



Over thirty years of service Father Tom Connolly Retires

Story By: Jack McNeel

Photo By: Andreas Braunlich

PLUMMER, Idaho – “It’s been a great privilege to work with the Coeur d’Alene Tribe for 33 years, especially with the old timers who were here when I first came,” Father Tom Connolly said. The Feast of the Assumption is held annually in early August at the Cataldo Mission and this year it also served as a formal goodbye to the Catholic priest so well-known throughout Indian country in this inland northwest region.

Father Connolly has been a fixture in the region for many years and is often seen dancing at a powwow on a Saturday night and then conducting Mass the following morning, sometimes in the same location as the dance. In earlier years he would take his own painted teepee to the powwows, but more recently has chosen the ease and comfort of his van.

“I’ve tried to find and emphasize integration between the older Indian spiritual ways and the more modern Catholic ways they have taken and show that these two worlds fit together in a comfortable way,” he said. “Much of my life has been trying to explore relationships between two different worldviews and how they can integrate and how both people can enjoy or expand themselves and find fulfillment in something of the views of other people.”

The Coeur d’Alene Tribe will honor him at a retirement party on Sept. 30 at the Coeur d’Alene Resort Hotel in the events center.

The mass is scheduled to start at noon and will be followed by a dinner.

“Father Connolly has been our spiritual mentor,” said Ernie Stensgar. “He has been with us in times of grief and times of happiness. He’s an integral part of the Coeur d’Alene’s and he has dedicated his life to us. Like all men, he has his frailties, but he is a gentle and caring man.”

He attended his first Indian funeral on the Kalispell Reservation in 1955 and it was there he met Mitch Michael, a noted Indian leader at the time who led prayers at the funeral. That led to a lifelong friendship and also to collaborating on reprinting an old Indian hymnal.

Michael was also the grandfather of Jeanie Louie who now serves on the Coeur d’Alene tribal council and she remembers those early days. “When he first came over to go into the priesthood he stayed with my grandmother and grandfather and all of us at the big house up on the hill here in Worley. My grandfather was Mitch Michael and my grandmother was Mary Michael. We got to know him from then and he learned the Coeur d’Alene language from my grandparents and other elders in this area and also the Flathead area in Montana.”

“They put together a Salish/Kootenai Catholic hymn book that has the songs in Indian they sang back then and we still sing today. Since he was kind of raised with my grand folks, he was like a brother to my mother and her



Serving over three decades on the Coeur d’Alene Reservation, Father Tomas Connolly joyfully smiles at his last Feast of Assumption.

sisters and brothers. That’s how we always looked upon him.”

The project of redoing the hymnal led him through various reservations, interviewing the elders and slowly learning some of the language. The local tribes, Kalispell, Coeur d’Alene, and Spokane, were not producing a tribal newspaper at the time so he started an inter-tribal newspaper called the Northwest Indian Times. Because of it, he flew to Indian conferences around the country and was given the name, Ch-tuht-asket, “One Who Flies in the Sky.”

He laughs when he talks of united Indian and Catholic ceremonies and says, “I’m pretty open to doing things and probably pretty loose and too easy going. We would often use smudging as a symbol of prayer rising as the smoke goes up, using an eagle feather. We grind up sweet grass from the prairies to the east, sage from the deserts of the south, cedar from the forests of the northwest, and a healing root, to make our own incense. This was probably the first time smudging in this way was used in Catholic ceremonies.

“Culturation is a two way street in the sense that I have received every bit as much from the people as I have been able to give and serve.”

Asked of plans for the future, he had this to say. “I’ve been told to retire at Gonzaga University and the original thinking is that I would be available to work on different reservations when some of our men on those reservations need a break or get two or three funerals in a row and get kind of overwhelmed. I could be the

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General Membership meeting

Saturday, October 2nd
At the Evan Abraham Memorial Longhouse in DeSmet, Idaho

Starting at 9 a.m.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Chairman’s and/or the Tribal Council Office.

Water Potato Day, 10 Years of festivities, 100’s of years of tradition

By Lorraine Gentry

As part of the Coeur d’Alene tradition the Water Potato Day is an observed holiday at the end of every October. A day that many people do not understand or may even scoff at, and that is because not only have many people not heard of this plant but many people do not understand the significance the water potato or sqigwts had for the Schitsu’umsh people.

The sqigwts can be found up and down the shorelines of the Coeur d’Alene and even Hayden Lake; along with some creeks and even rivers

that connect to the lakes. As history has been told, this is a unique resource for the Coeur d’Alene Tribal people. Today the celebration of the root takes place at the Chatcolet Lake

The plant itself is a root that grows in the soft mud, just underneath the water. Because of its location it can be trying to get to at times. In the autumn toward the end of October and the beginning of November the root is ready for Harvest. Traditionally Fall was seen as a time to prepare for the long winters and it is said as the men were hunting this was a time that the women would gather

the last of the vegetation and prepare the winters lodging. There are very few elders today that remember these times, so it is hard to know how each family specifically gathered.

“We learn from anecdotes collected in 1904 that the root diggers used at this time, the pitse’, were probably of the wide and curved kind, for digging in the soft mud of the marshy areas around the lake. The pitse’_were made of the wood from service trees, syringa, or haw. Points were hardened by charring in the fire, and elk antlers were attached for handles. Woven bags for carrying the sqigwts only came into fashion after woven baskets had gone out of use,” referenced to a 1904 publication is James Teit’s ethnography of the Coeur d’Alene’s posted on the Tribal website.

This marks the 10 years anniversary that the Tribal Fisheries Department put this day back on the map. Water Potato Day is still observed but

it is also used as an educational tool for local students. It is now necessary to have 4 different work stations set up for crowd control as participants grew. The stations all offer a unique look at language, wildlife, history of the root, and as always a true glimpse of the Coeur d’Alene culture.

Now the roots are usually gathered by the employees of the Natural Resources Departments mainly the Fish and Wildlife with a large cooperation from the Tribal Language Department along with volunteers, with an opportunity to educate and carry on this long lived tradition, the roots are still prepared for feast, and honored by the Coeur d’Alene who recognize its necessitates to have sustained the grueling winters. More information on the Tribal Holiday can be found at <http://www.cdatribensn.gov/departments/Language/WaterPotatoeDays.aspx>, <http://www.cdatribe-nsn.gov/Departments/NaturalResources/Fisheries/FishEducation.aspx>.

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171(10)
Approved Natural Resource department Land Services-Homesite Lease CDA Tribal tract number 299 to Haynes Gaze Sr.; 5 for 0 against.

172(10)
Approved Natural Resources department Land Services-Homesite Lease CDA Tribal tract number 639.5 to Timothy I. Williams; 5 for 0 against.

173(10)
Approved Natural Resources department Land Services

Agricultural ten year lease on allotment 567 to Millhorn Farms beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2020 with conditions to follow; 6 for 0 against.

174(10)
Approved Lake Management department grant proposal for participation in Superfund remedy; 4 for 0 against 1 out.

175(10)
Approved Lake Management department memorandum of agreement (MOA) with Dept. of Interior and U.S. Dept. of Ag.; 4 for 0 against 1 out.

176(10)
Approved office of legal counsel invoices for the law firm of Howard Funke & Associates, PC October 2009: #7733 General matters - \$12,866.58, #7734 NRDA-\$20,269.66, #7735 Sterling Bankruptcy - \$18,594.16, #7736 Water Rights - \$10,557.06. November 2009: #7737 General Matters - \$6,429.04, #7738 NRDA - \$22,185.42, #7739 Sterling Bankruptcy - \$44,721.02, #7740 Water Rights - \$4,275.05. December 2009: #7741 General Matters - \$3,76.00, #7742 NRDA - \$4,124.63, #7743 Sterling

Bankruptcy - \$53,398.32, #7744 Water Rights - \$14,750.56. Total amount of \$215,935.50 to be paid from Fund NRDA Legal Fees; 2 for 1 against 1 abstain 1 out.

178(10)
Approved Executive Operations resignation credit board Marjorie (LaSarte) Johnson effective immediately upon signing of resolution; 5 for 0 against.

179(10)
Approved Executive Operations FICAL year 2011budget; 5 for 0 against.

180(10) Approved Human Resource department Medical/Dental/Vision insurance renewal Regence Blue Shield of Idaho; 5 for 0 against.

