



Paulette Jordan emerges victorious after second run for state office



Describe how your campaign went from when you announced until election day:

It was an intense feeling. It is an honor to be asked to be our voice and to have the faith and confidence of my community. Although I knew to put one's self out there for the will of the people at-

large would be a humbling experience. Regardless, it is an enormous responsibility to hold such a position that takes trust from the people.

I knew starting out it was going to be a very focused and committed year, learning about the Legislative issues, doing the research and finding ways

to resolve those concerns by better understanding the expectations and needs of the district.

It takes a great deal of sacrifice and energy, from both me and my team. It takes a concerted effort by many others who believe, and I am very fortunate to have those friends and relatives around me to support our cause.

It is an honorable position to serve, as I will now have the privilege to represent my own community, district and State.

What made you decide to run again?

Growing up on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation, I was taught that when you get bucked off a horse, you dust yourself off and get right back on. That's why I made a second run for the Idaho House of Representatives in this year's election. I felt I had grown stronger personally and by the encouragement of my children, my mother, my mentors, our district and all those throughout the U.S., it wasn't up to me entirely. I felt I was part of a

much larger vision to restore balance and to restore faith.

What are your plans for your term?

To listen, learn and take action. My first year will take steady patience to building partnerships with other legislators. Finding ways to build common ground and to seek support where I can find it.

I will also do my best to stay directly connected to our district through different avenues of communication. I'll be holding town halls and sending out updated newsletters when possible.

My legislative focus will be on helping to improve Idaho's economy and helping our struggling education system. The voters were absolutely clear on their support of public schools and higher education. Some of the issues will be school improvement. From classroom size, to high overturn in the Idaho teaching profession with both public schools and colleges and universities, to dealing with the tiered-licensure plan, these are all

concerns I will be focusing on for education.

I am especially interested in mental health and Veterans concerns for our State. It is important any fiscal appropriations make it to rural communities and to the local level. Health care services and law enforcement are working more and more with the mentally ill. Assuring our Veterans receive services and benefits is a priority.

How do you see this benefiting the tribe?

For many generations, our leadership has always maintained that education is a priority and by working together we can find solutions that will best suit our next generations.

Tribal people are also the highest represented population to serve in the military. Our Veterans Department, Benewah Medical Center and Police Department are all affected by federal dollars and state lawmakers. By maintaining

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Coeur d'Alene Lake Symposium Leads to call to action for community



The Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Lake Management Department, in partnership with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality,

University of Idaho and Coeur d'Alene Vision 2030, hosted the November 18th Coeur d'Alene Lake "Our Gem" Symposium, attended by nearly

200 community members. The purpose of the symposium was to share with the public the results of six years of monitoring and research on Coeur d'Alene Lake by the joint Tribe and State Lake Management Plan staff, and discuss how the science should inform community actions.

The symposium began with an honor song by the Coeur d'Alene Travelers, and a prayer and song from Little Miss Coeur d'Alene, NorthStar Garvais Lawrence, followed by welcoming remarks from Chairman Allan and Kootenai County Commissioner Dan Green. Dr. Charles Buck of the

University of Idaho offered the keynote address, stressing the shared importance that different sectors of the community placed on the lake, and offering up hope that innovation may someday help resolve some of the lake's complex pollution challenges.

Immediately following Dr. Buck's keynote, Lake Management Director Phillip Cernaer facilitated a panel that included EPA, the State of Idaho and the Basin Commission, who shared the history of the mining pollution that has affected the lake, and discussed their perspectives on where the Lake Management Plan may be headed.

The Tribe's own limnologist, Dr. Dale Chess, and IDEQ limnologist Craig Cooper, both presented on their combined work in monitoring lake water quality and modeling how future trends, such as changes in nutrient pollutants, may impact the food web of the lake. The two scientists both shared data showing that there have been some concerning trends in the lake, including

increases in dissolved lead and phosphorous in the deep waters of the lake, as well as decreases in dissolved oxygen, particularly in the warmer months. Maintaining healthy dissolved oxygen levels is not only critical to fish habitat, but is the goal of the Lake Management Plan in order to keep the estimated 75 million tons of contaminated sediment at the bottom of the lake.

Dr. Chess and Dr. Cooper's presentations were followed by presentations by Idaho Fish and Game biologist Carson Watkins on an overall "state of the fishery," and a presentation on pike predation of cutthroat by the Tribe's fisheries biologist, Dr. Jon Firehammer.

A lunchtime panel that included the Coeur d'Alene Casino's Cultural Affairs Director Quanah Matheson discussed the central role that Coeur d'Alene Lake plays in our sense of community, our economy, and in the Tribe's heritage and identity. Panel members compared the lake to

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~ Tribal Council Business ~

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01(15) Approved Tribal Police Department-FY 2014 Byrne Memorial Funding Application 5 for 1 out

02(15) Approved Executive Operations-CDA Tribe Voting Delegates for the 2014 Annual NCAI Convention 4 for 2 out

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04(15) Approved Executive Operations- Vending Site Lease S 3rd and HWY 95 in Worley 6 for 0 against

05(15) Approved Executive Operations Per Capita Payment 5 for 1 out

06(15) Approved Tribal Police Department Intertribal Law Enforcement Cooperation Agreement 4 for 2 out

07(15) Approved Tribal Police Department FY 2014 BIA CLEO Funding Application 4 for 2 out

08(15) Approved Tribal Police Department-Bureau of Indian Affairs 638 Contract Negotiation Enhanced Funding Application 4 for 2 out

09(15) Approved Natural Resources Department Land Services-Homesite Lease CDA Tribal Tract 639.5 4 for 2 out

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12(15) Approved Information Technology Red-Spectrum Communication FCC Broadband Subsidies 3 for 1 against 2 out.

13(15) Approved Public Works Department Planning Division-Culvert Purchase for Plummer Gateway Highway District 4 for 2 out

14(15) Approved Natural Resources Department-Amend Chapter 52 Culture Protection Culture Committee Compensation 4 for 2 out

Native American-themed art planned for Higher Education Campus



A new piece of public art with a Native American theme will soon grace the bank of the Spokane River on the Higher Education Campus.

During the joint meeting with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe recently, city officials outlined plans for public art on the campus near the wastewater treatment plant along the Centennial Trail.

Recreation Director Steve Anthony, liaison to the Arts Commission, said \$45,000 has been budgeted for the art. The money comes from art funds established by the city and the Lake City Development Corporation.

"This is a great opportunity to recognize the impact of the Tribe's rich history on the region. We're excited to see what various artists come up with to embody the Tribe's culture and continued presence in the Coeur d'Alene area," said Chairman Chief Allan of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

The selection process for the artwork will be a cooperative effort involving the tribe, city, and North Idaho College. The city is seeking regional artists to submit proposals and the public art, which is expected to be installed next summer.

In addition to the artwork, the tribe may finance an informational kiosk to be situated nearby that will provide details on the tribe's rich history. The site is on the tribe's ancestral grounds.

Coeur d'Alene Tribe Council Fires



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Lawrence Nicodemus and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Language Department provided the paper with the following translation of *sgwelp tgwe'l 'ya'(pqi'n'm* which describes a fire made for the purposes of gathering or meeting.

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our voice as tribal people in the Idaho State House discussions, we include our perspective and practices in the larger picture. I believe it is a critical voice sorely missing and needed.

This is also an opportunity for our next generation to be a part of and learn of the many ways they can be leaders in our community. The Coeur d'Alene Tribe is no stranger to taking on leadership roles at the State-level, and it is my hopes to see this path widened for other tribal

people with intentions to lead and serve.

Benefiting everyone?

Actions taken within the State Legislature affects everyone both negatively and positively. My aim is to ensure that it is more positive and to be mindful of the unintended consequences that may occur and seek prevention of those possible damages.

What are the biggest changes that need to be made for Idaho?

While much of the country has seen some economic recovery, it has been much

slower for Idaho. Citizens of Idaho want solutions and they want to see forward motion on the economy, jobs and education.

What are some obstacles preventing those changes?

Given a majority of the seats are held by republicans and the same governor was elected for a third term, the obstacle may be seeing more of what we have these last three decades.

Our reality is we need change amongst leadership who will think more progressively towards business and free enterprise, a willingness to

invest in infrastructure and leadership willing to invest in our children's education. Given the circumstances, I have faith we will be able to find leaders in the House who are receptive to working outside of the box.

