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# Spirit OF THE season

*Host of Christmas activities offer  
merriment, joy to tribal members*

By Frazier Myer

The Chehalis Tribe celebrated Christmas throughout the month of December. Multiple festive events took place within the tribal community to wrap up 2023 in style.

Christmas activities included Breakfast with Santa, holiday gift wrapping, Spirit Week, a staff party for tribal government employees and the annual Community Christmas Party for tribal members and their families.

Activities kicked off from 8 a.m.-noon Dec. 10 with Breakfast with Santa. Families were invited to Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound to enjoy breakfast and take a family photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

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The Employee Christmas Party (above), Spirit Week (left) and Breakfast with Santa (below) were big hits in December.



# MAT clinic provides a safe place to recover

*Hope and Healing offers patient-focused services*

By Bobbie Bush

Chehalis tribal elders gathered to watch the dedication ceremony for Hope and Healing Clinic at 9 a.m. on Dec. 14 in Tumwater. The tribal community is taking an important step toward combating addiction while providing a welcoming environment for healing, wellness and

personalized care.

Marie Bird opened the event with a prayer. Elders gathered to witness the ribbon cutting and were welcomed into the building. Behavioral Health Care Coordinator Janet VanStegall and Wellness Center Director Denise Ross held the ribbon for honored

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Wellness Center leaders were joined by Chehalis tribal elders for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Hope and Healing Center.



## CLINIC

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elder Helen Sanders to complete the ceremony.

Chehalis Tribe Chairman Dustin Klatush thanked everyone for visiting the clinic, which will serve the tribe and surrounding communities.

### Changing needs

Denise spoke about plans from 2019 that were in development for a food addiction treatment facility, but everything changed when COVID-19 hit. The aftermath of that pandemic is an opioid addiction epidemic. When work resumed and the harmful effects of opioid addiction to our tribal community were recognized, the facility's focus was changed to a medication assisted treatment (MAT) facility.

Denise thanked the tribe for its support in developing the clinic. She said the partnership with Indigenous PACT will help clinic staff learn and improve practices. The clinic's goal is to be welcoming and inclusive.

As someone who works with people every day coping with opioid addiction, Janet said sending clients to Lacey or Aberdeen for MAT meds is a burden and barrier. The clinic will alleviate that hardship. Janet thanked everyone for being there.

### Innovation, collaboration

Kurt Brenkus, CEO and founder of the Indigenous PACT, expressed his gratitude to the Chehalis Tribe for years of collaborative effort to bring the Hope and Healing Clinic into being. Kurt spoke about the Indigenous PACT's missions:

- Ensure health equity by bringing services to the people.
- Create evidence-based practices that can be improved on, reported and used through evaluation to improve programs.

Principal Consultant Josette Ross (Nisqually) said this is her first project with Indigenous PACT. She worked for 12 years at Nisqually.

Medical Consultant Dr. Kurt Tamaru said Hope and Healing is the most innovative MAT clinic he has ever experienced. It is providing new ways to get people into treatment and keep them in recovery. The clinic boasts nine exam rooms, five hotel suites and three dosing rooms. Methadone, Vivitrol and Suboxone are the



Tribal elders toured the new innovative medication assisted treatment (MAT) facility in Tumwater.



three opiate addiction medications available.

The clinic will be open to serve patients as soon as Drug Enforcement Administration and Pharmacy Commission inspections have been completed. By February, 24 staff people will be working at the clinic. Initial hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and will expand to 5:30 a.m.-8 p.m. as client base and staffing increase.

### Path toward recovery

Clinic Administrator Julietta Faria (Dine' and Chamorro) emphasized how the Chehalis Tribe is paving new ways to grow and heal families. Hope and Healing will offer a safe, comfortable space and a path toward recovery. Substance use disorder professionals and certified peer counselors

### HOPE AND HEALING CLINIC

**Address:** 9474 Lathrop Industrial Drive S.W. Tumwater

#### Reach out

Are you or a loved one interested in medical assisted treatment or learning more about Hope & Healing Clinic? Reach out (anonymously) and connect with a representative.