181(10)
Approved Executive Operations 2010 Annual Conference Northern Quest Resort & Casino Spokane, Washington, September 20-23, 2010 Hosted by the Kalispel Tribe of Nations; Norma "Jeanie" Louie, Secretary-Treasurer; Voting Delegate, Ernie L. Stensgar, Vice-Chairman; First Alternate; 5 for 0 against.

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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.

BINGO CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2010

OCTOBER

REGULAR BINGO

FRI | OCT 1ST

FRI • SAT • SUN | OCT 8TH - 10TH

FRI & SAT | OCT 29TH - 30TH

PROMOTIONS

SAT | OCT 2ND

PINK PANTHER DAY

Free 3-on for \$250.
Pink Panther prizes available.

FRI • SAT • SUN | OCT 15TH - 17TH

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION WEEKEND

Get \$4 off coupon redeemable Oct 23rd or 24th.

FRI | OCT 22ND

NO BINGO

SAT • SUN | OCT 23RD - 24TH UPSTAIRS

COUPON REDEMPTION

Redeem coupon received previous weekend for \$4 off bingo purchase.

SUN | OCT 31ST

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

1st prize winner receives four Eagle electronic packs and 2nd prize winner receives four Bear electronic packs for month of November 2010. Plus everyone receives free 3-on to play for \$310 payout. Regular pack purchase required to enter contest and receive 3-on.

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 priority deadline is the 12th of every month meeting this deadline will ensure your item is printed.

Our final deadline is the 20th of every month.

Items received after the priority deadline will be printed on a first come first serve basis depending on space.

Record amount for Governor's Cup Fundraiser

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe helped raise \$837,000, a record amount of money, to help qualified Idaho graduating high school seniors continue their education at any Idaho college, university or trade school.

The Circling Raven Golf Club co-hosted the annual Idaho Governor's Cup Scholarship Fund on Aug. 25 through Aug. 28. Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter and First Lady Lori Otter attended the event, which also was held at the Coeur d'Alene Resort, and other northern Idaho venues. About 600 participants contributed to the fund-raising efforts while enjoying golf, shotgun sports, fly fishing and other events. Also included was an auction for a 1929 Ford Roadster, donated by Premier Technology, which alone raised \$30,000 for scholarships.

"It was a great time for a great cause, and the winners are all those Idaho students who further their education right here at home and make the future brighter not just for themselves, but for their families, their communities and all of us here in Idaho," Governor Otter said. "The First Lady and I want to extend our sincere gratitude to all the generous contributors, sponsors and our hosts at the beautiful Coeur d'Alene-area venues. This has become a wonderful tradition of Idahoans helping ourselves by helping others, and I look forward to it continuing for many years to come."

The Governor and First Lady have awarded 52 scholarships since he took office in 2007, including 22 scholarships announced in June. This year's effort should enable even a greater number of scholarships to be awarded in 2011.

"The Circling Raven and Casino staff did an awesome job," said Chairman Chief Allan. "The Coeur d'Alene Tribe represented how much it cares about education."

Idaho Governor's Cup Scholarships are available to high school seniors and home school students throughout Idaho. A 16-member board of directors chooses recipients from among qualified students who demonstrate a strong commitment to public service. Academic scholarship recipients receive \$3,000 each year, renewable up to four years, while scholarship recipients pursuing a professional-technical or trade school education receive \$3,000 per year for the length of the program, up to three years.

The Tribe also participated in the annual Coaches vs. Cancer fundraiser in Spokane on Aug. 25-28. The ninth annual event, which is hosted by Gonzaga Men's basketball coach Mark Few and his wife, Marcy, raised \$727,500 for the fight against cancer. It was the second most successful event in the organization's history. "Cancer doesn't know race or color," Allan said. "I look forward to the day when cancer can be wiped out."

~Chairman's Corner~

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Well, it's the season to get back to school! Recently the Tribal Council was pleased to hand out new backpacks stuffed with school supplies, for every student who attends school on the reservation. This annual gift reminded me once again how much times have changed in my own lifetime. Today it is nice to be able to give such a gift to our students to help jumpstart their academic year. I know

that it is a privilege that I never experienced back in the day, and it makes me feel good to see how far along our Tribe has come in regards to being able to support our youth.

On another note, last month was the Governor's Cup, where our Tribe hosted hundreds of participants in activities that helped raise scholarship funds for Idaho college students. I am very proud of how this event

unfolded, I and want to thank the staff of Circling Raven and the Casino once again for making the Coeur d'Alene Tribe stand out above the pack. It was memorable and top-notch for all those who attended!

Lastly, as I write, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) conference is taking place right in our neighborhood at Northern Quest Casino. For next year, and upon completion of the renovations at our casino, we are making the bid to host ATNI's annual conference next year. I look forward to being able to showcase our new facilities to other tribes of the northwest. I know that we won't let them down!

So as the weather turns crisp and the days grow shorter, I wish you all a good month!

Chief Allan

Commisioner Answers Questions

Public Relations Marc Stewart sat down with District 2 County Commissioner Candidate Christina Crawford for some Q&A.

1. *What are your qualifications to be a county commissioner?* District 2 County Commissioner represents both tribal and non-tribal residents, many of whom over the years have felt a lack of attention to their needs and a lack of resources toward issues such as roads. I live on a gravel road in the district, run a small business and have seen many changes over the past eighteen years. I also worked for the casino for seven years as entertainment manager, also participating in planning special events such as honoring Veterans (my brother served in Viet Nam), PowWow, Elders dinners. In those years, I learned a lot about the history and culture of the tribe and worked closely with members. Over time, I believe a mutual respect developed and has continued as Commissioner. I believe in treating everyone with fairness and respect for differences. This year, serving as your Commissioner, has been a real eye-opener. I have seen firsthand some of the issues and attitudes there was no way to fully understand before actually seeing it for myself. As a result, the learning curve is nearly over and I am even better prepared to serve the western part of our county for the next four years.

2. *What are your goals in the next term?* Goals are the roadmap toward progress, and seeing progress helps people feel a sense of hope about their own future. My goals for the next four year term are centered around education, jobs and quality of life. Family wage jobs require more than a high school diploma. This is why my focus will continue to be bringing college-level/professional technical distance learning to Benewah County

to benefit students as well as displaced workers. Quality of life is why we want to live here - it is a precious gift to be nurtured and protected for all and by everyone cooperatively.

3. *How would you improve the relationship between Benewah County and the Tribe?* Communication and respect are the keys to improve relationships between people. Not everyone will agree all the time, but we need to begin to build trust between the various communities. Because some issues go back decades, viewpoints will not disappear overnight, but that also does not mean we should give up trying to find areas of cooperation. I would like to see regular informal gatherings between your commissioner and tribal leaders, members of the community to discuss issues of mutual concern as they arise and before they are out of control.

4. *Benewah County reneged on a cross deputization agreement with the Tribe last spring. How would you resolve this situation?* Cross-deputization was in effect for years during the 1990's and I thought it worked well. The first responders today think it worked well. It is my understanding that, then as now, the Sheriff has authority to deputize either Tribal Police or others as needed. The "sticking point" seems to be: non-tribal people cited into tribal court instead of state court. If that could be resolved, maybe the rest could follow.

As regards the latest agreement: my signature was NOT included. I did not participate in any negotiations. (If I had, the other parties would have known that sovereignty is not a negotiable.) In fact, the agreement was signed when I was out of town on personal business between regular commission meetings.

5. *What projects and programs*



would you support to benefit the reservation community? Programs to increase art and music awareness both on and off the reservation.

Bringing back Indian Horse Racing as an annual event to increase cultural awareness and promote much needed tourism dollars.

Create an RV Park and nice camp ground in Plummer to service the Trail of the Coeur D'Alene's and build on the growing cycle-tourism the Trail brings each year.

Street improvements, school crossing light and sidewalks to Plummer

Additional recreation programs for youth

A Woman's Resource and Art Center

Increased drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs

6. *Since you were appointed, what have you done to benefit your tribal constituents?* Since December, 2009, in addition to the regular meetings and commissioner duties, I have worked with Tribal Education department on increasing distance learning opportunities and professional/technical degree programs, with One Sky on Plummer community development, with the Plummer mayor on garbage/dumpster issues, with Tribal STOP VIOLENCE and SART on family violence and sexual abuse prevention, the Food Coalition to bring awareness of healthy eating habits to school, wellness center and community to

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The sales events are held at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds in Coeur d'Alene, which provides over 12,000 sq. ft. of floor space that can be transformed into a retail store-like setting. From well-organized racks that are divided by gender and size, to toys and equipment displayed by gender, brand and category, Just Between Friends of North Idaho (JBF North Idaho) has helped thousands of area families make and save on the items for their growing children.