When it comes down to it, sincere leaders realize that every decision must be made for the good of all and not just a select few.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone for getting out there to vote! I am thankful for my mother, my sons and our entire team of faithful volunteers!

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an elder, and a family member, deserving of loving and tender care, and expressed a sense of urgency for the community to take stronger steps to protect "Our Gem."

The afternoon portion of the symposium focused on a community action plan that integrated the morning's presentation into ways that the community can help address the issues. The community strongly expressed their desire for more education and outreach in ways that include the development of

a K-12 curriculum on the lake, hosting future symposiums, and even putting together a festival to celebrate the lake. A final report is being compiled by the Lake Management staff on the community input, and will be widely distributed in hopes of broadening the collaboration between agencies and communities throughout the Basin.

The Lake Management Plan staff is grateful to all of the Tribal members and staff, as well as our many partners, who helped make this first "Our Gem" symposium a success.

Monthly deadlines for Council Fires

In order for our publication to be printed in a timely fashion we need to request outside material by certain times in the month so that we meet our print dates.

The deadline for submissions will stand at the 20th of every month or the previous business day

Please have any and all items you wish to see in the next issue to our office by this time.

Council member Campbell accounts for time, money spent for business

As a Tribal Council Member the following are the projects that I have worked on. I do not receive any Board or Commission pay because tribal council receives a stipend each month. The projects are:

Land Buy Back program-outreach, contacting strategy; Involved in the CED Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy; Northwest Portland Indian Health Board delegate for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe; Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations Treatment Center Alternate Delegate; Housing Board Chairperson; Governor's Task force implementation of the Affordable Care Act; Tribal Technical Work Group for the Idaho State Marketplace; Gober LLC - working collectively with council peers we stopped the illegal dumping of raw sewage in our home land outside of Plummer. Thank you Bob Kager for bringing this to my attention.

Below is my Council Travel:

August 4-6: Regional Dialogue On Indian Health Service - Seattle, WA - TTWG - \$872.04

Sept 21-26 2014: ATNI - Pendleton, OR - Quarterly Meeting - \$889.55.

Oct 21, 2014: Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board - Coeur d'Alene Casino - Worley Idaho - Quarterly Meeting - \$0.

Oct 21-23 2014: Five Tribe Summit - Boise, ID - 5 Tribes Quarterly Meeting - \$1150.92.

Nov 3-4: Idaho Medicaid Tribe Meeting- Nov 3, 2014. Your Health Idaho Meeting Nov 4, 2014 - Boise, ID - Purchased & Referred Care Manager (formally Contract health) - All Tribes Meeting - \$404.74

If you have any question or concerns you may call me at 1-208-582-1544. Sincerely,

Leta Campbell
Tribal Council Member

~Chairman's Corner~

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December means many things for our Tribe. This year was an election year, so December means that elections have come and gone and campaign season is finally over. I hope you went out and voted – I know our Get Out the Vote Committee worked very hard this fall to get out our tribal voters so our voices would be heard at the polls. I'm proud to say that our own Paulette Jordan will be joining the honored ranks of the Idaho State Legislature as a representative for District 5A. She worked incredibly hard to get elected and we should all congratulate her for her efforts and her victory. There have been very few tribal members in the Idaho State Legislature and even fewer Coeur d'Alenes - only Joseph Garry and Jeanne Givens have preceded her. What a prestigious honor. We look forward to her continued hard work as she represents the Tribe and the entire

legislative district in Boise starting in January. Speaking of the Legislature, the Tribe recently hosted the Welcome Banquet for the North Idaho Chamber of Commerce's Legislative Tour in Coeur d'Alene last month. Immediately following the election, legislators visited a number of businesses and organizations here in north Idaho. During the dinner, Vice Chairman Stensgar and I spoke to the legislators about the Tribe's past, present and future, with the hope that each of the elected legislators would keep in mind where we as a tribe have been, how much we have accomplished, and how much of an impact we have on the region and the state as they create legislation in Boise in the upcoming session. We are also heading out to Washington, DC this month to meet with President Obama at the annual White House Tribal Nations Conference

to discuss issues facing Indian Country. It may be the holiday season, but there is still a lot of work to be done this time of year. It's hard to believe we're in the midst of the holiday season already- what a wonderful time of year to be with your friends and family. Naturally, there are always stresses that come with cooking a big meal for dozens of people, travelling during nasty weather, or trying to find the right gift to give to a loved one. But no matter what, don't lose sight of what the holidays really mean. Personally, I'm very grateful to have my family close by. My kids get to grow up with their cousins and I get to see my mom, my brothers and sisters and their kids all year, but I appreciate it especially during the holidays. Not everyone is able to do that. In fact, I've seen so many beautiful families here on the rez in recent months, which made me think that

it would be great to highlight some of families with 4 or 5 generations living. So we're going to do that in the 2015 tribal calendar, which we've been working hard to put together. As you'll see, we've tried to incorporate language and culture into the calendar as we always do. And this year we'll have photos of the families who have 4 or 5 generations still living. Hopefully you saw the emails and notes that went out this fall advertising the fact that we were looking for these families – those who got in touch with my office and were able to make the dates and times of the photo shoots will be included. I know there will be some families who will be disappointed to have missed this opportunity, so we may try to do something like this again to highlight some other families down the road. But what a remarkable thing for us to be able to have families that represent such a wide range of years and life

experiences, and how amazing to see the children in these families who are lucky enough to be loved and surrounded not only by their siblings and parents, but to also have aunties, uncles, grandparents, great grandparents and even great great grandparents around them is something truly special. As you'll see in the tribal calendar, the Coeur d'Alene word for the month of December, *smik'wn*, means snow month. We have already seen snow and no doubt much more is on the way. As the snow blankets the earth, remember to bundle up your loved ones before you go out. If you're walking with an elder, make sure they are steady on the icy ground. The beauty often comes with treacherous conditions, so if you are doing any driving over the holiday season, please be careful on the roads. And from my family to yours, I wish you all a very joyous holiday season.

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	1	2 Culture Committee Meeting @ NR Rosie Peone Room 1pm LHS Girls vs Wallace 6pm	3	4 LHS Boys @Wallace 6pm LHS Girls @ Wallace 6pm ECLC: Transition information 2-4 pm	5 Wellpinit Varsity Tournament @ Wellpinit 3:30	6 Wellpinit Varsity Tournament @ Wellpinit 2:30
7 <i>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</i>	8	9 LHS Boys @ Logos 6pm LHS Girls vs. St.Maries 6:00 pm	10	11 LHS Girls vs Kootenai 6:00 pm	12 LHS North Star League Varsity Tournament Plummer @ 6:00pm	13 LHS North Star League Varsity Tournament Plummer @ 6:00pm
14	15 LHS Boys vs. Wallace 6pm	16 LHS Girls @ Kellogg 6pm <i>Hanukkah begins</i>	17 ECLC: Giving Tree and Pajama Day 10-11 am	18	19 Cd'A Tribal School Christmas Program @ 10am LHS Priest River Tournament @ Newport	20 LHS Priest River Tournament @ Newport
21 <i>First Day of Winter</i>	22 ECLC, Lakeside & Tribal Schools Winter Break CLOSED THROUGH JANUARY 2ND	23	24 Tribal Offices CLOSED <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 Tribal Offices CLOSED <i>Christmas Day</i>	26	27
28	29 LHS Boys Bball vs. Logos 1pm	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>			

~ Community Announcements ~

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Thunderin' Buffaloes Santa coming to a street near you

The Thunderin' Buffaloes Motorcycle Club will be bringing Santa by Sleigh to town. Santa will be visiting the following towns:

December 18, 2014: DeSmet and Tensed starting at 6:00 pm.

December 19, 2014: Worley starting at 6:00 pm.

December 20, 2014: Plummer starting at 6:00 pm.

Please bring your family and friends outside to see Santa and receive a sack of candy and peanuts from the elf's who assist Santa!

Note: Thundering Buffalo's MC might not make every street, this is their first year and it will be a trial and error, please bear with. Also if you live on a dead end street or alley you will need to go to a through street. During this time please listen for Christmas music and horn honking, this will let you know that we are in the area.

ECLC closed for Winter Break

Reminder to all families that the Tribe's Early Childhood Learning Center will be closed for Winter Break from December 22, 2014 through January 2, 2015. The center will re-open to students on January 5, 2015 to resume normal operating hours.

