



Five Tribes of Idaho Summit yields concerns over budget, meeting with Governor requested



Leaders of Idaho's Five Federally recognized Tribes gathered in Boise in November for the Annual Five Tribes of Idaho Summit.

By **ROSELYNN WAHTOMY**
Sho-Ban News

State legislators and lobbyist attended the Five Tribes of Idaho Annual Summit on Monday, November 7 with the intent of getting information to the decision makers of each tribe.

Those representing the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes at the non-formal meeting were Fort Hall Business Council Chairman Nathan Small, Public Affairs Manager Randy L Teton, Tax Department Revenue Director Delbert Farmer, Energy Resource Program Manager Monica DelValle, Chief of Police Patrick Teton and Shoshone-Bannock lobbyist McKinsey Miller.

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe sponsored this year's summit and in welcoming fashion Chairman Chief J. Allan greeted the audience and said he looked forward to working with each of the sister tribes.

House Majority Leader Representative Mike Moyle discussed the focus of the 2012 legislature.

Concerning the budget, one-time money was given to help to fill the budget last year however this year they are still \$10 million under current projections. Funding will continue to lack in education. Medicaid should see an increase in enrollment due to the economy further impacting the state budget. Healthcare reform is also seen to increase enrollment. Ethical issues concerning legislators for

personal conduct and per-diem amounts will also be brought up. Redistricting will also be an issue considering a foreseeable amount of lawsuits on the way some counties are split up.

Moyle said there was an issue concerning the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and septic system, however, he didn't have much more information about the specifics.

The tobacco tax will also come up again as the coalition supporting the state wide tax is still active on it. Moyle said the bill that included tribal sales of tobacco would also be a part of that.

Moyle suggested the tribes' work together to come up with their own compromise with the state.

Lobbyist representing the various tribes gave an update on their perspective of the 2012 legislature.

Miller said the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes would work to build relationships and continue to work on sovereign rights.

Other concerns brought up from tribal lobbyist were redistricting and how health care reform will be impacted. In regards to the tobacco tax the tribes are prepared to promote opposition to the bill if need be.

Idaho U.S. Attorney Wendy Olson talked about Federal deputation and CVB update. The law enforcement commission enforces federal law within the boundaries of the reservation

and sends it to federal courts. Olson has so far worked with the Shoshone-Bannock and Coeur d'Alene tribes. To implement a Central Violations Bureau (CVB) docket in the future, Olson said will allow misdemeanors to be prosecuted with Federal enclaves. This would require cross-deputizing officers to also be trained by U.S. Attorneys Office. Overall the goal of CVB would be people who break the law are not able to avoid paying for their crimes if on the reservation and are not tribal members.

Small inquired about the Violence Against Women Act and wanted to know if the Tribes could get training to encourage women to report the crimes. Olson said there is training available.

Russ Westerburg brought forth an update on Gaming and the Green Group Legislation, which he said had no intentions of pursuing casino games.

Darren Williams brought up the discussion of the Indian Affairs Commissioner Letter to the Governor and felt it is something that should be revisited again. The letter outlines a suggestion to the Governor to hire a Special Assistant for Indian Affairs for Idaho to better strengthen the government-to-government relationship.

Many tribal leaders spoke up, including Chairman Small, expressing their frustration over the lack of meetings and communication with Governor Otter. Small suggested issuing a

joint statement to the governor in requesting a meeting. In the mean time the Tribes also discussed strategy and what concerns they would bring to the governor.

Bill Roden gave a cigarette tax update. He also suggested the tribes figure out their own solution but ask for something that would not exactly mirror the fuel tax. Rhoden said the tobacco tax should not be gone through with, as it is a sovereignty issue.

In an earlier statement Chairman Small asked why is the state infringing upon our sovereign rights to control commerce as taxing that money would only mean less services to the people and not just tribal members but all residents on the reservation

Eric Van Orden presented on Property Tax MOU's or legislation and saw the issue as unfair to tribes.

"It's taken hundreds of years for tribes to take back lands that were stolen from them," adding now they want them to continue paying for them. He continued, hopefully some legislators can see that and right some of the wrongs done to the tribes and will make sure the Department of Interior takes more land into trust.