Today's moms have more choices than ever before in regard to products and services for raising children. There are as many stroller models as cars on a lot, but the bulk of these cutting-edge items also have a very short "useful" lifetime with any child.

This common dilemma leaves parents with a wealth of gently-used, and some still new, clothing, baby equipment, toys and pretty much everything else that's not of a disposable nature.

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combat obesity and diabetes, and the Tensed road crew to improve all the county roads in our district

7. *How do you feel about tribal sovereignty?* Tribal sovereignty is established by treaty and federal law. It is understood by some outside the tribal community and misunderstood by many others. Basically, it is the issue of self-determination within reservation boundaries. The difficulty arises, in my opinion, from the fact that the reservation encompasses land that, while inside the boundaries, is not owned by tribal members, nor is it trusts lands. The other difficulty seems to be that misunderstandings do not seem

to prepare their kid-related merchandise for resale at the sales event. All of the clothing items will be inspected to ensure only quality items is placed on the sales floor. JBF North Idaho strives to provide only items that are current in style with no rips, tears or stains. All toys or equipment must be in working order with no missing parts. This commitment to quality is a windfall for the shoppers! Busy moms aren't wasting time looking through items that are unacceptable.

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The Fall/Winter 2010 JBF North Idaho sales event will be hosted on Saturday, October 23 from 9 am to 5 pm with a \$2 admission and Sunday, October 24 from 9 am to 2 pm. Sunday is Half Price Day with many items marked 50% off and is Free Admission!

The exclusive Pre-Sale Event is held on Friday, October 22 and is by invitation only. Those invited are volunteers, consignors, first time parents and teachers. You must be registered to receive an invitation. Check the website for details.

Please visit www.jbf sale.com for information and to sign-up on the JBF North Idaho's email mailing list for future sale announcements or contact Susan Moore at 208-699-0447.

to be resolved in a timely manner and therefore fester. Only building communication and trust can help heal these feelings.

8. *What are your thoughts on the tribe's efforts to regulate land, water and air on the reservation?* The idea of regulating land, air and water issues within the reservation seems relatively new. Part of it is practical - i.e. burning permits. Part of it is protective - i.e. Hangman Creek restoration of fish habitat (in which I have participated since the mid-90's on my own land). However, the lake issues are

~ Community Announcements ~

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AISA raise money for scholarship funds

Members of the American Indian Student Alliance (AISA) saw a need for additional scholarships for American Indian students at North Idaho College, so they rose to the challenge. The students spent the 2009-10 school year hosting various fundraisers, ranging from fry bread sales to an American Indian art silent auction, raising a total of \$2,000 to fund scholarships for American Indian students.

The students' current focus is to raise funds that will be matched through the American Indian Education Foundation (AIEF) challenge grant program. Through this new opportunity, AIEF will match funds raised by NIC in support of American Indian student scholarships between August of 2010 and February of 2011. Funds used in the match must be from donors who have not

given funds to NIC in support of native students before.

In order to help match the AIEF challenge grant, the Coeur d'Alene Casino Circling Raven Golf Club will host a golf tournament on Oct. 1, to raise funds in support of the Che'nshish Scholarship through the NIC Foundation. Ryan Carden, one of the tournament organizers and AISA member, suggested naming the scholarship and golf tournament Che'nshish, or "Given," which is a Coeur d'Alene tribal expression to assist, provide for, and give to others.

The four-person scramble will have a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The entry fee of \$100 includes golfing, golf cart, driving range, silent auction, and dinner. For event entry information, contact the Circling Raven Pro Shop at (800) 523-2464 ext. 7259. Non-golfers are invited to attend the dinner

at 6 p.m. and no host bar at 5:30. To purchase a \$20 dinner ticket, contact Evanlene Melting Tallow at (208) 769-3365. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

A silent auction will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. in the Stensgar Pavilion and will include items such as artwork by renowned American Indian artists (George Flett, DG House, Andrew Morrison, and others), getaway packages to Northern Quest Casino and Kootenai River Inn & Spa, event tickets for the Jacklin Arts and Cultural Center and much more.

Community support and participation is deeply appreciated. Proceeds benefit the Che'nshish Scholarship and will be used to match the AIEF Grant. To make a donation to the Che'nshish Scholarship, contact the NIC Foundation at (208) 769-5978.

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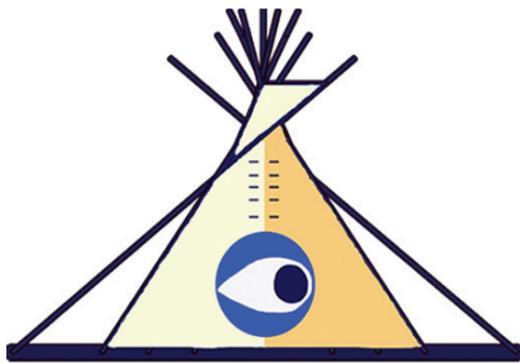
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Worley Community Block Watch now active



If you drive through Worley, you may notice these signs posted in the homes of Worley residents. These are from the ch'ats'qhnt'wish Block Watch Program to help identify the houses that are involved in the Block watch program. ch'ats'qhn t'wish is the Coeur d'Alene word for "We look out for each other" which seemed most fitting for the groups goals, to look out for one another and be mindful of their surroundings to help keep each other safe.

The block watch falls under the Rose Creek Neighborhood Association and will help in bringing a sense of community pride along with other committees to beautify and bring a sense of togetherness. If you live in the Worley area and are interested in being a part of this group or getting a window sign you will need to contact either Leslie Louie or Marcy Morris and fill out a contact card. You can reach Leslie at (208) 215-0615 and Marcy at (208) 818-8081

Police Grant

PLUMMER - The Coeur d'Alene Tribe received \$500,000 in federal funding to upgrade its police department's equipment and vehicles.

The Tribe will purchase a new boat, five new patrol cars, computers and other equipment with the U.S. Department of Justice grant.

"We're thrilled," said Coeur d'Alene Tribal Police Chief Keith Hutcheson. "This money will mean the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Police Department will have the latest tools and technology to protect the reservation community."

Currently, the tribe has two boats to patrol the lake and the new boat will be faster and have more maneuverability.

"We hope the new boat's capabilities will ultimately save lives," said Hutcheson. "On the water, seconds can mean the difference between a tragedy and a happy ending."

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe maintains a 14-person police department. All of the tribe's officers have been certified by Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training academy.



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Sales Reports show low turn over for Forestry Department

By Kurt Mettler

Market conditions for delivered logs remained fairly low over the summer but we did advertise several sales. The Tenthree salvage sale on Eagle peak failed to sell in August and a readvertisement with lower prices failed to sell again in early September. We still hope to find a buyer for this sale but price adjustments will probably need to be made again. We are currently advertising two allotment sales located in the Plummer area. The Chadalamalqwn sale is set for bidding on September 28 and the Sachri sale is set for bidding on October 6th. Anyone interested in bidding on either of these sales can contact the Forestry Department for further information.

For informational purposes, the road access into Moses Mountain from the west off of Fox road will be gated closed effective December 1st through May 31st. This is to reduce road damage during the wet season. The access roads from the north-Alder Creek and from the south – Indian Creek will remain open.

A reminder to firewood cutters. Tribal woodcutting permits only allow firewood cutting on Tribal lands. Allotments are off limits to cutting and any wood cut is subject to confiscation and trespass charges. Always be sure of the land ownership you are cutting from. If you need clarification or have a question on land ownership, contact the forestry department or land services. As always, please refrain from driving on dirt roads during wet weather while firewooding or hunting to reduce

road damages. Thanks.

Fuels Program

The 2010 Timber Agriculture Interface Fuel Break Project (TAIFBP) 3 in the DeSmet area's T337 near the DeSmet Pond has an estimated 98 acres of hazardous fuels reduction (HFR). They are currently working on an estimated 20 to 25 HFR acres. The TAIFBP 4 in the Little Butte area has begun and an estimated 30 acres of hazardous fuels reduction (HFR) has been worked on. This contract will be an estimated 247 HFR acres. The Cherry Creek Shaded Fuel Break Project has an estimated 56.5 HFR acres, and 4 miles of road brushing that have been accomplished at this time. The Windfall/Peedee Fire Access and Fuel Break have an estimated 24 HFR acres and 1.35 miles of road brushing accomplished at this time. The Contractor on this project defaulted and we will be reworking the units for advertisement next year.

