



Patti LeClaire, left, uses an adze to whittle down a block of alder that she and Joanna are beginning to carve into a grease bowl during the Beginners Carving class held on Wednesday, Jan. 10.



As their grease bowl begins to take more of its shape, Tribal Elder Claudia Leno uses an adze to continue to work on shaping it during the Beginners Carving class held on Wednesday, Jan. 24. In the background, her partner Tribal Elder Cherie Butler watches.

# Carving super bowls

The Beginners Carving class recently was held on Wednesdays, Jan. 10 and 24, in the Cultural Education classroom at Chachalu Museum and Cultural Center. About 20 people took the class and the carvers worked in pairs. They started with a block of alder wood and carved it into a grease bowl. Most of the participants needed more than the original one-week timeline to finish, so the classes were extended for the second week to finish in whatever extra time they needed. Tribal Cultural Education Specialist Brian Krehbiel taught the Chinook-Columbia style carving class. ■



Tribal Elder Patti LeClaire smooths the outside of the grease bowl she is making during the Beginners Carving class held on Wednesday, Jan. 24.



Wood shavings that were



Tribal Cultural Education Specialist Brian Krehbiel, left, helps Izaiah Fisher, middle, and Nokoa Mercier with the grease bowl they are carving during the Beginners Carving class held on Wednesday, Jan. 24.