Concession opportunity for Cd'A Tribal members

Here's an opportunity for you to run the food concession stand at the CDA Casino inside the event center during the Stick Game Tournaments held at the CDA Casino 3x's a year. Our next tournament is on March 27, 28, and 29, 2015.

Here are the guidelines in order to be considered to run the food stand at the CDA Casino during the mentioned events only. We strongly encourage OUR Tribal Membership to submit a letter for this opportunity.

Concessions- Stick game concessions will be available to CDA Tribal Members only. Individuals wanting to run the stick game concessions will have to submit a letter and a **menu** to the Stick Game Committee at least one month prior of the tournament. The next deadline for the March Tournament to submit your letter will be no later than February 27, 2015.

At least one person working

in stand must have a food handler's card. You can contact a Mr. James Helmstetter @ 208-686-6412 or by email address jhelmstetter@cdatribe-nsn.gov to apply for a food card.

The concession stand will be required to be open at a minimum, of the following times and days:

Friday- 4pm-3am; Saturday- 9am-3am (varies on opening time due to our feed this day); Sunday- 9am-4pm.

The Stick Game Committee will meet and check over all the submitted letters and make the decision of who is awarded the concession stand. The committee will then notify all who submitted a letter of the decision made by the Committee.

Please submit your letters to the following address: Stick Game Committee Chairperson /CDA Casino
Attn: Stickgame - P.O. Box 236 - Worley, Idaho. 83876 - Office Ph# 208-769-2644.

Wellness Center Aquatics now offering paddleboard class

The Aquatic Department at the Wellness Center is offering a new class called Standup Paddleboard (SUP). The class combines paddleboards and basic yoga postures to build balance, confidence and core strength. The class times are Tuesday and Thursday mornings, from 7am to 8am. The class instructors are Micah Larkin and Maribel

Martinez. Past yoga experience is not required; we have a board waiting for you! Do contact us and let us know which morning works in your schedule, as space is limited.

For more information please contact: Maribel Martinez - tinezzen@yahoo.com - 208 755 5760 or Micah Larkin - mlarkin@bmc.portland.ihs.gov - 686 9355 Ext 508

Christmas Families Coalition can use your help

The Christmas Families Coalition needs your help. The group's goal is that no child living on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation will go without a Christmas gift to open on Christmas morning. The Coalition has application from over forty needy families with over 130 children, so donations and volunteers are needed.

Local businesses, clubs, churches, and Tribal Departments have joined the Coalition for the past six years in providing food, clothing and Christmas gifts

for needy children and their families living in Worley, Plummer, Tensed and DeSmet. Local schools participate by collecting food that will be given to these families.

Any group or individual can make a contribution this year; it's not too late. You can help by:

Volunteering to adopt a child or family and then experience the joy of buying toys and clothing for them.

Donating money to the Coalition, any amount is appreciated. The money will then purchase gifts for children

not adopted.

Donating your time on December 16th at 4pm. Both these activities will be held at the Gateway Fire Station in Plummer, ID. For the gift wrapping party please bring supplies: wrapping paper, ribbons, tape and boxes.

Come join with local businesses, churches, clubs and individuals in spreading the spirit of Christmas by giving of your resources and time for our local children. For more information on how you can help call Emily Bell at (208) 686-0106.

Expanding student services at Plummer/Worley Schools

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe Department of Education (DOE) recently hired two program coordinators to expand services at Lakeside Middle and High School.

DOE recently received a 4-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education Demonstration Grant for Indian Children to support the successful

transition of preschool students to kindergarten and high school students to college.

The high school component of the grant, called the *Imagine the Future* (ITF), will provide support to secondary school students in grades 9 through 12. The program will support students in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM)

courses and prepare students to transition successfully to postsecondary education.

In addition, the long-standing Johnson O'Malley (JOM) program will be expanded to include middle school students. The mission of JOM is to meet the specialized and unique

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NATIVE AMERICAN HOCKEY NIGHT
WITH THE SPOKANE CHIEFS

Saturday, November 29th


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Come join family & friends for a fun night with the Spokane Chiefs!

Secure your tickets by calling Bri Joseph with the Spokane Chiefs at (509) 328-0450 ext. 318. If you have any questions you can send an email to bjoseph@spokanechiefs.com

~ Health News ~

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BMC's Patient Portal will soon be available for dental appointments

Last month we announced an impressive new technology feature offered at BMWC titled the 'NextMD Patient Portal'. We wanted to repeat some of the features as this technology gives you online access to help coordinate your care. The Patient Portal allows you to log into a secure website provided to us by our electronic medical records system, NextGen.

Through the Portal you can request your records for viewing or printing, send communications to your Provider team, and can even request appointments for the Medical Clinic. Our plan is to add the Dental department so you can request appointments in Dental as well. There are many other features within the portal that we plan to offer in the future. The Patient Portal does require you to have an email address to get signed up, but no information is shared through your email. Messages you receive in your email will tell you to visit the NextMD website where you can log into your Portal to view messages.

You can visit the Portal website at www.nextmd.com, most browsers like Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, and

Google Chrome work with the Portal website. You will need Adobe Reader which is a free program to view certain items like letters, or lab documents that are sent to you through the Portal. Please call the front desk or speak with your provider's team at your next appointment to get signed up!

We are very pleased to announce a new Family Nurse Practitioner has joined us! Her name is June Griffin who came to us from Colorado; she started in late October and has oriented well to our facility. She is available for appointments so please call First Impressions to schedule a medical visit. Her picture and bio are included in this edition of Council Fires.

For the first time, BMWC will have an on-site Pediatric Dentist providing care one to two days a month beginning this month! We are very fortunate to welcome Dr. John Ukich, a well known and respected Pediatric Dentist from Coeur d'Alene who has treated many tribal children over the years. His experience will significantly benefit families as more complex services will be able to be performed here for

convenience.

In addition, as a reminder we are now offering family scheduling which means that families wishing to coordinate dental appointments for multiple family members on the same day may do so. Dr. Wilkens and Dr. Dryden have designated appointment times built into their daily schedules to care for children and teens, in addition to our normal family care practice. Some simple rules apply. Please do not hesitate to request family scheduling in advance for your next appointment.

To help kids experience positive dental visits, we noted last month the addition of some rather awesome new technology to the Dental department. Movie Vision Goggles are now available to captivate their attention during more extensive dental treatment which we hope will create positive memories of their dental visit and going to the dentist in general! Kids may choose one of our movies or they can bring one from home. Contact dental for more details.

Mark your calendars for this program that will occur in

December:

Diabetes Talk About: Alzheimers, December 3rd at the Wellness Center, 10am – Noon. This is free and open to the public. A light lunch will be served. Contact Community Health for questions or information.

As a reminder BMWC has its very own informative "Medical Advice Hour" on KWIS Radio called Uchqhes Live! meaning "We are Well". Please join a different provider or guest from noon until 1pm every Friday on 88.3 discussing various health topics and answering questions from our listeners. Please send your questions to us at uchqhes@gmail.com or visit us on Facebook page Uchqhes.

As the holiday season is in full swing we are truly blessed with abundance and want to wish everyone a wonderful celebration of joy and peace to each of you and your families. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide care on this beautiful rez. Please contact us if we can answer any questions about our services or programs we provide at BMWC.

Gary Leva, CEO

Contract health now known as Purchased/ Referred Care

Contract Health Services Name Changed to Purchased/Referred Care The Consolidated Appropriation Act of 2014 that was signed by the President in January included approval of a new name for IHS' Contract Health Services (CHS) Program, which funds referrals for care in the private sector when those services cannot be provided at Benawah Medical & Wellness Center.

Congress requested that IHS propose a new name for the program since it was often confused with other budget items, and the FY 2014 President's Budget proposed that the name be changed to 'Purchased/ Referred Care'(PRC). The name change was official with passage of the FY 2014 appropriation, and IHS/ Benawah Medical & Wellness Center will transition the name from CHS to PRC during the next year. The transition will take time, since in addition to getting used to the new name; multiple policy and administrative documents must be updated.

The new name better describes the purpose of the program funding, which is for both purchased care and referral care outside of BMWC. The name change also addresses program additions such as the Tribal Premium Sponsorship program (TPSP) and Tribal Self Insured HMA. Updated policies, practices, and improvements will continue. This is the beginning of the second year of TPSP and HMA which thus far has resulted in an increase in CHS/PRC dollars because more tribal members obtained insurance which means there is more funding available to pay for the referrals our patients need.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we transition to the new name.