The Eagle Road Clearing project is moving along pretty well and is over 50% complete. Brushing of the road up to the old lookout has been completed and a person can actually drive up to the old lookout with little difficulty. We hope local tribal members take advantage of this opportunity and visit their high elevation lands.

The fuels crew has completed over 85% of the project area on the old subagency (T1082) by thinning, hand piling, mechanically masticating slash and downed and dead fuels and biomass. They are currently working on A338, which they have an estimated 30 HFR acres completed. The Fuels Program would like to welcome our new hire Isaac Cawston as our new

supervisory fuels technician. We would also like to wish Josh Logan success as he is pursuing his educational endeavors. 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.

Forest Roads

It's getting cold and we are providing processed wood and a raw wood pile to be available for the community to come and cut their own wood for heat at home for a nominal fee to help offset the removal of slash materials from our tribal lands. Also we are taking in wood and yard waste to provide a service and an area for disposal and to prevent unwanted dumping of wood waste in areas not designated. The wood must be free of plastic or metal and open to inspection before dropped in the wood pile area designated in the gravel pit. Call George Torpey at 582-2517 / Email: gtorpey@cdatribe-nsn.gov

Forest Development

Thinning and pruning projects in the Windfall Pass TSI projects were advertised and bids opened on August 18. Six units will be treated to improve growth of the best trees and suppress white pine blister rust this fall. Three bidders submitted bids on all six units and a fourth bidder bid on only 3 units. One bidder (Worman Forest Management) submitted the lowest bids per acre for all six units and was awarded all the contracts. Eight units have been prepared for similar treatment in the Cherry Creek management unit. The advertisements will be mailed soon, with a bid opening toward the end of the month.

Although we hoped to find a good crop of western larch cones, this was another disappointing crop. The Moose Paddle Logging Unit on Cherry Creek has enough lodgepole pine cones however to supplement our seed supply for higher elevations.

Timber Sales

Two allotment timber sales, Chadalamalqwn Logging Unit and Sachri Logging Unit, were advertised recently in the Plummer area. If sold, these sales would be logged during the next year and completed by October of 2011. The M and M 2010 Permit was just finished recently, and the Lake Creek LWD Permit is active. Logs from this sale were purchased by the Tribal Fisheries Department and will be placed strategically at Lake Creek to improve fish habitat.

Cruising continues on new land purchased by the Tribe to allow preparation of forest management plans. The summer youth employed by the Forestry Department have returned to school. During the two sessions, they assisted with placement of shade cards by newly planted tree seedlings, timber cruising, white pine pruning, firewood bundling, stuffing and addressing envelopes for bulk mailings, and assorted other forestry projects.

The ground operations for the T331 Timber Sale are all complete and all logs have been hauled to the mills.

The ground operations for the Moose Paddle Timber Sale have started and logs are currently being hauled to the local mills. This sale is located on the Cherry Creek tribal block.

Fire

Fire Management is getting ready to implement some prescribed burning around the reservation. These areas include the Tensed Blocks on Moses Mountain, T-331 east of highway 95 south of DeSmet, Andrews Spring off of Farmington road by the old dump site, and the Ridge to Ridge burn on the ridge between Lovell Valley Road and Highway 60. These projects are dependent on weather so weather permitting we will start burning within the next couple weeks.

The benefits of prescribed burning, removes accumulated fuels and therefore reduces the risk of intense fires. Arson, human carelessness, and lightning will inevitably ignite fires on Trust lands within the Reservation. The rate of spread and damage caused by the resulting fires are directly related to fuel types and volumes. Fire intensity is much lower in grasses and small shrubs. Fuel reduction through prescribed burning will not necessarily decrease the number of fires on Trust lands, but will make those fires easier to control. Prescribed burning must be repeated at regular intervals to maintain the protective effect of reduced vegetative fuels. In the long growing seasons of the Northwest, it takes only four to five years for fuels to return to hazardous levels. So, our plan is to continue to reintroduce fire to the landscape but also to return every 4-5 years to reburn areas as appropriate.

One last note, our fire season is not quite over yet as historically September is our most active month for fire activity. So let's be careful when using fire and enjoy our outdoors.

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A look at 2010 Fall Youth Sports





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Merchandiser of the year Award

Tom Davidson, the PGA director of golf at Circling Raven Golf Club in Worley, Idaho, has been named the recipient of the 2010 PGA Merchandiser of the Year Award for Resort Facilities.

Davidson, 47, who was elected to PGA of America membership in 1992, is the first Pacific Northwest PGA Professional to be named a recipient of the PGA Merchandiser of the Year since the award was established in 1978 to recognize PGA Professionals who excelled as businesspersons/merchandisers in the promotion of golf.

"To be recognized on the Section level is quite an honor, but to be honored by our national PGA has taken what we have worked to accomplish here to a whole new level," said Davidson. "Our success starts at the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, where great leadership comes with support and commitment. I am very pleased for all members of our staff, our team. You got to have good people to be successful."



Davidson will be recognized at The PGA of America Awards, Jan. 27, 2011, during the 58th PGA Merchandise Show at the Orange County Convention Center's Linda W. Chapin Auditorium in Orlando, Fla. The program also will honor the following recipients:

Jim Mrva of Fairport, N.Y., - PGA Golf Professional of the Year

Todd Anderson of St. Simons Island, Ga. - PGA Teacher of the Year

John Kennedy Jr. of Rye, N.Y. - Horton Smith Award

Ann Finke of Colorado Springs, Colo. - PGA Junior Golf Leader Award

Nelson Long Jr. of Bedford, N.Y. - Bill Strausbaugh Award

Andrew Barbin of Elkton, Md. - PGA President's Plaque

PGA Merchandisers of the Year - Mark Mongell of Alpharetta, Ga. - Private Facilities

Dennis Johnsen of Grayslake, Ill. - Public Facilities

The PGA of America also will honor the recipients of two additional national awards, Nov. 6, at the 94th PGA Annual

Meeting at Copley Place in Boston.

Jim Estes of Germantown, Md. - The Patriot Award
The Metropolitan PGA Section - Herb Graffis Award

"Our 2010 national award winners reflect the best values and qualities of our Association," said PGA of America President Jim Remy. "Our recipients have made an impact among their Section peers, their respective communities and influenced others throughout the country. They have inspired both juniors and young professionals, which is a rite of passage in our profession. By their hard work, we are proud to declare that PGA Professionals are experts in the game and the business of golf."

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Page 2 Tom Davidson - 2010 PGA Merchandiser of the Year - Resort Facilities

Born in Logan, Utah, Davidson was introduced to the game of golf by his father, and began his golf career as a golf shop employee in 1974 at Smithfield (Utah) Municipal Golf Course. He attended Utah State University, graduating in 1988 and turning professional that year.

Davidson has been honored three years running as the Pacific Northwest PGA Merchandiser of the Year for Resort Facilities. He was a national finalist for the award in 2009.

Davidson's career path following college began as an assistant golf professional at Logan (Utah) Golf and Country Club until 1988, following a three-year term as assistant professional and assistant golf coach at the University of Wyoming Golf Club in Laramie. Davidson moved to West Ridge Golf Club in West Valley, Utah, as an assistant professional (1991-95), and was elected to PGA of America membership in 1992. Davidson earned his first PGA head professional position in 1995 at Eagle Mountain Golf Course in Brigham City, Utah.

Davidson was named head professional at Birch Creek Golf Club in Smithfield, Utah, in 1998, and spent four seasons in that position before being named general manager in 2003 at Coeur d'Alene (Idaho) Public Golf Club.

In 2008, Davidson arrived at Circling Raven Golf Club as PGA director of golf at his first resort 18-hole facility, where he also is responsible for golf course operations and director of golf course maintenance. Owned and operated by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, the resort and golf club are positioned on a reservation covering 345,000 acres of mountains, lakes, old-growth forest and farmland.

In challenging economic times, Davidson said his staff's

One parking lot opens as another one closes



The parking area west of the existing hotel front is closed for reconstruction. The area impacted will extend westward from the hotel to the newly completed parking area on the west side. It will include everything between the wetlands on the north side to

the new sunrise parking to the southwest. The time frame for this portion of the project is expected to cover most of September.