Chairman Small we have a lot of residents that don't see the right in giving money to the county when the Tribes provide all their services. He commented it would be good to get their support in getting counties to work with tribes.

For the ten-year anniversary of Proposition One, Helo Hancock brought up that it seems like the benefits of gaming are always

under attack. In response to this it was suggested the Tribes come up with an idea of some type of statewide media effort to celebrate it with the premise that tribes have fulfilled their promises.

The tribes create a significant economic impact to the state and are a top ten employer. It was asked how much would this cost? Hancock said it could be fairly significant depending on how big it is.

Concerning the New Legislative Districts under L87, Bill Roden said Idaho is a republican state and with the redistricting it is making it stay a republican state. Again, he foresaw reason for potential lawsuits on redistricting plans.

In closing, Fawn Sharp, ATNI president, was announced as the representative of the northwest in Washington D.C. during the meeting with President Obama in December.

The priorities the tribes wanted to take to the White House included APRA taxing personal property of homes on trust land, water litigation, roads and sovereignty and respect of it.

Chairman Small suggested including the poor relationship with EPA region 10 in regards to the superfund site. He mentioned the Tribes did get support of NCAI to support that issue.

The other concern he identified was mining and the 1872 mining law, which Small said has proven to trump the treaty and something needs to be done about it.

"They are terrorizing all of our land," he said. He suggested the full review of that entire law.

Feds reconsider online gambling ban, Cd'A Tribe concerned

By **ALECIA WARREN, Cda Press**

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe is wary as Congress reconsiders the federal ban on online gambling, which the Tribe fears could threaten its casino revenue that fuels much of its government operations.

"It's something that we believe really jeopardizes our livelihood here," said Helo Hancock, tribal spokesperson.

The Tribe isn't opposed to the idea of allowing Internet gambling operations, which the federal government banned in 2006 and is now rethinking as a possible means to bring in more revenue.

But current bills in the House, like others proposed in years past, Hancock said, include provisions that could threaten tribal income.

"They don't seem to accomplish what would respect the Tribe's sovereignty, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and the current regulations that are in place," he

said.

Specifically, the Tribe is worried by a measure that would tax revenue on all online gaming, without exceptions for tribes.

Currently, tribes' gaming revenue isn't taxed by the federal government, under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

"That's because their function is tribal government, and revenue is used to fund myriad projects and departments," Hancock said.

Like the Coeur d'Alene Lake Management Plan, he said, that "benefits everybody."

So taxing gambling revenue would deprive the Tribe of a portion of income it relies heavily upon, Hancock said.

It could also mean the loss of some of the 2,000 jobs between the Coeur d'Alene Casino in Worley and the tribal government, he said.

"Right now, these bills are set up with the commercial gaming

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Benewah Medical Center makes changes to appointment, refill lines; ease is the key

By Gary Leva,
CEO Benewah Medical Center

During the past couple of months BM/WC has announced several important changes that we expect will streamline your ability to make medical and dental appointments. We want to remind you that you DO NOT NEED TO CALL IN THE NIGHT BEFORE TO MAKE MEDICAL OR DENTAL APPOINTMENTS! We have enough appointment slots available to schedule 30 days out. Thus far the system has worked very well in accessing care. Please let us know if you have any difficulty in being seen by your primary care, dental or counseling services provider. Remember, you may be seen in the urgent care clinic Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:30 without an appointment,

for minor illnesses at times when you can't see your own provider.

In recent issues of Council Fires we announced we were working on an automated pharmacy prescription refill line. We are pleased to report that EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY this system is now functional. Here are the simple, easy to use instructions:

Simply have your newest refillable prescription bottle(s) available before calling.

Dial the pharmacy telephone number: 208-686-1007

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Press 1 to Refill a Prescription

Press 3 to hear Pharmacy Hours

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Enter the (7-digit) prescription number on the prescription label (lower left corner of the label)

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out. At any time you may contact the pharmacy directly if you have questions. If the pharmacy is closed, you may leave a message for the staff to return your call when they open again. We appreciate your patience as this new system is implemented.

