members to make reservations and day passes. Though the Tribal member employee numbers were low, his team will continue with the Internship program to get more tribal members interested in working to become pack members with the lodge.

The Great Wolf Lodge has a lot going on right now. The ginger bread house is \$20.00 per family to rent for lunch or dinner. That does not include the meal. Reservations for the House are made thru the Camp Critter restaurant. The proceeds go to Big Brothers, Big Sisters Organization. Santa did not parachute in this year due to heavy fog, instead he rode in on his custom Santa Harley Davidson! It snows in the lobby 4 times a day. The snow starts toward the end of the Clock Tower Show which runs at 8 am; 10 am; 8 pm; and 9 pm.

### Enrollment

The freeze on enrollment remained as the General Council voted to keep the freeze on enrollment, allowing only minors to be enrolled. There were 18 more children approved to be enrolled bringing our enrollment to 856.

Due to the length of the annual meeting, another meeting on Saturday, December 17 was scheduled to fill the open committees' positions.

**Program staff members were available at their tables in the main lobby of the Community Center to meet and greet tribal members during the Annual General Council Meeting. Pictured (L-R) are Daryl Boyd, Taheirah Kalahiki Executive Director CTLF and James Guitierrez, Housing Director.**

## Chehalis Tribal Loans Program Available Promoting Tribal Members to Become Successful

By Taheirah Kalahiki, Executive Director CTLE

We would like to introduce the Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund (CTLF), a program that was implemented into the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation in 2007. The main goal of this program is to provide Tribal Members with access to lending opportunities for microenterprise loans, commercial loans and other financial tools and products to help promote growth and development for the Chehalis People. The CTLF is here to help YOU make your ideas become reality through entrepreneurship, savings programs and investment

opportunities. Our team will help you start a business plan and help you along with the process to promote a successful venture. Come visit us and tell us your ideas.

For more information contact Executive Director: Taheirah Kalahiki at 360-709-1831 or Loan Program Coordinator: Diana Pickernell at 360-709-1631.

*"Providing Support to Tribal Members and their families through economic self-sufficiency for generations to come"*

## Ginger Bread House Raises Money in Support the Big Brother and Sisters

By Fred Shortman, Editor

Ever fantasized about what it would be like to share a meal with family or friends inside a life-size gingerbread house? If so, the Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound has a fundraiser that will fulfill that dream while benefiting local children. A small crew at the indoor water spent about 400 hours of work constructing a 10 feet by 12 feet gingerbread house in the main lobby.

The gingerbread house seats for up to eight diners and is available for breakfast, lunch and dinner. It's a great ambiance with smell of the sweet of ginger bread and company of friends as you share a meal together. Although the site's water



**The 10 Feet by 12 Feet Ginger Bread House sits up to eight people for breakfast, lunch, and dinner and is located in the main lobby of the Great Wolf Lodge.**

park is available only to registered guests, meals at the gingerbread house are open to the general public, as is the resort's restaurant.

Proceeds from a \$20 reservation fee will be donated to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lewis and Thurston Counties. The fee is in addition to the cost of meals that are ordered off the resort's restaurant menu.

A family and friends from Bothell and Kent Camp Fire USA celebrated a birthday in the Ginger Bread House saying, "We love coming to the Great Wolf Lodge. The Ginger Bread House was an added plus. It's a great cause and very, very fun. Eating inside the Gingerbread House smells sooooo good! We would do it again."



**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! From The Chehalis Tribe**  
The beautiful Chehalis Tribal Native American Christmas nativity scene at the Community Center for everyone to enjoy. This year an added touch was the white Christmas trees.



Families from the Camp Fire USA celebrated a birthday and shared a meal at the Great Wolf Lodge's gingerbread house. Santa dropped in and wished them a Merry Christmas. Pictured (L-R) are Alexandra, Kandysse, Santa, Patti, Jenni, Holden, and Taylor.