The new area will conform to and connect the traffic and parking plans for the overall expansion. Drainage and other underground

components will be completed, along with areas for the planting of larch trees.

With the expansion continuing on schedule, the new Conoco replaces the old Chevron "C-Store." The new store is fully operational with fuel, tobacco products, gaming machines and food items. In fact, the opening came about two weeks ahead of projections.

Construction crews have completed exterior portions of both new hotel wings. They now turn their full attention to interiors, which are also moving on schedule for the May, 2011 grand opening.

The Skycatcher walkway, stretching from the new hotel area to the old, will also be ready for full view in the near future. Throughout the expansion, moderate weather over winter, spring and summer has aided the project considerably, and most of what's left can be done this winter on the inside.

commitment to customer service has served as a bridge to stable operations. The adjoining casino resort makes Davidson's home facility the second largest employer in Idaho. The golf customers, who are serviced at a facility open seven months of the year, feature 60 percent from around the world.

"We do everything with the customer in mind," said Davidson. "Guests want to be served. Our staff's ability to differentiate us from the high-end golf facility separates us. We want to make the whole golf experience better for our customers."

Davidson and his wife, Pauline, live in Hayden Lake, Idaho, and are parents of three children: Lauren, 17, Spencer, 13 and Kamron, 10.

About The PGA of America

Since 1916, The PGA of America's mission has been twofold: to establish and elevate the standards of the profession and to grow interest and participation in the game of golf.

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Casino employee's clean Highway



Bingo manager Charlie Morris does his share as employees from the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel gathered to clear the roadway on Highway 58. The annual cleanup covers the two miles between the casino and the Washington state line. (Photo by Joni Hay)

The right of way along Idaho Highway 58 between the casino and the state line looks great now, thanks to 10 Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel employees who spent their morning recently clearing trash and other debris.

Those volunteering for the annual cleanup were Carol Zarate, Shamara Brown, Charlie Morris, Joni Hay, Rozi Taylor, Andy Schiley, Dean Kahler, Marie

DeWitt, Angela Saldana, Leland Flower and Keith Larson.

They filled a truckload of orange trash bags, working about two hours to get the job done. All were hosted for lunch following the effort.

The casino/resort provides volunteers for the cleanup each year, covering the area from the intersection of U.S. 95 to the Washington state line.

Mike Kinner, New I.T. Boss

Mike Kinner, a Bothell, Washington native and University of Idaho graduate, joined the staff here last week as manager of Information Technology, known to all as either I.T. or I.S. He will manage a staff of eight.

Interestingly, he was originally a zoologist.

Kinner was graduated from U of I with a bachelor's degree in zoology, then worked for two years for U of I Fisheries Resources. He was later with the Potlatch Corporation before starting a computer drafting business in 1993, his

introduction into the business and management of computer technology.

He was named I.T. Director for Latah County in 1993, a position he held for 8 1/2 years. For the past two years, he was an administrator for Washington State University's Server Infrastructure Support Team.

After 24 years as a Moscow resident, Mike now lives in Coeur d'Alene with his wife Cindy and girls Carla, 11, and Nicole, 8. He's a fitness fan and enjoys cycling.

Elizabeth Cook-Lynn to provide indigenous perspective on colonialism and post-colonialism

Written by Donna Emert

MOSCOW, Idaho – Crow Creek Sioux poet, novelist and scholar Elizabeth Cook-Lynn will provide an indigenous perspective on colonial and post-colonial ideology at the 10th Annual Distinguished American Indian Speaker Series on the University of Idaho campus, Oct. 7 and 8.

“Professor Cook-Lynn is an icon in the world of American Indian Studies and serves as vanguard for the indigenous perspective in the Western Hemisphere,” said Angelique EagleWoman, professor of law. “It is a tremendous honor to bring her back to the northwest, where she taught for many years and has influenced so many with her prolific writings shaping the field.”

Cook-Lynn will be featured at the Indigenous Peoples Day Event, Thursday, Oct. 7, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., presenting a talk entitled, “How To Liberate Indian Studies - Rewriting Colonial Ideology,” in the College of Law Menard Building Courtroom, 711 Rayburn St. (South of the intersection of Sixth and Rayburn streets) in Moscow.

She also will deliver the 10th American Indian Studies

Distinguished Speaker Keynote Address, “What About Post-Coloniality?,” on Friday, Oct. 8, from 10:30 to noon in the University Auditorium in the Administration Building, 851 Campus Dr. in Moscow. Both events are open to the public and free of charge.

Cook-Lynn is a renowned Native voice. Born at Fort Thompson on the Crow Creek Sioux Reservation in 1930, she was raised on the reservation. Her father and grandfather served many years on the Crow Creek Tribal Council and her grandmother worked as a bilingual writer for Christian newspapers. Her great-grandfather was a Native linguist, instrumental in developing early Dacotah Language dictionaries. Well-known figures in Sioux history, those family members also profoundly influenced her writing.

After working as a journalist and teaching at the high school level, she became a professor of Native American studies at Eastern Washington University in 1971 and was named a professor emerita in 1990.

Her first collection of poetry, “Then Badger Said This,” was published in 1983. Cook-Lynn has received numerous grants and awards, including the National Endowment

for the Humanities grant from Stanford University and a Northwest Institute for Advanced Studies grant. She is an editor, essayist, poet, novelist, scholar and co-founder of *Wicazo Sa Review* (“Red Pencil”), an academic journal devoted to the development of Native American studies as an academic discipline.

Cook-Lynn earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism and English from South Dakota State College, and a master’s degree in education, psychology and counseling from University of South Dakota. She has pursued graduate study at New Mexico State University, University of Nebraska and Stanford University. She has earned numerous awards, grants and honors.

Since her retirement, Cook-Lynn has served as a writer-in-residence at universities around the country. A more detailed biography is online: www.webpages.uidaho.edu/~rfrey/aistspeak.htm. The distinguished speaker series is made possible by the University of Idaho American Indian Studies Program, Native American Student Center, English Department and Native Law Program. The events are free and open to the public.

Review Reservation Tribal Hazards Mitigation

By William E. Schlosser, Ph.D.
Kamiak Ridge, LLC

Autumn has come to bring us more chilly nights, fast winds, and shorter daytime hours to do things that make a difference for us, for our children, and the communities we live in. A planning committee of Tribal Departments and neighboring agencies have been progressing with the work of identifying natural hazards for the Coeur d’Alene Reservation and discussing measures to mitigate their negative impacts on the life of the Reservation’s people, traditional way of life, the environment, and the economy.

During the previous year, readers of the Council Fires have read highlighted aspects of this work within several articles on public meetings, severe weather, floods, and landslides hazards. Public meetings were held in Plummer, DeSmet, St. Maries, and Worley to meet with people and discuss the information accumulated in the course of the project.

October finds us finalizing work on this Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan project. At this time we are offering it for public review starting on November 1st and lasting until the end of the month. Everyone on the Coeur d’Alene Reservation who would like to read the draft document is welcome to contact Lance

Mueller (lmuel@cdatribe-nsn.gov) 208-686-5702, at the Tribal Public Works Department to get an electronic copy. The PDF of the plan is available on the Tribe’s website at <http://www.cdatribe-nsn.gov/>.

It seems that everyone is very busy, and even “busier than busy”. However, it is a matter of just making time for things we consider a priority. Getting in touch with the current effort on hazard mitigation planning, spending some time reading the document and formulating a personal perspective of the accomplished work, might be what is important for you today. We offer for your consideration a document which might be fascinating to read, educational to contemplate, and definitely in need of your comments and edits.

This document shares perceptions of the environment, the people, and how they lived here in the past, and now in the present. As the authors of this planning effort, we found very good people to work with, and to learn from. We have come to know much of the history of this land and the culture of the Schitsu’umsh people. Now we want to share with you perceptions about the story of this beautiful part of the Upper Columbia Plateau, and how to better take care of this land and your home, if a natural disaster should strike.