An additional service under our pharmacy is the 'Prescription Assistance Program' (PAP) which assists those on a limited income. This service searches for Prescription Assistance Programs, sponsored by pharmaceutical manufacturers and others to assist patients who otherwise are unable to afford their prescription medications. These programs lower the out of pocket co-pay paid by the patient. If you are interested in receiving a prescription(s) through this program and believe you may qualify, please discuss this option with your Provider at your next visit. Your Provider can submit a prescription referral to the Prescription Assistance Advocate. The Prescription Assistance Advocate will then assist you, your Provider, and the Prescription Assistance Program to complete the application, gather the required documentation, and submit the application on your behalf.

The free flu shot clinics were very successful and many community members took advantage of this service. We hope to offer this again annually during the fall.

The new facility is moving



along. The lower level slab foundation has been completed and the upper level foundation concrete footings are in place with weekly pours scheduled until concluded. Foundation work will continue through December. You can now see the steel beams being placed on the lower level so the building is starting to take some shape. The installation of utilities, water and sewer has been completed on the site. The new roads and infrastructure are now finished in preparation for the winter and then closed for further work. Next spring, roadwork will resume.

We have just installed site cameras in two different locations so anyone can view the progress from our website. Please go to the BMC website, www.bmcwc.com and click on the 'Future Home of BMC' link that will take you to the dedicated expansion site or go to: www.expansion.

benewahmedicalcenter.com. Once you get to that site, click the 'Progress' button and that will take you to the camera links.

Please refer to the announcement in Council Fires about the art contest for the new facility. The deadline for entries has been extended to December 23.

Here is our holiday schedule:

December 23-open from 8 a.m.-noon

December 23-closed at noon

December 26-closed

December 30-open from 8 a.m.-noon

December 30-closed at noon

All of us at Benewah Medical & Wellness Center wish you and your family a happy holiday. We are very thankful for the opportunity to serve the tribe and community and especially appreciate the support given to us this past year. Many blessings to you all!

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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.

BMC ANNOUNCES ART CONTEST FOR NEW FACILITY

BMC is very pleased to announce an art contest for the new facility. The art piece will be located on a lobby wall, approximately 5 ft. 8 in. tall and 10 ft wide. Here are the details:

1. Theme: "Many Cultures-One Community" that speaks to the entire community and tribal culture/healing/wellness/health care for all
2. Eligibility: Any Native person living on the Cd'A Rez
3. Due Date: **By NOON on December 23**
4. What to Submit: Your design no larger than 24 in tall and 36 in wide **with your name and contact information included on the entry**
5. Where to Submit: BMC/ATTN: Gary Leva by any of the following:
a. email: gleva@bmc.portland.ihc.gov
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c. drop off at BMC front desk
d. mail: P.O. Box 388, Plummer ID 83851
6. Selection Notice: By December 31, 2011
7. Winner Receives: \$500 upon satisfactory completion of the mural in the new building (projected October, 2012)

This wall mural will be very visible in the BMC lobby. We encourage creativity that speaks to who and what we are and what BMC represents. BMC has an internal culture committee that will judge the entries. Please contact Gary Leva at BMC at 686-1931 if you have questions about this announcement.

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 10th of every month meeting this deadline will ensure your item is printed.

Our final deadline is the 17th of every month.

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

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industry in mind," said Hancock. "Tribal gaming is so much different than Harrah's or the MGM Grand. Their profits go to a select few shareholders. Our funds go to fund an entire population."

Although the Tribe prefers not to disclose how much the casino brings in, Hancock said about 60 percent of revenue goes to fund tribal government operations.

Online gaming has a ways to go to become legal.

A House committee approved a bill this week that would legalize online poker and non-sports betting. A companion measure pending in committee would allow online gambling operations to be taxed.

There's no saying the life those will see, said Kyle Hines, spokesman for Sen. Jim Risch.

"What comes out of the House and ends up in the Senate are two different things," he said.

The measures are motivated by hopes to ease the country's economic issue, Hines noted.

"Online gaming has been around

for the last 10 years. It'll come up and then go away, come up and go away," he said of legislative proposals. "This time it seems to be attributed as a way for the Congressional government to raise revenue."