Leta Campbell, Manager
Purchased & Referred Care

June Griffin BMC's new Family Nurse Practitioner



June was born and raised on a small family farm in the Catskill Mountains of upstate NY. Her family raised most of what they ate: from tomatoes, squash, and beans to beef, pork, and fowl. Her parents both hunted and made sure that all four of their children learned how to hunt. They all learned to drive tractors, cut wood, build fence, and pitch hay. They learned how to work hard and care for their fellow man.

June attended Broome Community College and graduated with an Associate's Degree in Nursing and later a Bachelors of Science in Nursing from Binghamton University. Her family moved

to Colorado in the late 90's in search of better opportunities and more outdoor adventure. She worked many 12-hour weekend night shifts and decided to further her education by obtaining a Master of Science degree in Nursing with an emphasis in family practice at Colorado University.

After 30 years of caring for women and children, she now enjoys working with entire families – men, women, and children. She believes in partnering with people to help them and their families live as healthy as possible. She is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys hiking, camping, fly fishing and hunting big game.

Tinnitus, or "ringing in the ears" plagues many Veterans

I am writing to you about tinnitus – most commonly referred to as "ringing in the ears", a condition which impacts 50 million Americans. And I am one of them. (If you are not one of them note your connection to tinnitus.) Tinnitus is also the number-one service-connected disability for veterans from all periods of service, accounting for 840,000+

veterans at the end of 2011. It is impacting Iraq and Afghanistan veterans at historic rates.

A little "ringing in the ears," may not sound like a big deal to most people. But imagine constant noise 24 hours a day, for the rest of your life. Imagine there's no cure. Imagine this condition is poorly understood, and that many healthcare professionals think

nothing can be done about it. They tell you "to go home and live with it." Now imagine that the noise you hear was probably caused by exposure to loud noise – on the job, on the battlefield, while motorcycling, snowmobiling, hunting, while playing with fireworks, or listening to loud music. In other words, while living a fairly normal, modern life.

We are here to tell your readers about the growing problem of tinnitus while there is not a cure; for those willing to work there is awareness and accommodations are possible, contact CRP, we may be able to help.

Sincerely,
Wilma Bob
CRP Counselor I

~ Casino Corner ~

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The Marines: they came; we saw; we conquered 'em with hospitality



Dress Blues. Marines, active, reservist and retired, arrived in droves Saturday for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball. About 400 were here for the plated dinner and our traditional tribal hospitality. Both, by the way, were superb.
Photo by Ed Skinner

I am very pleased to bring to your attention the outstanding and professional support I received last Saturday night at your Casino for the annual United States Marine Corps Birthday Ball 15 Nov 2014 from your entire catering team; including Amanda (Wienclaw), Josh (Jeremias) and Levi

(Wilson). We were blessed to have this excellent catering support and as a long time ball events photographer I am very aware that getting started well normally allows me to serve the customer better where I am not concerned with issues going into the portrait session

time period. Josh directed Mr. Brandon Pjesky of your staff the responsibility to set up two curtained stalls so as to provide a specific location where my associate photographer and I were able to operate in a well lit and professional setting. I had never seen this type of set

up in the 54 balls which I have provided support to.

I wish to draw your attention to the exceptional attitude, "can do, make it happen," attitude I encountered in Mr. Pjesky. Photography is my second professional endeavor in my life and the USAF was my first. As a logistics Lt colonel, (business operations and HR management) in years gone by, I had a great deal of stress while leading a 535 member division for three separate fighter wings both in the country and in Europe. I was paid to access people's talents and ability to perform, sometimes in very difficult situations. The night of our ball, Mr. Pjesky lived up to and exceeded my expectations of your support. He even went to the point of brain storming and solving issues of portrait back drop interface allowing me and our Marine guests the finest of photographic support.

It is loyal and professional staff members such as Brandon who leave lasting impressions on organizations across our region. He, no doubt, plays a role in bringing back organizations for continued

engagements (repeat happy customers) in your facility. I wish to personally thank him for his efforts in our set up of the portrait facilities and for his direct aid in helping us break down all the set up when we were the most tired after a most successful evening.

A very hearty well done to Brandon's exceptional efforts in making our evening successful in our support to one of Americans first teams, Battery P, 5th Battalion, 14th Marines, USMC, Spokane, WA! Finally, the preliminary efforts of the interface with your staff was led by the outstanding concern and leadership of Amanda and Josh along with Levi's direct aid for the run up and many calls over the phone. You have a most exceptional winning team!

I am respectfully,
Jerry Rolwes
Valley Chapel Photography
Proudly serving the regions armed services since 1997
Life member, Air Force Association
509-443-1564
Cell: 509-499-2278

From the CEO: Fresh trails, new tracks forge thankful paths

By Dave Matheson

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone! (Early).

I love this time of the year. I love the changing seasons. I love the first snows when everything is new, clean and crisp. It is right around the corner. My folks always said it is a very sacred time reserved for certain religious and ceremonial practices, and some sacred stories are told only during this season. They said all our old tracks we left on the ground while living life, are covered in snow. Some of these tracks were formed when the hardest and harshest of experiences came to challenge us. Maybe we left tears of sadness or bitterness with them.

As nature covers these tracks, we get to make new ones, choose the path and trail in life we want to follow, and journey forward with prayer, hope and strength again. As the old man in the North covers the sacred Mother Earth in a blanket of white to protect her, even under the snow and ice, she is making new life ready to come greet us in the spring. So we work to make ourselves more worthy with a clear and powerful frame of mind, thankful for every little blessing we have to enjoy. Then, we walk this road

of life carefully, hold steady to our faith and beliefs, so that we will see the great blessings of our Creator and His divine natures as they move from one season to the next. In this way a sacred strength of good health, wisdom and knowledge will come to touch upon us, our children and our loved ones.

We have much to be thankful for. I remember opening this resort property in 1993 as a Bingo Hall with 96 employees. Now we have well over a thousand. When it looked like the whole endeavor may fail, divine intervention always came to the rescue. When hypocritical State officials would not give us a compact, we put in video pull tab machines. When the U.S. Attorney said these were illegal and we could not operate them any longer without "harsh law enforcement actions," we did Prop 1. I visited most every city, town, and forum possible in Idaho to debate our enemies who would deny us hope and opportunity. It seemed they were pushing and trying to hold us down in the depths of evil poverty.

When I came back to work here as CEO a little over three years ago, we were in dire need of teamwork, unity of purpose and the power of the indomitable

human spirit that enables miracles, magic and success like nothing else. The tribe approved a loan and our latest major expansion, but no revenue generating space was planned or included, only cost generating space.

So we've added warmth and created usable space in the Skycatcher. With massive new parking areas and an inviting main entry, we created quick and easy access from the car to the casino, and eliminated what was once the biggest reason for customer complaints. We've cleared outdoor obstruction, re-thought our Meadow area, including a complete re-design to make it more beautiful and, most importantly, a new and popular venue for promotional and private events. That area can now pay for itself.

We have a more beautiful property now, truly a destination resort like none other. Our restaurants are award winning and full, while our food and beverage managers have cut millions from losses in the last three years. Our bottom line is holding very near constant. We make all our payments in whole every year and without fail, the tribal budget, the tribal per capita payments, and the debt

payment used to finance the latest expansion and other things along with it.

Our promotions and marketing are exemplary. Our resort cleanliness is impeccable. The customer service is the best I've ever seen anywhere. Guest satisfaction and overall guest experience is over the top. Our customers work hard for their money, and they have a choice. If we fail or fall in any of these important areas, they will take their hard earned money elsewhere. I am honored beyond words they choose our casino

and resort property as their getaway and escape, then tell most everyone they know how great it is here, while coming back time and time again.

We have found excellence, touching upon the greatness born of something special, and made possible by hard work and commitment. May we walk humble, thankful and sincere steps in this winter season, while making new tracks in the snow and on the road of life, to new goals, new successes and wonderful blessings for our us all. Happy Thanksgiving.