Floodplain Analysis of the Coeur d’Alene Reservation

By William E. Schlosser, Ph.D.
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The Upper Columbia Plateau is home to people who have lived here since time immemorial. The Schitsu’umsh have always been a part of this region, and will always be. Over the times since long, long ago, rains have fallen to replenish the land with life-giving waters. Sometimes, these rains have fallen in great downbursts, and at other times these rains have fallen with warm weather fronts on a deep snowpack. These rain-on-snow events quickly translate into raging rivers that combine the rainfall with melting snow. When these events happen, waters leave the rivers where they are expected to stay, and cause flooding of the areas adjacent to the rivers. Sometimes, flooding even takes the shape of surface waters that cannot seem to make it quickly to the rivers. We call these waters “storm-water” events, while water that leaves the river is generally called “flood waters”. The result of either type of flooding brings the potential for damage to roads, road and stream crossings, structures, the environment, and people caught in the path of the waters. Deep waters created during high-water events are a common occurrence all across the Coeur d’Alene Reservation. The St. Joe River sees ice-jam flooding about once every two to four years.

St. Maries River and Benewah Creek and all of their tributaries witness elevated water levels and increased stream velocity almost every year. Rock Creek, from Worley to the western edge of the Reservation, has seen high-water events just as frequently as the rest of the region. Even in Plummer, where Plummer Creek provides a quick and efficient drainage of stream waters, the occurrence of storm water accumulation around homes, businesses, and the Tribal Wellness Center is seen. These storm-water accumulations are generally seen when there is a deep snowpack created between November and February, followed by a warm-front weather system rolling up the Columbia River and bringing rains that drop on the snowpack in January or February. The result is the accumulation of surface waters that struggle to make it to Plummer Creek and ultimately Coeur d’Alene Lake. The Tribal Wellness Center is often in the path of these seasonal storm-water events.

Another large watershed system of the Coeur d’Alene Reservation is the Hangman Creek Watershed. This watershed drains much of the southern reaches of the Coeur d’Alene Reservation, past DeSmet and Tensed, and the western edge of the Coeur d’Alene Reservation. This watershed has been developed and modified substantially over the past hundred-fifty years, especially in terms of agriculture, forestry

practices, and transportation. Highway US95 traverses this watershed in common with several surface streets. The two population centers of DeSmet and Tensed are joined by several scattered home sites across this area.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has completed a partial floodplain analysis of the Coeur d’Alene Reservation. All of the analyses FEMA has completed concentrated on the lands within the Incorporated Cities and the lands held in Tribal Trust status. This left all of the fee-simple lands, allotment lands, and tribally owned, but not in Trust status lands, without a floodplain analysis.

In December 2009, the Coeur d’Alene Tribe launched an effort to create a FEMA-compatible Tribal Hazards Mitigation Plan. When completed, this plan will be approved by FEMA and adopted by the Tribal Council. The completion of this planning effort will enable the Coeur d’Alene Tribe to apply for, and be awarded, pre-disaster mitigation grants from FEMA to reduce the negative impacts of future natural disasters. This planning effort also provides the Tribal Departments with the tools needed to make better decisions about where to locate future structures, where roads can be safely placed, and what types of modifications can be made to structures and

roads already in place to reduce their exposure to these negative events.

The Coeur d’Alene Tribe entered a contract with Kamiak Ridge, LLC, to work with Tribal Departments in the development of this effort. Kamiak Ridge completed an assessment of the floodplains and storm-water accumulation areas for all of the Coeur d’Alene Reservation. This analysis does not replace the FEMA-determined floodplain analysis nor does it qualify residents for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. This analysis can be used by residents and planners to consider floodplain-related decisions such as structure modification, and the impacts of roads within the floodplain.

The floodplain analysis of the Hangman Creek watershed provides insights about the movement of surface water through this system. The first revelation concerns roads. Highway US95 crosses Hangman Creek east of DeSmet. While most of the year the crossing functions normally, during high-water events the river is constrained by the floodplain’s narrowing at the bridge crossing and the limited height of the bottom of the bridge. Debris hanging in the streamside bushes upstream of the bridge reveals that high water frequently reaches the bottom height of the bridge. This constriction causes sediment in the river to be dropped upstream

of the bridge where waters are pooled, while the water that passes under the bridge is released to flow at higher velocity leading to a cutting into the valley floor downstream. When the natural meander of a stream is reduced, it becomes “incised” downstream of the river constriction. When streams are allowed to naturally move across their floodplain, they meander widely within the natural stream bottom.

Further downstream of DeSmet, another crossing of Hangman Creek is present at a local access road to Andrews Spring Creek intersecting Hangman Creek Road east of Tyler Road. This bridge crossing’s height over the river is substantially higher than the crossing of Highway US95, but the confinement of the stream (narrowing of the stream’s width) has substantially altered the functioning of the floodplain. Immediately upstream of this constriction, Hangman Creek’s floodplain widens substantially. During high-water events the stream water gets backed up, with sediment dropped, and downstream of the bridge crossing, it flows faster allowing the river’s waters to cut deeper into the floodplain.

The Old Mills road crossing of Hangman Creek (between the previous site and DeSmet) poses similar problems for the management of Hangman Creek.

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Koelbel excels at swim meets



Julia Alberta Koelbel, age 16, daughter of Steve and Jackie Koelbel, competed in the 2010 Age Group Synchronized Swimming Championships in Tonawanda, New York, where the Tallahassee Serinas placed tenth in the nation. (Photo courtesy of John M. Migliore, MIGZ Photography Studio and Gallery)

Win emergency supplies with Preparedness Month

Hayden – Panhandle Health District PHD) is giving away a three-day Emergency Backpack with supplies for two people during National Preparedness Month in September.

The giveaway is part of a month-long emphasis to raise the public's awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies. Being prepared includes having emergency supplies for a minimum of three days and an emergency stockpile of food, water and medications.

PHD has distributed to government offices and libraries throughout the five northern counties flyers with lists of supplies good to stock for emergencies. The lists and more information on disaster preparedness are also available at the PHD website, www.phd1.idaho.gov.

idaho.gov.

The emergency backpack PHD will give away on Oct. 1 is the top prize in a preparedness contest. Contest participants will complete a preparedness crossword puzzle and submit a photo of their emergency stockpile to earn a ticket in the Oct. 1 drawing for the backpack. PHD also will give away three mini-emergency supply bags.

The emergency backpack includes a first-aid kit, rain ponchos, survival blankets, 12-hour nightsticks, dust masks and more. The mini-emergency bags include a small flashlight, whistle, granola bar, measuring tape and more.

Contest details and the Preparedness crossword puzzle can be found at <http://www.phd1.idaho.gov/publichealth/npmcontest.cfm>.

In Passing: Catarina Sepulveda



I've come today to pay our last respects to Catarina "Cathy" Sepulveda. She knew she was dying in Ukiah, California and asked her mother to bring her home. So Germaine, Mina, and Kevin Garcia drove down and brought her home

on a mattress of blankets with her oxygen tank in a van, so she could die at home with her mother and family.

Cathy comes from a long line of prominent Coeur d'Alene's in the Bonamache family. Her great-great

Big Bingo Winners cruise away with winnings



By Leslie Morris

On September 5th we chose the two winners for the 22nd Annual World Championship Bingo Tournament & Gaming Cruise to the Caribbean. The kickoff started in June where we offered a special game called Cruise Crazy. The winner(s) of the game played during each bingo session won a cash prize of \$250.00 & their picture was

put on a cruise ship game board. Each winner was entered in to the drawing barrel.

The winners are Tess Vens & Jackie Boll & they will depart with their guest on 10.31.10 aboard the Carnival Valor. While hopping from Miami to Grand Cayman to Isla Roatan, from Belize to Cozumel & back to Miami they will compete in the



\$80,000 Bingo Tournament, a Texas Hold'em Tournament, a \$15,000 Slot Tournament & a Blackjack Tournament. The cruise is sponsored by the Bingo Bugle with \$100,000 guaranteed payouts.

Team Bingo had so much fun with this special game that chances are we will be promoting this cruise again next year.

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By Raymond Brinkmon

Consider the following list of English words: tract, tractor, contractor, contraction, contractual, detract, distract, distracted, attract, attractive, attraction, unattractive, intractable, traction. Even without a high school class in vocabulary building, most of us wouldn't be surprised to learn that Latin and Middle English, sometime in the past, lent us a common root that meant 'draw or pull,' that led over time to multiple words, a sample of them above.