Risch believes cutting spending, not increasing revenue, is the way to end the country's problems, Hines noted.

And the senator is dubious of online gaming overall, Hines added.

"It gets to be a complex issue," he said. "You've got tribal rights issues and state rights issues."

Spokespeople for the Kootenai Tribe, which owns the Kootenai River Inn Casino and Spa in Bonners Ferry, could not be reached Friday about the tribe's stance on Internet gambling.

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe may lobby on the issue down the road, Hancock said.

"We do watch (related bills) closely," he said. "When and if there's a bill that could really jeopardize our interests, or really benefit our interests, we'll weigh in."

~ Chairman's Corner ~

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Well first off, Happy Thanksgiving! And so the holiday season begins...

In reflection, there are many things that I am very grateful for-- and I always look forward to this time of year for the all the opportunities to share time with family and friends. These are the moments that good memories are made from, and I appreciate my family and friends who provide me with so much love and support always.

This time of year also means that the next legislative season is just beginning to ramp up.

In preparations for the 2012 Idaho legislature, last week I spent considerable time in Boise working on the foundations for what I hope will be a successful legislative session that begins in January.

During the week, our Tribe was proud to host the Five Tribes of Idaho Annual Summit. We had a great turnout from the Tribes throughout our state, and even had notable elected and appointed officials attend such as a U.S. Attorney General and the Majority Leader of the Idaho House of Representatives.

At this summit, the Tribes were able to discuss many issues that we anticipate working on in the future, especially as the legislature gets rolling again. Additionally, it is always a good opportunity to cement those relationships with each other as we continue to strive to improve the lives of Tribal members throughout our respective communities in Idaho.

The next day, our Tribe met with Governor Butch Otter, where I emphasized the need to work together in a constructive manner in the next year.

At this point, after many years of working diligently to develop strategic relationships with elected officials throughout the state, both Tribal and non-Tribal, it felt good knowing that we could go and sit with other Tribal leaders, the Governor, and even a U.S. Attorney General to have productive discussions on critical issues that impact our families and friends in very real ways.

One of the last obligations that I had while in Boise was to speak at a Business Diversity Conference hosted by the URS Corporation.



URS Corporation is an engineering, construction and technical services company, and this conference focused on diversity in the marketplace. In my address, I took the time to discuss the challenges and benefits of Tribal enterprises. Well, as the season gets

going in high gear, I hope that you all have some good times, good food, and good company in your lives.

Regards,

Chief Allan

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				1	2  ECLC: Craft Fair	3 PCAT Christmas Celebration with Santa @ 2pm Plummer Comm. Center
4	5  Lakeside School Wide Christmas Concert @ 6pm	6	7 CDA Tribal credit applications due Council Fires PRIORITY	8	9	10
11	12 Lakeside: Financial Aid Assistance Night @ 6:00 pm	13 CDA Tribal Credit Board meeting	14 ECLC: Papa's Sledding @ 10am Council Fires FINAL	15 CDA Tribal: christmas play @ 1:00 pm ECLC: Giving Tree	16	17
18	19 All Schools CLOSED 12/19 - 1/2 ECLC: Child care only all week	20  Hanukkah begins	21 CDA Tribal credit applications due	22  First Day of Winter	23 ECLC: Closed CDA HQ CLOSED	24  Christmas Eve
25  Christmas Day	26 ECLC: Closed All Week CDA HQ CLOSED	27 CDA Tribal Credit Board meeting	28	29	30	31  New Year's Eve

~ Community Announcements ~

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Citylink housing bus stop moves

As of December 1, 2011, bus riders will be picked up on 8th Street, just north of the entrance into Housing. The bus stop in front of the CDTHA office is scheduled for closure and a new bus stop in a safer and more convenient location was built to replace it. The new stop has a plexi-glass bus shelter, concrete side walk, and is out of the flow of traffic.

PCAT holiday celebrations

Plummer Community Action Team invites one and all to come join us and welcome Santa Claus on December 3rd at the Plummer Community Center starting at 2:00 P.M. Santa is making himself available for pictures and there will be hot cocoa and cookies served during the caroling...if weather permits we are asking you to join us as we carol down main street to the tree lighting at dark...next to the Gateway.