Choppers aid security training



A Life Flight medical helicopter flew down from Coeur d'Alene, providing training our Security in ways to safely and quickly get a patient aboard a helicopter and transported to a hospital. The training consisted of helicopter safety, properly landing a helicopter, and patient loading into the helicopter. It was a very cold day, but the officers braved the weather to participate. The exercise was arranged by CdA Casino Safety Coordinator Pat Allen

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Holiday 2x Points Senior Day \$5 EPC Football Mondays 5 pm	2 Holiday 2x Points All Shook Up Hot Seats 11 am - 7 pm	3 DRAWING Holiday 2x Points Elvis Swag Drawings 10 am - 10 pm Blackjack Tournament 5 pm	4 Holiday 2x Points	5 Holiday 2x Points Music in the Nighthawk 9 pm Smash Hit Carnival	6 Winter Blessing 5 pm Everyone welcome! Music in the Nighthawk 9 pm Smash Hit Carnival
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and Bertha's dog was Pickles. Earl would saddle up the horse and all of them- brother, sister and both of their dogs- would ride down on Wooden Horse to Hangman Creek.

Bertha had many memories of her family's big band performances at local dances. She would sometimes get to go and watch her dad, uncle and brother perform with the Larson brothers. When she was 8 years old, her mother Rose went missing after attending one of those dances. Rosie was later found deceased, and the discovery deeply affected young Bertha. The following year, her father remarried and Mary Justine became stepmother to Earl and Bertha.

As a young girl, she attended school in DeSmet. She attended high school at a boarding school in Sprague, Washington. After her visits home on the weekends, she would walk over to Hwy 95 to hitch a ride on the milk truck back to school. She loved going to school there, because that's where she learned embroidery and sewing, skills that proved to be quite practical and enjoyable for the rest of her life.

She was married to Loren Patrick "Bud" Swan on April 23, 1947 in DeSmet by Father Cornelius Burns in the presence of Milton Burns and Darlene Prosper. They celebrated with many of their friends and loved ones in a beautiful church wedding. When she was a Garrick, Bertha was a quiet, well-mannered lady. After she married Bud, she became the Bertha we all knew and loved. To survive as a Swan, she was forced to speak up and stand up for herself amongst the rest of the flock.

After a year of marriage, Bud and Bertha welcomed their oldest daughter, Patrecia "Choo Choo," Swan. The family lived in a small home near Grandpa Phillip Wildshoe's enormous house. They suffered the loss of two infants: a boy, David Alan, and later, a baby girl. In that same span of time, Bertha witnessed her grandfather's home burn up in flames after her big brother Earl fell asleep holding a cigarette. Grandpa Wildshoe escaped, Earl did not. Bertha was overcome with grief. After the fire, Grandpa Wildshoe moved into the nearby washhouse, which was still considerably large. When Choo Choo was about 5 years old, the family welcomed Loren Jr. They moved to Spokane and Joyce Marie was born. Bud and Bertha loved each other, but Bud's temper proved to be a problem they couldn't overcome and the couple divorced.

Bertha later married a Flathead Indian, Jack Roullier from Ronan, Montana. The event took place with little fanfare at the Hitching Post in Coeur d'Alene. They had a couple of friends to help them celebrate, and when one of them passed out, the wedding party headed back to Spokane. When she recently reminisced about this transitional time in her life, she described it in the following words:

"When I was young, I had my babies. I put on weight, then I married Jack. I was thin. I got heavy... now I'm just plain skinny!"

Jack was a loving husband and stepfather to Bertha and her little ones. He tried to instill a work ethic in his family. He had a great sense of humor; he taught the kids words

in the Salish language and even dirty words in Flathead. Bertha liked to tell stories about working with Jack in the orchards near the Canadian border. When the family lived near Tonasket, Bertha worked in a care center for the elderly. She truly enjoyed her job and even brought her children there to visit some of her patients. She loved spending time with her family.

Jack and Bertha got along well. They even got along with Bud and his new wife Beverly, and partied with them often. They were all so close that Bertha's new husband was sometimes known as "Jack Swan." When Jack and Bertha moved their family to Worley, their home was the site for parties and stickgame every weekend.

Eventually, financial troubles caught up with Jack and the couple divorced. Having suffered many tragic losses over the course of her life, Bertha found herself struggling with alcoholism. She took jobs as she could find them, and she and the kids moved frequently.

As Bertha continued to struggle, her children grew up and began having children and struggles of their own. Bertha's grandchildren were her pride and joy. She worried about the future of her family. When her youngest daughter Jaycee made the choice to sober up, Bertha, Choo Choo and Loren were also inspired. Together, the entire family worked toward sobriety.

Bertha spent her lifetime taking care of others. She worked as a waitress at the Clock Tower in Riverfront Park, but back then it was known as the *Northern*

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Bertha Antoinette Garrick was born November 26, 1925 at the Park Hill Hospital in Spokane, Washington to David Garrick & Rose Wildshoe-Garrick. She was named after her great-aunt Bert. Bertha joined her older brother, Samuel "Earl" Garrick. From the time she

could walk, she was Earl's tag-a-long sister, always tellin' and always getting him and his buddies in trouble. The two grew up close and had many adventures together. They had a horse they named Wooden Horse. They also had two dogs: Earl's dog was named Bozo

May you Rest in Peace my Loving Son 1994- Nov. 10, 2014

Patrick James Thomas was 20 years old; he was born in Spokane, Washington on August 19th, 1994 to Geno Thomas and Janice McCoy. Patrick has 2 brothers; Shady Thomas of DeSmet, Idaho and Zack Dick from Nespelem, Washington.

After Patrick graduated from the Coeur d'Alene Tribal School, he moved to Salem to begin his high school years. He loved it, made so many friends while he was attending high school down there. After he graduated from school at Chemaha high school he came back home to

live with his brother and I.

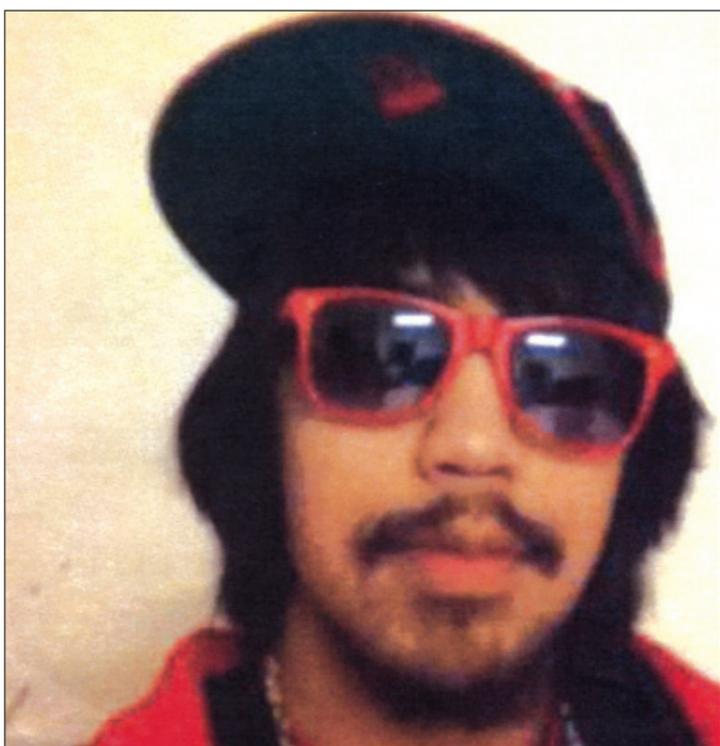
Patrick traveled to; Alaska, Seattle Washington, Montana and to Canada. Just this past year he began working at the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Casino. He loved his job, he was on call so, he was meeting a lot of new friends.

One of his favorite things was going to the Wellness Center, where he played basketball with all his buddies, their nick name, "Dem Boys". He played in Hoop fest a few times and loved it.

He was a Colville Tribal member. Patrick is survived by his mother Janice McCoy and Herby Dick from DeSmet, Idaho, his father Geno and Robin Thomas from Kennewick, Washington, he

had 2 sets of parents who really loved him, his grams Marie Slage from Toppenish, Washington, his 2 brothers; Zack Dick from Nespelem, Washington and Shady Thomas of DeSmet, Idaho, his Uncle Jamie McCoy from DeSmet, Idaho and Grandpa Jim McCoy from DeSmet, Idaho, his grams Debbie McCoy deceased since March 11, 2011. He was loved by everyone.