We speak about Coeur d'Alene vocabulary in similar terms. There is a finite number of verb roots, or stems, from which most of what we want to say can be derived. What we know about those stems is limited to what was

collected from native speakers of Coeur d'Alene by the mid 1930s, but we can sometimes supplement them today by looking to the neighboring, related languages, those Salish languages that share a common ancestor with us. Much as we look to the historical influences on English (among them Germanic and Celtic languages, Anglo-Norman, Latin and Greek) to interpret the meaning of words, we analyze Coeur d'Alene and other Salish language terms by their verb stems and constituent prefixes and suffixes.

The language allows us to pile up the prefixes and suffixes. (Compare to English unattractiveness, as above.) As in English, some of those affixes inflect verb stems with 'time' (compare English attract-ed), or

'possession' (compare contractor's), but many in Coeur d'Alene help us derive new words. From k'u'l, the verb stem 'to make, or do,' we get sk'u'l'l ('tool'), syek'u'lm ('artisan'), tk'u'l'ln ('birthday'), hnk'u'lemn ('convention, way of doing things'), k'u'ltntsut ('to make dinner'), snukwk'u'l'l ('spouse'), and the ultimate Maker, the Creator k'u'Intsutn.

That is, in a limited sense it's sometimes possible to understand or communicate ideas locally or even between reservations with a limited vocabulary. But the richness in the languages runs subtle and deep.

The expression refers to the sunrise, especially as it "pokes (its head) over the horizon, again." In this case it suggests a future event, the return of the language.

grandfather was a prominent Coeur d'Alene leader at the time of the Steptoe War. He later trained an elk that he harnessed to his buggy to drive around in the old days at DeSmet.

Cathy's great grandmother was Maggie Vallee, descended from Chief Louis Wildshoe, head of the Upper Spokane's who settled with the Coeur d'Alene's in Worley.

John Bonamache and Maggie Vallee had three daughters: Gladys who married David LaSarte, Evelyn who married Isaac SiJohn and Geneva Cathy's grandmother who first married Ray Lowley and later Tom Lozeau. So we welcome Cathy home again to join her many relatives buried in our cemetery here.

Geneva Bonamache and Ray Lowley had two daughters: Arlee and Germaine. Then Geneva had two sons by Tom Lozeau: Eddie and Ron.

Cathy's mother was first married to Turk Wilson of the Coeur d'Alene tribe and they lived in Moses Lake where Cathy's oldest brothers and sisters were born: Vincent, Clifford

and Theresa, Annette and Nancy. When Germaine and Turk split up Cathy's mother moved to Othello and married Raymundo Sepulveda. There they raised Stephanie, Mina, Cathy and Ray where Cathy and her brothers and sisters all started school. Cathy liked music and she played the clarinet in the grade school band in Othello. When Cathy was in the 6th grade, new tribal housing became available and Germaine moved her family back to Worley. Cathy went to school in Worley until her folks separated and eventually she, her sister and brother moved to Glendale, Arizona to live with their dad. At this time Cathy's sister Stephanie was an exchange student in England.

Cathy moved up here from California with Tom Hubbard. Cathy had her first child, Michael, when she returned to Worley. Cathy and her mother both worked together as nurse's aides at the Good Samaritan Rest Home in Fairfield, Washington. She and Tom had a son Clifford and then she became pregnant with twins: Stephen and Alicia. But in the meantime,

Clifford's dad shook him up really bad and caused brain damage that left him blind. He currently stays in a specialized home in Post Falls.

The damage and problems with her little son Clifford upset Cathy so much that she just couldn't handle life very well afterwards. She returned to California with her dad and brought her twins and Michael.

After that Cathy's life kind of fell apart and eventually her health began to fail in 1994. About a year ago her health problems became serious and eventually she called her mother Germaine to come and get her to take her home to die.

So we come to pray with her and for her as she completes her earthly journey and comes back to her God. We ask blessings for her on her journey and blessings for her family who have to bid her farewell.

Cathy is preceded in death by two brother's Vincent and Clifford Wilson and one sister Annette Wilson.

So may Catarina "Cathy" Sepulveda Rest in Peace! Amen!



Red Thunder : Letter of appreciation

To Whom It May Concern:
My name is Marcus Red Thunder, I have worked with the Coeur d' Alene people on many activities with the Native Wellness Center, conducting wellness workshops.
Our family had a terrible loss last week. My big brother was hit by a truck and killed while he was out biking in Spokane on Sunday, August 15, 2010. He was survived by six children. My brother was a proud descendent of a little known band of American Indians, originally from the Great Lakes. Our Ojibwa ancestors were forced west out of our land and eventually ended up in Montana as landless Indians.
I'm writing this letter in appreciation and thanks to the

good people of Coeur d' Alene that really helped our family in our time of lose and need.
Thank you, to LoVina Louie & Leslie Louie for guiding me in the right direction. Jeanie Louie, you are an angle! Also thank you to Mr. Ernie Stensgar. Thanks to both of you for your kind contribution of the casket. Thank you Henrietta Brown & Philomena Nomee for calling around and getting it all ok'd. I will be in contact with you soon about replacing the one you were so kind in giving. I know that you are not asking for it to be replaced. It would be an honor for me to make one (as I am a woodworker) and give it to the tribe as an honoring to my Brother Frankie Red Thunder.
A Huge thanks to LaDonna Stensgar for showing me were to

go and not leaving me in the dark. May the Lord continue to bless you, and your family.
Rachel, Chy & LaDonna thank you for your show of support. It meant so much to me to see all of you at my brother's service. You are blessed!
Thank you Father Conley. Your prayers and words were a blessing. Please accept a "proxy" blessing from my big brother Gary. Hope to visit with you soon.
The Indian way of helping one another is still alive in your community. I am both honored and humbled by your generosity.
Thank you! You are all great people!

Marcus Red Thunder & Family of Frankie Red Thunder

Saxon: Sadsness and appreciation



The loss of Carl "Quick" Saxon, husband~brother~Uncle and "Grandpa" was felt by our whold communities: Colville and Coeur d'Alene Reservations.
No word's can express our deep gratitude for everyone who showed kindness, good word's and much prayer's and the donations of food and money for our home and at the hospital.
In April when Carl first showed signs of an illness, we did not think it would turn out this bad. We did not really learn how bad things were until late June when Dr. Castrodale told us it was big blow for everyone because Carl hardly ever was sick.
Carl was so happy to have all the visitors from n ear and far that came and visited or had prayers'. This all kept him going.
Many "thanks" to our family of the Nez Perce Longhouse for being with us from the start, coming to our home and the hospital with their song's and strong prayers. Special "Thank You's to Albert Redstar and our nephew Jewie Davis for opening

each day and closing each day with a song and prayer for Carl to help him.
Carl took up a drum, which he always thanked "Bill T" for. It took him sometime to get a song, but he loved our religion and had a lot of respect for the Longhouse and member's, he was always willing to help out with his drum and song's.
Jeannie and Deb, we love you and appreciate everything your family done here for us from day one. Jeannie your big brother loved you very much and he respected you and Deb both!
Also, to Larry and Pat our big "Thank you" for coming into our home and helping us take care of your brother-he really liked having you near. Angela and Annessa got to know and love you.
No matter how much Carl prepared us for his leaving-this is so hard for us-he kept telling me "life goes on and you have to be here to take care of our children". I'm doing my best.
Next week would be our 44th Anniversary-and Carl left us all sad on his 72nd Birthday! So we will never forget him!
Again, much thanks and our deep prayer's for everyone near and far.

*Sincere wishes,
Darlene Saxon, Angela Mae and Annessa June, Jewie, Willie, and Tah-wy-ah, Shelly, Kenny, Kyle and Kyona*

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Structures such as homes and businesses located within the floodplain can alter the normal functioning of the stream during high-water events. However, the negative impact caused by roads with narrow and low-relief bridges and culverts can be more significant.
Floodplain restoration that the Coeur d'Alene Tribe has been conducting aims at reconsidering past farming practices. Several sites within the Hangman Creek Watershed have previously been functionally modified which

called for placing tiles under surface. This practice allowed locations that used to be wetlands to become productive farmlands. However, when wetlands are converted to farmlands, the stream water previously detained in the wetlands is "flushed" downstream where flood impacts may be more severe. To mitigate this negative impact, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe has been acquiring lands where these tiles were placed, to remove the tiles, and return the sites to original wetland status. This improvement to the Hangman Creek Watershed is viewed as substantial and positive.