**Phone:** 360-583-3340

**Fax:** 360-322-3804

**Email:** [hello@hopeandhealingclinic.com](mailto:hello@hopeandhealingclinic.com)

#### Clinic Hotline

**Phone:** 360-583-3340

Available 24/7

#### Crisis Hotline

800-273-TALK (800-273-8255)

will provide behavioral health medicine in addition to medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD).

The values woven into the clinic's mission are to:

- Operate inclusively. Offer expansive services, a welcoming and accessible clinic and holistic support.
- Be intentional. Be purposeful in both care and guidance.
- Practice trustworthiness. Earn confidence through thoughtful, personalized attention.
- Serve with care. Meet you where you are with respect and dignity.



# Oakville players push hard for wins

Chehalis tribal members have helped lead both Oakville High School boys and girls basketball teams this season. Both teams are making a push for the 1B Coastal District tournament in February.

The boys' team is trying to make another state tournament run and is led by tribal members Courtney Price and Eddie Klatush, both in their final senior season. In his junior year, tribal member Koner Burnett is playing a major role for the Acorns.

Multiple Chehalis tribal members are on the Oakville girls basketball team this year: Laela Baker (senior), Ui Siufanua (freshman), Ava Boyd (freshman) and Carolann Black (junior). The team started its season strong.

The last regular season game is at Oakville against Taholah on Feb. 2. Boys start at 5:45 p.m. and the girls game kicks off at 7 p.m.





# ELDERS



## A TRIP TO PARADISE

*Chehalis tribal elders, companions swap Northwest rain for sunny adventure on Oahu*

By Bobbie Bush

Elders and their families braved the early morning hours to leave for Oahu at 2:45 a.m. Nov. 15.

They met at the Chehalis Tribal Elders Center to board charter buses to Portland and Seattle for flights to paradise. This was the first big trip since the COVID-19 pandemic hit that elders have traveled by plane.

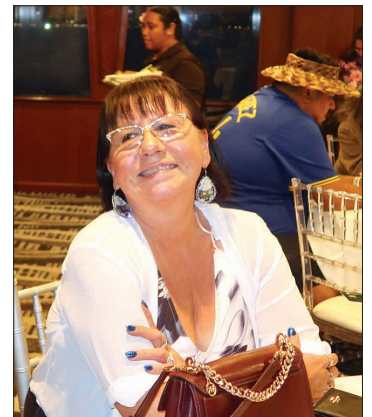
Travelers included 67 Chehalis tribal elders, 37 people who traveled as companions and six staff members. One group left from Portland Airport while the other group departed from Seattle Airport.

Elders stayed at the Twin Fins Hotel in Waikiki on Oahu's strip, which is close to the trolley, zoo and Peace Park.

One popular destination elders visited on the island was the Hollywood Movie Sites & Ranch Tour, which featured stops



Chehalis tribal elders and their traveling companions enjoyed vacationing on Oahu in November.



at sites from the "Jurassic" movies and shows such as "Hawaii Five-O," "Lost" and "Magnum P.I." Some elders traveled to a giant swap meet at the Aloha Bowl Stadium on Saturday while others set their sights on additional shopping. Many trip participants soaked up swimming at the beach and the hotel pool.

A sunset cruise topped off the week of adventures. The boat traveled out from the harbor in the early evening and turned around as the sun sank into the ocean. Elders enjoyed a buffet dinner along with beverages for purchase.





# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

IRENE ADAMS  
 ZOE ALBERT  
 BROOKE ALLEN  
 RUSSELL BAKER  
 FINLEY BECKWITH  
 DAVID BIRD  
 SHEILAH BRAY  
 HOLLY BROCKMUELLER  
 JONATHAN BROWN  
 DYLAN BURKE  
 JAKE BURNETT  
 CALVIN CAYENNE  
 OTTO CAYENNE  
 MEGAN CHRISTJOHN  
 JACOB CHRISTJOHN  
 SIDNEY COLE  
 JENNIFER COOPER  
 JACKSON COOPER  
 BELLA COUILLARD  
 EVA DELAMETER  
 ALIA DUPUIS  
 JAMES DUPUIS  
 CHANCE  
 EICHELBERGER-REVAY  
 JEREMY FANNING  
 JOYCE FANNING  
 ROBYN FIELDS  
 SAMUEL FLORES  
 LAURA FRICKE  
 DANIEL GITCHEL  
 PATRICIA GITCHEL  
 DANIEL GLEASON JR.  
 JAMES GUNNELS  
 TRISTAN HANNA  
 MORGAN HANNA  
 ANNA HILL  
 CAMERON HJELM-SNELL  
 ALEXANDER HOEISEL  
 EZRAH JACK