I want to thank everyone who for stopping by, the tribal school for cooking meals for me and Shady, all my sisters who have been with them and still are; Carol Lynn Pluff, Bev Galler, and Jonita Perry, "I Love you all so much".



Survival to Success: Wellness Center's Master's Swim clinic was successful



Swimmers get ready to backstroke at the Wellness Center Aquatics Center during a November 15th swim meet.

By Joel Kopf

Saturday, November 15 there was a swim meet clinic put on at the Wellness Center by the CDAT (the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Masters swim club). It

was designed to introduce Master's swimmers (those 18 years old and older) to what it is like to participate in a Master's swim meet. Topics for the clinic included, what to take to a meet, what to do

when you show up, starting sequence for each event, legal turns and finishes, disqualifications and why you get them, where to find the results after your swim and how to sign up and participate in relays.

There were three instructors, USA Swimming certified meet referee, starter and trainer Brenda Himmelberger, USA Swimming certified stroke and turn judge Brian Johnson and USMS Club Coach and USA Swimming certified Coach Shelly Ruspakka. Each took turns instructing the clinic participants about the various topics on land and then showing them how to do starts, turns and finishes for each stroke in the water. The instructional part of the clinic took about two hours. Then there was a lunch break followed by a short swim meet.

Twenty five people attended the clinic. Lynn Dever and Chris Dohrman were two locals who attended but there were others from Spokane, Coeur d'Alene, Moscow, Pullman, Lewiston, Clarkston and even one participant from Boise.

Lynn said that she had a fun time; Chris asked when the next Master's swim meets were going to be put on. Some participants liked the clinic so much that they even asked when the Wellness Center was going to put on another clinic or hold a Master's swim meet. Afterward Survival to Success Clinic organizer's Paige Buehler and CDAT Coach Joel talked about putting on another clinic or a swim meet, but so far nothing has been decided. What was agreed upon is that the Survival to Success swim clinic was a success.



Kalista Mettler at her Senior Soccer game – Freeman High School, along with her dad Kurt, niece Maria and mom April. Kalista anchored the defense in helping the team to a 12-6 record and into the first round of state playoffs. Congratulations on a successful season.

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educational needs of Native children.

Also serving middle school students is the *Strengthening the Spirit* (STS) program. This program continues to support in school learning as well as afterschool STEM, wellness, social activities, and cultural programming at the Tribal Wellness Center.

Lastly, the Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP) will

continue to support academic and career readiness activities through an afterschool study table, professional technical educational support, college visits, business tours, the academic/career fair, and summer youth internships.

In order to provide these services, parents or guardians must complete an authorization form available at the DOE office or at the Lakeside middle/high school office. Contact information for program staff is listed below:

Kathy Albin – NACTEP
- kalbin@cdatribe-nsn.gov - 208-686-0604.

Helen Muffly - JOM

Bryan Samuels – ITF -
bsamuels@cdatribe-nsn.gov - 208-686-0803

Mickael Stevens – STS -
mstevens2@cdatribe-nsn.gov - 208-582-1607

The goal of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Department of Education is to serve as advocates for your children's success to enrich their lives and those of the community through education.

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Pacific Railroad Station Café. She cared for many children and families and worked with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Social Services in the youth shelter. She also cooked for the Tribe's Older Americans program. She enjoyed her jobs as a senior companion and caregiver. She worked at Sacred Heart Medical Center and Gonzaga University. When her stepmother Mary Garrick was elderly and needed looking after, Bertha stepped in to care for her until Mary succumbed to a stroke.

Bertha also cared for others by sewing and cooking for them. She was a skilled seamstress who was at one time employed by the Tribe's Cut-and-Sew program. Her name even appears in the credits as a seamstress for the movie *"Smoke Signals,"* but she declined the opportunity to appear on-screen. She

was more likely to be seen at Riverfront Park or at powwows cooking up frybread with her good friends. Thanks to her love for cooking, she became lifelong friends with Inez and Bingo SiJohn. It was somewhere around this time that the "frybread babies" were born. Frybread babies were little Indian baby dolls that Bertha made by hand- complete with wingdresses, leggings, felt moccasins, yarn braids and embroidered eyelashes.

Some of the frybread babies were given as gifts, but most of them were sold to local Elks and Eagles club members. The proceeds went toward Bertha's bingo games with the girls. One of her favorite bingo buddies was Joie Weinclaw. They had a tradition every New Year's Eve where they would get a room out at the hotel and stay up all night dobbing their cards. An avid lover of jalapeno peppers, Bertha was known to keep a small jar as a good luck charm

in her bingo bag.

She also enjoyed taking trips, going to elders' dinners and watching the Seattle Mariners games. She got to attend several games in person, and she shared many conversations with her girlfriends talking about the Mariners and how nice of a butt Ichiro had. She had a deep-seated love for the game.

Baseball reminded her of her dad and brother. Dave Garrick coached the men's team that her brother Earl played on. It was probably no coincidence that her first husband Bud Swan was also a baseball player who pitched professionally for the Spokane Indians. Her son, Loren Jr. was a pitcher as well, so it seemed natural that when left-fielder Ichiro abandoned her for another team, she fell in love with pitcher Felix Hernandez.

Bertha was excited to move to Rockford and be cared for by her grandchildren and great-

grandchildren. Her mind and eyesight remained sharp and she passed the time by working on her embroidery projects. Although she was troubled by the loss of her hearing, she always managed to find ways to get her point across- whether it was by writing a note, giving a certain look, or pointing that same finger that she always used to scold all her kids with.

As her final days approached, Bertha knew she didn't want to trouble her loved ones should they discover she had passed away under their care. With the support of her family, she moved to a senior care facility in Fairfield, Washington. There, she finished watching her last World Series and even kept track of the game schedules. On her last day of full awareness, Bertha was still able to write notes and communicate. When her old friend Felix Aripa showed up to visit, her face lit up. They exchanged dirty jokes and a few

laughs. Upon his departure, Felix blew Bertha a kiss, and she blew him a kiss back. That evening, she began to fade. On Wednesday, October 8th, our friend, our auntie Bertha, our Mom, our Yaya, our 2P, our 4P, was surrounded by her loved ones who had gathered to see her off on her journey. At 6:57 p.m., she went home.

She was preceded in death by her sons David Alan and Loren Patrick Jr., her infant baby girl, her granddaughter Ricarda Deneen Gonzales, her grandsons Terry Alan Swan and David Lee Scarborough, Jr., her **great**-granddaughter Tashina Antoinette Gonzales and her **great-great** granddaughter Sierra Marie Dick.

She is survived by her daughters Joyce "Jaycee" and Patrecia "Choo Choo," her adopted daughters Lana and Darla Swan, and by numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

People from the community have spent the last several months working on custom moccasins to celebrate November's "Rock your Mocs" day.

Two classes have been held through the Tribe's ECLC and Lifestyle Balance programs giving people an opportunity to learn how to make moccasins and bead them in celebration of the annual event.

The two groups have been taught and led by Philomena Nomee and Bobbie White. These pictures are of those efforts. We congratulate all those who have worked on (or are continuing to work on) their pieces.



Henrietta Brown



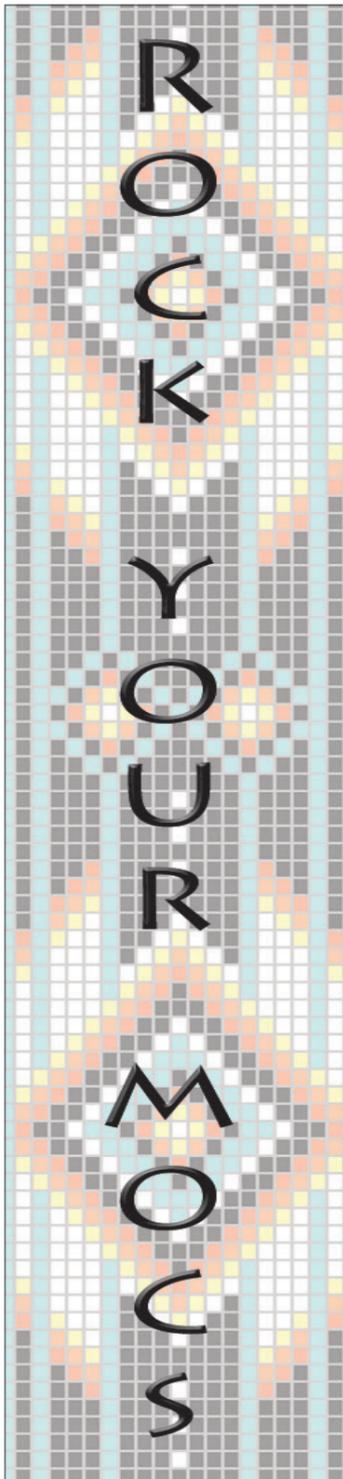
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Season Scruggs

Forestry continues with timber sales; preparing grounds for spring planting

As winter comes in with the early cold in November, Forestry staff is working on wrapping up a number of projects including timber sale recon and some thinning/pruning projects. One sale remains active on Moses Mountain and will continue as weather allows. They will then resume operations on allotments in the Setters area.