Several discussions about the floodplain analysis completed for this planning effort leading to the completed Coeur d'Alene Reservation Tribal Hazards Mitigation Plan are presented for Public Review during the month of November. Anyone on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation who would like to read the draft document is welcome to contact Lance Mueller (lmueller@cdatribe-nsn.gov) 208-686-5702, at the Tribal Public Works Department to get an electronic copy. The PDF of the plan is available on the Tribe's website at <http://www.cdatribe-nsn.gov/>.

Emementary School update

On September 7th the doors opened and the school year began for students attending Lakeside Elementary in Plummer.
When 2009-2010 school year came to an end so did the Worley's Lakeside Elementary building itself.
In September of this year, in Worley, there was no teacher in-service, no students entering the school building, no meals being prepared, and no open house. All of these activities are now at Lakeside Elementary in Plummer.
The Worley school doors are locked. Never to be opened for school academics. The School building itself was unsafe. The school was closed after Division of Building Safety Administrator Kelly Pearce declared that the failing trusses in the school's gymnasium roof were a safety hazard to students. The students who would have returned to Worley are either bussed, transported by parents to Plummer, or parents opt to send their child to another school of their choice.
When asked, how does the kid's feel about the school transition?

Superintendent Judi Sharrett stated, "The students are grateful and are comfortable, and with no moldy smell, the teachers feel better" commented, Superintendent Judi Sharrett. Vicki McMaster sixth grade Math/History teacher agrees, "It went smooth, absolutely". "The right fear - no fear, the teachers/staff had a smooth transition", said Principal Monique English.
The new 44,000 square foot building along with classrooms and a cafeteria, the school will also have a library, computer lab, music stage, gymnasium, multi-purpose room, and administrative offices. "I think the teachers are as well as I am excited for their future. The staff is amazing. They are very hard workers. They are here for the successes of the students and to meet their needs" exclaimed English. This is Monique's first year at Lakeside.
The teachers are very excited about the new [elementary] building that will be completed in the fall of 2012 voiced Sharrett.
For more information on Plummer/Worley Lakeside Schools, go to www.pwsd44.com

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contentious because they seem to those outside the tribe as taking away privileges from those who previously enjoyed them without any tribal involvement. So, for some, it is a major adjustment and not without disagreement. Possibly better communication

and awareness programs would be helpful and possibly only time and generational change will be needed for these to find acceptance.
EVERY VOTE COUNTS IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION! I ask you for your VOTE to continue to serve all members of our community as your Commissioner. Thank You.

USDA announces child and adult food program guidelines

Today the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Early Childhood Learning Center announced its sponsorship of the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals will be made available to enrolled children at no separate charge "in accordance with Federal law and the U. S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Persons who believe they have been denied equal opportunity for participation may write to the USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call Toll-free: (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY)." Household income determines the amount of money USDA will reimburse us to provide meals to enrolled children and in the case of Head Start programs, the siblings of enrolled children. The income eligibility guidelines listed below are used to determine our reimbursement from USDA. Children from households whose monthly income is at or below these levels are eligible to be counted for free and reduced-price meal reimbursements.

Child and Adult Care Food Program Income Eligibility Guidelines Effective from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

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Effective Dates July 1,2010 to June 30, 2011			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	20,036	1,670	386
2	26,955	2,247	519
3	33,874	2,823	652
4	40,793	3,400	785
5	47,712	3,976	918
6	54,631	4,553	1,051
7	61,550	5,130	1,184
8	68,469	5,706	1,317
Each additional person:	+6,919	+577	+134

~Cradleboard News~ khwa gugwaqhti'lt



Ashlynn Nerissa Fanning was born July 7, 2010 at Deaconess Medical Center in Spokane, Washington to DeeJai Revais and Donald "Don-Don" Fanning. At birth Ashlynn weighed 7 pounds and was 19 inches long. Maternal grandparents: Tina Revais of Worley, Leland "Dusty" Seyler of DeSmet, Idaho, great grandparents; Gerry and Ken Sherwood of Worley, Idaho. Paternal grandparents: Donald and Barb Sczenski of Worley, Idaho and great grandparent, Adeline Fanning of Plummer, Idaho. Other siblings include; Amanda age 16, Aris Fanning age 6, Daiyah Revais age 7, Natosha Flett age 5, and Donnie Flett Jr. age 3. The family resides in Plummer, Idaho



Constance Abella Havier was born on May 3, 2010 at Deaconess Medical Center in Spokane, Washington to Miranda Havier and Ray Miramontez. At birth Constance weighed 6 pounds 6 ounces and was 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are; Joenne Zepeda of Plummer, Idaho, the late Larry Havier and the late Abel Zepeda, maternal great-grandparents; the late Lucy and Don George, paternal grandparents; Adrianna Miramontez of Plummer and the late John Miramontez, paternal great-grandparents; the late Clara and Fred Sherwood. Constance sister's are; Lilly age 14, Tiana age 12, Kina age 11, Alberta age 2, and Joenne age 1. The family lives in Plummer. Other family members are; the Lowley family and Tina Frank.

Apprenticeship for Sonder-Brown at Benewah Market

By: Kathy Albin

On August 12th, Coeur d'Alene Tribal Member Adrian Sonder-Brown signed off on the first ever formal Apprenticeship developed for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Department of Education's Native American Career and Technical Education Program for the occupation of Meat-Cutter. Kathy Albin, the NACTEP Grant Manager, began receiving calls back in March from Justin Marsh, the Department of Education's High School Coordinator, who wanted to know if there were funds available through NACTEP that might allow Adrian to gain some training in meat-cutting, a passion he has had for quite some time.

Contact was made with Marlene Sproul, the Manager for the Benewah Market/Hardware, and the Meat Department Manager Fred Fazakerley, to see if they

would be interested in helping train Adrian for this occupation. They were both excited and eager at the possibility. Many phone conversations and e-mail correspondence then began with the Idaho State Department of Labor and the NACTEP office. Then, in early August, a formal Meat-Cutter Apprenticeship Agreement was created for Adrian!

The Idaho State Department of Labor provided Apprenticeship Standards that will grant Adrian National Certification by the United States Department of Labor and the Office of Apprenticeship upon his completion.

Adrian is required to complete a total of 4,000 work process hours in the areas of preparation, rough cutting, bench work, advanced cutting, custom cutting, as well as profit structures and cost cutting methods. In addition to the work experience hours, Adrian must

also complete 144 hours of related instruction. He will go on tours of meat processing plants and take courses through North Idaho College as part of the required training.

Adrian's entire family is supportive and excited about the opportunities that the Apprenticeship will provide. When you are in the Benewah Market, take a minute to stop by and congratulate Adrian for taking the first steps in becoming part of the Tribe's first formal Meat-Cutting Apprenticeship.

After working with the State Department of Labor, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Department of Education now has the working knowledge and skills required to put together future apprenticeship opportunities within our community. Please contact Kathy Albin at 686-0604 to find out what possibilities might be available for you.

Tribal Member Gives Back



Some may know her as Frannie, others Frances, and for many children the candy lady but for the people at the Tribal Courts they will always know her and the person that helped make their building a little brighter. As an act of kindness this amazing Tribal Elder wanted to give back to the community and dedicated her time and talents to give the Tribal Courts sign a face lift. With the assistance of Caj Matheson they were able to complete the project within a few weeks.

Courtesy photo



Happy 5th Birthday Amya Sines Love Mommy, Hamski & Alexa

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extra man to help out." So, at 81, it may not be total retirement.

"His longevity, fortitude and sense of humor, all of that is like an icon for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and other Salish speaking tribes in our area," Louie said. "He's been someone who was here for everyone and everyone relied upon him for spiritual guidance. He's going to be sorely missed by everyone."

Grand Prize for Dancers



The Shooting Star Dancers won the Grand Prize at Paul Bunyan Days' parade over Labor Day weekend.

The dance team received warm cheers and applause from the hundreds of people lining the streets of St. Maries.

"We were very well received," said Heidi Twotweeth, a parent organizer. "It was a lot of fun." St. Maries Mayor Tami Holdahl thanked the dancers for coming to the parade and hoped it would be annual appearance.

"I am very proud of them,

first for coming to St. Maries and second for taking Grand Champions of the whole parade," said Holdahl. "They definitely deserved the award. The Coeur d'Alene Tribe can be very proud of them."

Holdahl added that she received positive feedback from the community, noting they hoped the dancers would return.

The Shooting Star Dancers are very popular and have made numerous appearances on behalf of the tribe - including the Idaho Legislature.