WILIEFERD JOE  
 CHERYL JONES  
 WILLOW JONES  
 DARRIN JONES  
 JUNE JOSEPH  
 SUSETTE KLATUSH  
 MARIAH KLATUSH  
 NATHANIEL KLATUSH  
 ULISES KLATUSH CABRERA  
 CHEYENNE MARCELLAY  
 CRYSTAL MARTINEZ  
 MAKAYLA MASHBURN  
 AVERY MC JOE  
 MIYA MCALISTER  
 JOHN MCCRORY  
 DARYL MCCRORY  
 ANNA MEAS  
 MAX NORGARD  
 MATTHEW OMAN JR.  
 MYA ORTIVEZ  
 MAKAYLA ORTIVEZ  
 JAYZEN OWENS  
 TRACI PARKINSON  
 RAVENHAWK PENN  
 ROBERT PHILLIPS  
 KATHRYN PICKERNELL  
 CHRISTOPHER PICKERNELL  
 DIANA PICKERNELL  
 LAUREN QUILT  
 NIKOLAS ROMERO  
 MAVERICK SAMUEL  
 JAILEEN SANCHEZ  
 ZANE SANCHEZ  
 KAELEN-JAY  
 SANCHEZ  
 WYATT SANCHEZ-  
 ALLENBACH  
 BRODY  
 SANDERS-BOYD

DREAMA SECENA  
 FERGUSON  
 PATRICK SIMMONS  
 WYNOOCHEE  
 SIUFANUA-BOYD  
 KANANI SIUFANUA-BOYD  
 AKASHA SLIGHTE  
 TAMIKA STARR  
 JAXON STARR  
 BENJAMIN STARR  
 WYATTE WITTWER  
 JOSEPH WITTWER  
 GENESIS WOOSLEY  
 LESLYE WYATT  
 RODNEY YOUCKTON  
 MARGARET YOUCKTON  
 JOHN YOUCKTON  
 DEREK YOUCKTON  
 ALICE YOUCKTON  
 CHEYNE YOUCKTON  
 CHAYSE  
 YOUCKTON-BONIFER  
 ALLISTAIR  
 YOUCKTON-LEGG  
 ALEX ZANDER  
 KAMILA ZAYTSEV

## WISHES

### Cameron Hjelm-Snell:

Happy 22nd birthday Cameron!! We love you so much. Mom, Dad, Adrian, Eli and Noah.

**Tamika Starr:** Happy 5th birthday to our beautiful, sweet cheeks meeks! Keep shining bright like the Starr you are! We love you sooooo much our sweet, kind-hearted, outgoing, intelligent girl! Love Mom, Dad and Sissy Staz.

**Diana Rose:** Happy birthday from your favorite sister!

### Morgan and Tristan

**Hanna:** Happy Super 16 to our super speedy twins Morgan and Tristan. We love you more than anything in the universe. Happy birthday from Mom and Dad.





# RETIREMENTS

## 44 years of dedicated work

*Wellness Center's Debra Shortman recognized by tribal members, staff*

*By Bobbie Bush*

More than 30 people gathered on Dec. 20 to express gratitude and well wishes to Tribal Health Care Facilitator Debra Shortman, who retired after an impressive 44 years of service to the Chehalis Tribe. The Wellness Center was packed with supporters.

Wellness Center Office Manager Megan Walker thanked Debra for her dedication with a wonderful speech: "Hello everyone. Thank you for coming to help us celebrate Deb's 44 years of service at the Chehalis Tribe. As everyone knows, no one is more reliable or hardworking than her. When we say someone works 24/7, that's Deb. Deb always ensures that things get done. Her unwavering commitment to her duties has often meant that I have had to practically force her to take her well-deserved time off, going as far as threatening to take away her access to the building! Deb never thinks twice about the clock on the wall or the day of the week because her mind is always on serving the community. We are saying goodbye to an irreplaceable part of our team. We will miss her steady presence, can-do spirit and unwavering dedication. Deb, you've given 44 incredible years. We are so grateful. Now it's time to relax and have fun with your grandkids and family. We all wish you the best. Thank you, Deb."