Hopefully those needing firewood have been out and about and finding adequate wood. We have a couple of areas from recent timber sales that have some firewood material for those interested. As the roads get muddy, please stay off them to prevent rutting and erosion. This makes the roads harder to drive on the next time.

Fuels Program: The Fuels Crew has been busy closing out this fall's prescribed fire season. We broadcast burned approximately 150 acres of timber sale activity fuels. The crew will be starting pile burn operations soon. The burn plan is at the regional office getting reviewed for approval. Once that document is approved, the crew will have 3 weeks to a month of pile burning around the reservation. After the pile burning season ends, the crew has forest development project work on A632, Lovell Valley, and around the Worley area. Please be cautious near the above mentioned areas and signs are posted during active operations. If you have

any questions, contact Chuck Simpson – Fuels Specialist - at (208) 686-5030.

Timber Sales: Some annual numbers from Fiscal Year 2014 include: 6.3 mmbf of timber offered from the Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) of 6.9 mmbf, which equates to 92%. We harvested 7.2 mmbf or 105% of the AAC. The AAC is our target average over the management period from 2002-2017. This is the first year we have been above the target during this management period.

The Isdo Forest Officers Report for the timber sale coming up at Windfall Pass has been worked on and it is expected to be completed over the winter and advertised next spring.

The ground operations for the Ch'ets'tene'st Timber Sale up at Moses Mountain have continued. The upper portion of cutting block #3 in the Moses Mountain area is completed. There is still some firewood left from (the Alder Creek area) deck of firewood in the landing deck. The firewood is available for Tribal Members with a Free Use Permit. Contact Forestry for more information.

Upcoming reconnaissance for the next timber sale up at Evans Creek has been ongoing. Plots for the Environmental Assessment have continued and the EA will be written later on this year. A field tour was held for members of the Tribal Council, Natural Resources Committee

and Interdisciplinary Team on Thursday, October 30, 2014. There was a lot of feedback and questions from the tour. See below for a recent picture of the South Fork Evans Creek. Best Management Practices, the Forest Management Plan, and Riparian buffer zones will protect such waterways.

The Sachri timber sale just northeast of Plummer is winding down and should be completed soon. Work on the Si'lmtsu sale around Setters is on hold while the contractor works on another Tribal sale in the Moses Mountain area. The Sq'aq'i'shnmalqw sale around the Casino was not completed by the contractor. The remaining uncut portion of it will be re-advertised at some point in the future. Future sales are in the works for the southern portion of the Reservation along Hangman Creek and its tributaries. An Environmental Assessment (EA) is being prepared for this area. The analysis looks at what effects logging will have on other resources such as fish, wildlife, and water. If it appears that there are potential negative impacts to resources, mitigation measures can be implemented to ensure protection of the resources. The purpose of the EA is to show what could happen during timber harvest so the decision makers know the consequences of getting this work done.

Forest Development:



South Fork Evans Creek, November 2014. Photo by Cougar Aripa

Progressive Forestry Services finished fall planting in the Eagle Peak area and various allotments. Spot spraying to prepare for spring planting in areas that were not broadcast burned in October was also completed. Ron LaSarte finished the survival surveys in areas planted in the last 2 years, plus 5th year stocking surveys in areas planted in 2010. The deadline is approaching for Environmental Quality Incentives Program applications, and Forest Development is applying for stand improvement funding.

Forest Inventory: The first draft of the Forest Inventory Analysis report is scheduled for completion in November. We continue to add stand examinations to our stand inventory database to improve our volume estimates and planning capability. This data will contribute to appraisals for the allotment land

buyback program and future management decisions on stand treatments.

Fire Management: Here we are in another holiday season. We are continuing to attend the end of year meetings and will be attending the regional FMO meeting to close out the year. We have plenty of office stuff to keep us busy and the guys will be helping forest development again this winter with thinning and pruning.

Projects we will be helping out on in the next month.

We will be helping out the forest development staff with a thin and prune project on the agency game reserve (T-1082) which is 17 acres.

I hope everybody has a good start to the holiday season. Again as always if you have any questions feel free to give us a call at 208-686-1199 or 208-686-5306. Remember to clean your chimney pipe if you burn fire wood.

St. Maries Creosote Project moving forward



By Sandra Raskell, Project Engineer Lake Management

Construction has been in full swing in St. Maries as creosote contaminated materials are being remediated at the old pole treatment facility.

The St. Maries Creosote site is immediately adjacent to, and south of, the St. Joe River in the city of St. Maries, Idaho. From 1939 through 1964, the site was used for peeling and treating logs to be used for poles. Historically, as the treated poles were loaded onto rail cars by the stiff arm, creosote dripped onto the soil around the butt vats and rail cars. If several cars were loaded at the same time, poles would drip creosote onto

the soil beneath the rail line. In late 1998 and early 1999, the site was noted to have soil staining, creosote odor, and product sheen, thus began the process of identifying clean-up actions.

For the next decade, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), the Coeur d'Alene Tribe (Tribe), and the potential responsible parties (PRP) worked through reports, meetings, consent decrees, court documents, etc. Soon thereafter, Arcadis, the Voluntary Remediation Party (VRP) and its associated subcontractors, began the process of sampling upland soils and river sediments to determine the geotechnical properties,

extent of contamination, and treatment possibilities. This data has been used to design an appropriate remediation plan. After all this, a final remediation & design plan was presented and approved for construction.

Given the extent and complexity of the contamination, the project was broken into two phases. Phase 1 includes remediating all upland contamination. Phase 2 includes dredging contaminated river sediments and thermally treating all untreated contaminated materials. Phase 1 work began August 2014 and is anticipated to continue through January 2015. Phase 2 work is currently anticipated to begin late spring 2015 and will continue through the end of 2015. Phase 1 work is being conducted by Envirocon, Inc. Through TERO, Envirocon has hired multiple TERO workers for this site. All workers and visitors on the site have strict safety guidelines they must follow. TERO workers received proper training in order to work on-site. This included a 40-hour hazardous waste training.

We recently hosted a levee tour of the site. Tour

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Coeur d'Alene Reservation Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy update

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe has completed a DRAFT update to the CEDS document that was last approved in 2009. The CEDS is used to identify ways in which the local economy can be enriched. Public input is being sought on the DRAFT document. A link to the 2014 DRAFT CEDS document can

be found on the homepage of the Coeur d'Alene Tribal website (<http://www.cdatribe-nsn.gov/>). Comments and questions can be submitted to the Tribe's Planning Technician, Lance Mueller at lmueller@cdatribe-nsn.gov, or 208-686-5702. Comments will be received through December 15, 2014.

Tribe receives GAP grant from EPA

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe is a recent recipient of a \$165,000 environmental grant from the Environmental Protection Agency. The EPA awarded over \$31 million in funding for Region 10 as part of the Environmental General Assistance Program granted to Tribes.

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe has been awarded monies through the program since 1997 and will continue to use the award to fund energy efficiency programs, recycling programs and to fund the grant writing process for further awards.

GAP, established in 1992,

works with Tribes to promote environmental stability within their boundaries and to help facilitate the relationship between the Tribe and the EPA.

“(GAP) is absolutely critical for these tribes to build their capacity and develop programs to protect public health and the environment on their lands,” said David Allnut, director of the EPA Region 10 Office of Ecosystems, Tribes and Public Affairs.

In Region 10, over 200 tribes and tribal consortia received a GAP grant for the upcoming fiscal year.

Jordan: thank you for the support of my daughter

THANK YOU all for getting out to VOTE!!!! Your vote counted and made a HUGE difference for our children and grandchildren. I would like to thank those that helped me with the fundraiser, knocking on doors, calling people, poll watching, putting up signs. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for getting involved and helping with this election.

THANK YOU, Henrietta Brown, Philomena Nomee, Tammy Tomaskin, Colette Currier, Lucky Nelson, Mena Sepulveda, Richianda Curd, Nicole Higgins, Theresa Chapman, Joey Buckner, CarylDene Swan, Joanne Curley, Vicki Tovey, Chet Bluff, Ann Abrahamson, Dan Hansen, Diane Allen,

Janie Allen, Trish Clark, Caressa Allen, Rosanna Allen, Leonard Tomaskin, Devon Martinez, Lewis Brown, Kusem Simpson, Skyler Jordan, Duane Brown, Marilyn Barker, Cheryl Halverson, Representative Sue Chew, Ernie Campbell, Ona Wienclaw, Courtney SiJohn, Sue Garry, Laura Laumatia. Special thanks to Matt Stensgar, Dave Matheson, Francis SiJohn, Eric Kendra, Donavon Chase and Coeur d'Alene Tribe for their support.

I want to thank our elders who encouraged and gave strong words to Paulette and walked with her on this journey.

I want to yell out to everyone and let them know how proud

I am of my daughter, Paulette Jordan for all her hard work, sacrifices she made, and traveling every day to talk with the people of all colors to get her message out in the Benewah and Latah County. Paulette's hard work paid off. I love you Paulette Jordan!!!!

The door has opened for Paulette and her journey is to begin soon with new challenges and with a new title, **Paulette Jordan, Idaho House Representative.**

WE WON!!!!!! We made history for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!!!!

Lucinda Jordan - PROUD mother of Paulette Jordan

Legislative session internship at Senate Minority Offices available

The purpose of the internship is to introduce the student to Idaho's legislative process with an emphasis on how the minority party gets a voice in the deliberations.

Reports to: Chief of Staff for the Minority Office in support of the Minority Leader and all Democratic caucus members.

Major Tasks: Perform legislative and issues-oriented research. This includes background research, reviewing legislation in other states, investigating fiscal impacts, writing statements of purpose for proposed legislation, helping arrange public testimony and coordinating meetings with interest groups.

Constituent support and communications. Work with caucus members in devising strategy for committee testimony, drafting/editing floor debate arguments and assisting in coalition building to ensure passage of

legislation important to the caucus.

Media relations assistance. This includes helping to compose and issue press releases and coordinating press conferences.

Event planning. Minor Tasks: Attend meetings and speaking engagements of the leadership and minority caucus.; Track bills of interest and keep caucus chairman informed of progress.

Design and manage databases, set up e-mail files for legislation and other communication matrixes.

Assist in all other duties as assigned.

Internships can be completed from any Idaho college or university. Applicants are not required to be political science majors. Former interns have majored in marketing, communications, and computer science. While being located in Boise affords opportunities to be very close to the process, applicants are not

required to be located in Boise.

HOURS: Flexible hours available Monday – Friday with no minimum hours per week (save those required to attain credit – generally 50 hours of work per credit unit).

REQUIREMENTS: Must be able to adapt quickly in a fast-paced environment and work well without direct supervision. Applicants need to have strong organizational, research and communication skills and a basic knowledge of Microsoft Office software. No previous political experience is required.

COMPENSATION: No financial compensation is offered. Credit will be awarded in accordance with school and/or departmental guidelines based on the number of hours worked during the session which generally runs from early January through March.

Bean and lentil cookoff provides tasty, healthy treats



Kurt Mettler, Jordan Harmon and Emerald Rykowski judge the desserts during the Annual Bean and Lentil Cookoff on November 21, 2014 at the Wellness Center.

Beans and lentil abound in creative ways each year during the annual cook-off and this year was no different. People from around the community spend hours preparing dishes to submit to the event in the hopes of winning a coveted spot in the top 3.

Categories for the cook off include: Vegetarian, dips, chili, soups/stews, desserts and a category for creative dishes

that don't fit into the other categories. Over 40 dishes were entered.

Judges for the event include a select few tribal employees and the high school students from Julie Miller's class who also submitted numerous items – although they were obviously not allowed to judge their own dishes to maintain the integrity of the event.

The winners – listed in 1st 2nd and 3rd places – are as follows:

Vegetarian – Sue Bates, Jessica Matheson and Jyl Gardapie. Dips: Toni LaDeaux, Jordan Nilson and Phyllis Johnson. Chili: Andy Kitt, Julie Miller's Lakeside Class and Christina Nilson. Soups/Stews: Julie Miller's Lakeside Class; Cheryl Lockard and Carla Patterson. Desserts: Julie Miller's Lakeside Class; Marquette Hendrickx and Judy Gordon. Creative: Tiffany Korver, Tim Lockard and Megan Arrott.

LHS students tackle senior projects

**By Judi Sharrett
Plummer Worley School District**

Our Lakeside High School students are busy preparing for the rest of their lives. To help them prepare, one of the state requirements for graduation is to complete a Senior Project beginning in their junior year. This year I want to highlight three young men in our district who have worked hard in preparation for presenting possible life goals to a panel of judges in the spring.

Let me introduce them to you now.

Damien Eikes repainted a 1954 Chevy that had been wasting away in his grandfather's yard for eight years. He enjoyed the challenge and says it took time, care, and lots of sanding. Patience was gained through his diligent attention to detail. Damien says he was able to complete the painting without starting over once. Experience was gained through the project, and Damien says painting and detailing cars for a living is one possibility for him after high school. Damien would like to thank his mentor, Bud Smith, for taking time out of his busy schedule to help him with his Senior Project.

Jordan Harmon already has a lifetime of experience in food service due to growing up near the Conklin Park Marina. He is clearly passionate about a life in the culinary trade and wanted to share his talent with others less fortunate. His project was to organize a benefit dinner for Covenant House in Coeur d'Alene. On the menu was fish made from hand-battered cod, chips, cole slaw, and hush puppies. The event took place at the Worley

Long House. Jordan's main challenge was exercising flexibility when the Long House needed to be made available for a funeral on the day he had advertised for the benefit. Jordan had to adapt by delaying the food order, changing the postings for the events, and notifying others involved in the endeavor. He learned he has the ability to push himself and be ready to deal with real-life situations often impeding even the best laid plans. Jordan feels confident he can do any project and do it well despite unforeseen setbacks.

Enrique Medrano has worked with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Fire Management department for two years. For his Senior Project he created a burn plan for a prescribed fire. To do this, he learned a lot about topography, using GPS, and the necessity of documentation creating a mountain of paperwork. The project has taken a lot of time so far, and his action plan for a controlled burn is 48 pages and counting. Enrique's main challenge this year will be completing the plan. He has gained a better perspective than before the project about the importance of burn plans so big, destructive fires are less likely to occur. This is a field Enrique is definite he'd like to pursue after high school.

Damien, Jordan, and Enrique have all learned the value of patience and perseverance in working in a meaningful way toward their life goals. Whatever they actually do after high school, these are skills they will benefit from for the rest of their lives. There is no doubt in my mind all three seniors will experience success in life, in part due to their Senior Projects.

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participants were able to get a better understanding of the clean-up and site work. Participants included federal agency personnel, Tribal members and employees, and the City of St. Maries. Another tour will hopefully occur this construction season.

Throughout Phase 1 construction activities, the contractor has focused on upland activities. This includes rerouting a storm water pipe through the property from the levee to the River, installation of a waste water treatment plant to treat runoff and site generated water, a dewatering pad for Phase 2 river sediments, a flood protection wall, a slurry wall to hydraulically cut off groundwater around the upland contamination, and in-situ solidification of the contaminated soils. If you have driven by the site on Highway

3 you have probably seen the 60-ft long arm excavator, water holding tanks, white silos, and maybe even some orange vests. All this equipment and personnel is vital for the completion of this clean-up.

Phase 2 construction will include the installation of a sheet pile wall enclosure around the highest contaminated river sediments, dredging of the contaminated river sediments, dewatering the dredged material, screening the contaminated material, and finally thermally treating the material until the soil meets clean-up standards. More information will be available as the Phase 2 start approaches.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the Project Lead, Sandra Raskell, P.E., Lake Management Department Project Engineer by phone at (208) 667-5772 or by email at sraskell@cdatribe-nsn.gov.