Debra said thank you for the kind words and was visibly moved. She joked that because



everyone knows where she lives, they should stop by anytime. She also said she holds many phone numbers in her memory.

Assistant Tribal Manager Chris Pickernell wrapped a Pendleton blanket around Debra. Presents were given with gratitude from Chehalis tribal members and staff. The cake was cut and eaten.

Debbie Gardipee from SPIPA was there to thank Debra for years of collaborative effort in meeting the needs of tribal members and community. More people stopped in to visit, eat cake and wish Debra well on her journey into retirement.

Our community has been blessed by the dedication and problem-solving skills Debra has used to serve. We will all miss her very much but look forward to seeing her at community events with her grandchildren.



**Debra Shortman is congratulated on her retirement after 44 years of service.**



## Tribe bids farewell to longtime employee

*Penny Gleason appreciated by family, friends and co-workers*

*By Bobbie Bush*

Chehalis tribal elder Penny Gleason marked a milestone on Jan. 4 when she was recognized for almost 35 years of service to the Chehalis Tribe.

Director of Tribal Facilities and Infrastructure Chuck Burnett, the Chehalis Tribal Business Committee and fellow staff members all acknowledged Penny's years of dedication.

Chehalis Tribe General Manager Long Liu and Chairman Dustin Klatush wrapped Penny in a beautiful Pendleton blanket. She



**Penny Gleason's family surrounds her with love and support as she retires from the Chehalis Tribe's Facilities & Infrastructure department.**

was gifted presents to celebrate her retirement along with a bouquet of flowers, a little plant, a gift bag and Lottery scratch-off tickets.

A buffet meal featured Penny's favorites: split pea soup, street

tacos, spinach dip, vegetables and fruit trays with a chocolate cake and apple crumb pie!

Penny said she appreciated that the folks who chose the food know her tastes well.

Penny's family gathered around for photos to remember the day.

The milestone of retirement is a huge achievement and we wish Penny well on her next phase of life free from the 9-to-5 workday.



# HEALTH

## Breast milk: The first sacred food

Mother's milk is the Creator's gift and is normal, healthy and natural. Deciding on this traditional way to feed your baby is a wonderful path and offers many benefits. While the first few weeks of breastfeeding can be challenging – hang in there! Nursing is healing and decreases the risk of diabetes for mom and baby.

### Wisdom for success

- Babies eat often – every two-three hours around the clock, especially when newborn.

- Set up your support team of family and friends to help with

household chores, meals, diaper changes and errands. If possible, make meals ahead and freeze them. Your focus will be on nursing.

- Seek help early if you are having challenges. It takes practice before it gets easy.

- Breastfeeding is not a form of birth control. Check with your clinic about what is available.

- Stay hydrated and eat healthy.

### Is baby getting enough?

Mothers can be sure babies are getting enough when:

- Breasts soften during feeding

- Baby nurses eight-12 times

every 24 hours, including night feedings

- Baby awakens on his own to breast feed

- Mother can hear her baby swallowing in a rhythmic way

- Baby seems satisfied and content after feeding

- Baby has plenty of wet and dirty diapers

- At least 5-6 wet and 3 soiled per day in the first 3-5 days of life.

- At least 6 or more wet and 3-4 soiled per day by days 5-7.

- Less than 4 soiled diapers by day 4 is an indication baby is not getting enough to eat.



## Free diapers available

Diapers are not cheap. Often, those in low-income families face high costs and limited supplies of this essential need.

One in three parents in the United States struggles with diaper scarcity.

Diapers are a necessary expense in raising children. When supplies are low or absent, it can add to the challenges of maintaining consistent childcare and steady employment.

SPIPA is excited to be able to provide diaper distribution services to eligible tribal members.

The Diaper Distribution on Reservations Project works with other SPIPA Programs to deliver diapering needs to eligible families with children residing in the SPIPA service area.

### MORE INFORMATION

Fill out the form at [spipa.org/family-and-community-resources](http://spipa.org/family-and-community-resources). For questions, email [ddor@spipa.org](mailto:ddor@spipa.org).

### Eligibility

- At least one household member is enrolled in a SPIPA consortium tribe

- Must meet income guidelines

- You are eligible to receive diaper distribution if you qualify for food vouchers, LIHEAP/ weatherization, USDA Foods, WIC or Workforce Development Programs.

## WIC through SPIPA



The organization meets the special nutritional needs of pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum moms; infants; and children up to age 5.

**NEXT DATE:** Feb. 8

**CONTACT:** [wicnutrition@spipa.org](mailto:wicnutrition@spipa.org) or 360-426-3990. Find out if you qualify for WIC at [doh.wa.gov/you-and-your-family/wic/wic-eligibility](http://doh.wa.gov/you-and-your-family/wic/wic-eligibility)

## USDA food pickup

**11 A.M.-2 P.M. JAN. 24 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

SPIPA's program offers food to fill up your freezer, refrigerator and cupboards. Items are first-come, first-served (one pickup per household). Each month features different items. Please allow priority to elders and low-income households. Must present tribal ID at time of pickup.



**CALL: 360-426-3990**



# FUNDRAISER

## Building the future Brick by Brick

### *Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund evening puts money in coffers for tribal business needs*

The Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund (CTLF) held its annual fundraiser Brick by Brick from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 1 at Great Wolf Lodge. The event bolsters efforts by CTLF in supporting the tribal community.

Dan Gleason opened with a prayer. CTLF Chairman Kevin Bray made opening remarks and welcomed everyone. There were 80 people who signed in and had a meal of salmon or chicken. Silent and live auctions rounded out the evening.

The Chehalis Tribal Canoe Family sang three beautiful songs. Trudy Marcellay, Alicia Medina and baby, Skylar White Eagle-Rosebaugh and daughter Siprianna White Eagle joined Albert Combs in the welcome. It was wonderful to hear Skylar's daughter lead a round in the song!

Chehalis Tribe Chairman Dustin Klatush described the development of the Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund and how the tribal government supports the work to serve tribal members and the community.

CTLF Executive Director Tamra Marlowe began with an overview of services offered in her department. Included are small Indian-preneurship loans for business startups, fireworks loans and car loans. Another service that will soon be available is housing loans for people who complete their orientation and financial literacy training.

### **Indian-preneurship class**

The Hazel Pete Institute of Chehalis Basketry had a strong presence at the fundraiser. Too Nee Mu Sh, Yvonne Peterson, sixth generation master weaver and daughter of legendary master basket weaver Hazel Pete, spoke about her mother's guidance and training of all her family to be basket weavers.

Hazel also taught her family how to plan for big events, such as Weavers Teaching Weavers (held twice a year). Yvonne said



**Chehalis tribal members and loved ones show support for CTLF during its annual fundraiser dinner.**



her mom told her to plan to break even on those kinds of events.

Halisa Higheagle, great granddaughter of Hazel Pete, spoke on her learning experience through the CTLF Indian-preneurship class. She was honored to be part of the class, which enlightened her on effective business procedures.

Halisa learned how to organize events such as Weavers Teaching Weavers and understands that continually making improvements is essential. Halisa said being able to teach, learn and pass on knowledge of basketry to the next generations is important to her.

Betty Pacheco, Hazel Pete's granddaughter and daughter of Donna Choke, thanked Chehalis Tribal Loan Fund for offering

the class. She said she enjoyed how relatable the stories and examples were and the idea that native people need to be the next entrepreneurs. The class taught that we all have business ideas and culture.

Betty would like to see the Hazel Pete Institute become more business savvy and use technology to expand its brand. She also wants to create her own brand featuring her basketry and art on a website. She said the program is amazing and guides participants through branding, marketing techniques and developing a business plan. Betty said the program is valuable and well worth the hours, time, reading and work.

Samantha Hiatt was up next. She is a student of Yvonne's

and a friend of the Hazel Pete family. Samantha was invited to participate in the Indian-preneurship class by Yvonne. She said the class was presented in a teaching/learning style by people she knows and trusts, making content more culturally relevant. Samantha said information was accessible and understandable. Content on nonprofit business development was included, which she was very interested in learning.

### **Master entertainer**

One Crazy Raven Gene Tagaban is an influential storyteller, trainer, speaker, mentor and performer. He is of the Takdeintaan clan, the Raven,

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## FUTURE

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Freshwater Sockeye clan from Hoonah, Alaska. Gene also is a child of the Wooshkeetaan clan, the Eagle, Shark clan from Juneau, Alaska. He is Cherokee, Tlingit and Filipino.

Gene engaged the group in learning how to make any endeavor awesome and recognize each other as awesome.

Engaging, funny, relevant and healing are accurate descriptions of Gene's style of presentation. He played his flute at the opening, then described how he reached his dream of being a Raven Dancer when he was a young one. He said he earned portions of his regalia as growth benchmarks and eventually transformed into One Crazy Raven.

### Auction time

The next portion of the evening was the live auction. Registered bidders lifted their paddles in fierce competition trying to win.

The first item up for bid was a custom designed baseball glove donated by artist Ryan Burnett. Janessa Bumgarner won the bid and took home the work of art.

Two sets of Mariners Terrace Club tickets were auctioned next. Harry Pickernell and Daniel McGuire scored the highly prized seats.

The next item was a beautiful hand-painted drum donated by Centralia Fur & Hide and painted by Tony Higheagle. Shawn Bridgebear took home the drum with the highest bid.

Two trips to the Magic of Mexico were competitively bid on. Monica Lopez and Peggen Frank were successful.

Dustin Klatush won a mystery bundle valued at \$1,100 donated by Elite Mechanical. The package included patio furniture, an outdoor fireplace and a 72-inch UHD television.

Kevin Bray won the 50/50 raffle drawing.

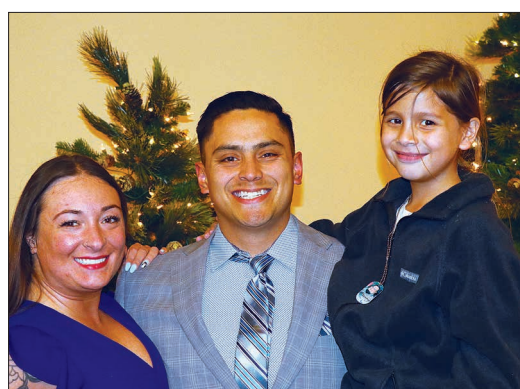
The silent auction featured numerous prizes.

### Funds put to good use

The Brick by Brick evening raised \$50,000. After expenses, the net for the fundraiser is \$30,000.

CTLF was established in 2007. It became a certified, Native Community Development Financial Institution in 2012 and is a 501(c)3 tax exempt, nonprofit organization.

The organization serves the Chehalis tribal people with loans, business education, financial



Dustin Klatush won an exciting mystery bundle.



Gene Tagaban kept the audience entertained.

literacy and savings goals. We can help in several ways: asset building through savings programs, loans for businesses, debt consolidation, credit building and home-improvement loans.

CTLF offers classes throughout the year on many topics, including Indian-preneurship (writing a

business plan), financial literacy, budgeting, extreme couponing and investments. Tax assistance with the VITA program and a savings match program are available as well. CTLF also assists tribal members with building credit scores and negotiating with creditors to lower debt.

## ABOUT CTLF

### Board of Directors

**Chairman:** Kevin Bray

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**Member:** Trudy Marcellay

**Member:** Chris Pickernell

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**Executive Director:**

Tamra Marlowe

**Administrative Assistant:**

Raygen Shiver

### Training

- Business planning
- Budget planning
- Indian-preneurship
- Money smart
- Financial education: Building native communities
- Financial education: Be aware of predatory lending
- Credit improvement

### Loan types

- Business
  - Consumer
  - Debit consolidation
  - Fireworks\*
  - Home improvement\*
  - Rental assistance\*
- \* Loans for Chehalis tribal members only

### Loan requirements

- CTLF application
- Income verification
- State and/or tribal ID
- Social Security card
- Business plan (current)
- Past 3 years tax returns, bank statements, pay stubs
- Sufficient collateral

All loans are reviewed by CTLF Board of Directors.

**Hours:** 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Monday-Friday (closed holidays)

**Location:** Adjacent to the Chehalis Tribal Administrative Building

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# SEASON

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From Dec. 11-15, Chehalis Tribal Government employees expressed their festive Christmas joy by dressing up for Spirit Week. Each day of the week had a specific theme for employees to dress accordingly.

- Monday: Merry Monday – wear red and green
- Tuesday: Tacky Tuesday – ugly sweater, socks or hats
- Wednesday: Winter Wonderland Whiteout Wednesday
- Thursday: Polar Express – Pajama Day
- Friday: Dress to impress – Employee Party

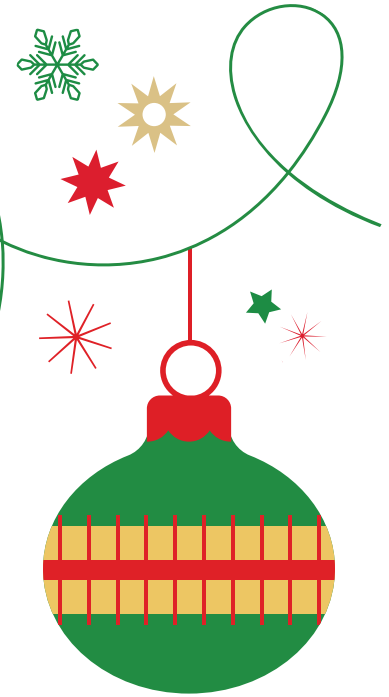
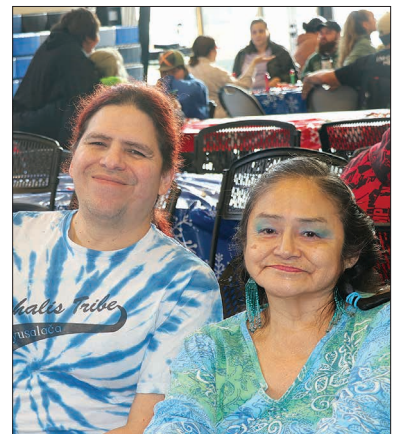
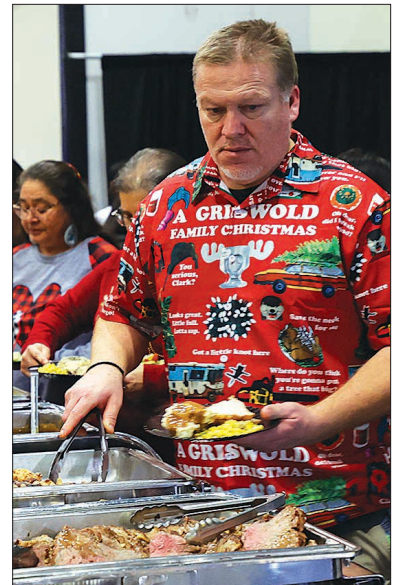
On Dec. 15, the Chehalis Tribal Events department held the 2023 Employee Christmas Party for tribal government staff. The celebration ran from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel Events Center. Tribal workers from various departments enjoyed sharing a meal together amid festivities. The afternoon included a gift raffle, blackjack tournament, secret Santa, best dressed and a lunch provided by Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel.

The tribe's holiday activities concluded with the annual Community Christmas Party on the Chehalis Reservation. Hundreds of tribal members and their loved ones gathered and filled the Community Center Gymnasium for an afternoon of food, fun, laughs, gift giving and games of bingo.

Thank you to all Events team members who made our holiday activities successful!



Good food, fun games and fantastic outfits marked seasonal activities for Chehalis tribal members and community members.







The festive spirit was on full display during the month of December for Christmas activities such as the Community Christmas Party, Spirit Week and Employee Christmas Party.





# CHEHALIS TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

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## VISION STATEMENT

To be a thriving,  
self-sufficient, sovereign  
people, honoring our past  
and serving current and  
future generations.



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