Please join us in decorating your homes and or business for we are also, sponsoring a community decorating contest as we feel true spirit of Christmas needs to be renewed within our homes and businesses... There will be 2 categories. Residential and business with a cash prize for 2nd and 3rd plus Honorable mention...please encourage each other to join us for these activities. For more information call 686-0721 or 686-7016.

Christmas Coalition needs donations

The Christmas Families Coalition is still receiving requests for gifts and food for needy children. The children, 13 years old and younger, live in the DeSmet, Tensed, Plummer, and Worley areas. If your family, company, or department would like to help provide these children with a wonderful Christmas by adopting or donating, please call Emily Bell 686-0106.

5th Annual Career Fair held at Lakeside Elementary

November 3rd was the Fifth Annual Academic and Career Fair. The A/C Fair is sponsored by Lakeside's GEAR UP Program and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Department of Education. Organizers included Stefani Hoffman (GEAR UP Site Coordinator), Justin Marsh (High School Coordinator) and Kathy Albin (NACTEP Manager).

The Fair took place in Lakeside Elementary School's gymnasium. There were 8+ universities and colleges who attended. Some of these schools included University of Idaho, Lewis-Clark State College, North Idaho College, Washington State University, the University of Washington, Whitworth University, and Eastern Washington University. Over thirty businesses including Coeur d'Alene Tribal Departments set up tables and displays to answer questions concerning careers and college preparation programs.

Attendees came from Lakeside



A representative from Washington's Whitworth College speaks to prospective students at the 5th Annual Career Fair held in November at the Lakeside Elementary Gymnasium.

Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. In addition, students traveled to the fair from the Coeur d'Alene Tribal School as well as Priest River High School. The Career Fair was also open to the public.

This year's Fair was the biggest and most well attended in the history of the event. Thank you to all the businesses, colleges, and department for helping make the Academic and Career Fair a success.

The Winter Blessing

December 3, 2011 at 5:00 pm

at the Coeur d'Alene Casino/Resort

Ceremony will be followed by food, drinks and fireworks

LEGAL NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

IN THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE COEUR d'ALENE TRIBE OF THE COEUR d'ALENE INDIAN RESERVATION, PLUMMER, IDAHO; IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF LINDA KAY WASSINK CASE NO CV-NC-2011-3098 PETITION FOR ORDER TO CHANGE NAME

Comes now, Linda Kay Wassink, Petitioner herein for an Order from the Court for a name change. Petitioner resides at 345 Anne Antelope Ave. Plummer in the state of Idaho.

Petitioner was born in Tekoa, state of Washington. Petitioner's present name is Linda Kay Wassink. Petitioner desires to change present name to: Linda Kay Kitt for the following reason(s): Husband is deceased, and I do not want to continue using his name. I want my family name back.

Petitioner's father's name: John Kitt. Petitioner's father is not living and as far as the Petitioner knows the father's nearest relatives and their addresses are: None

Dated the 3rd day of November, 2011.
Susan Garry- Clerk of the Court
Linda Wassink- Petitioner

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

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6 PM GAME TIME
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SIGN-UP @ THE WELLNESS CENTER
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Wellness Center

Get Points
3 on 3
Fitness Challenge

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@ WC by
Dec. 7th

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Cost: \$1.00
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Can of Food

Questions Contact: LoVina Louie 686-9355 Ext. 456
Sponsored by: Coeur d'Alene Tribal Youth Council

Forestry: seedlings being checked, preparing for cold season

Submitted by Kurt Mettler

General: A reminder concerning firewood cutting: Conditions are now wet so try to stay off of roads that are saturated and muddy. Driving on these roads causes problems for access later, increases erosion and degrades water quality in nearby streams. Plan to cut on dry days if at all possible. Tribal firewood permits are only valid for cutting on Tribal land and expire at the end of December so get out and get your wood. Forestry and Tribal Police have confiscated wood taken illegally from allottee land in the last couple of months. So make sure you know whose land you are cutting on.

The gate on Stimson property at the end of Fox road that allows access to the Tensed Blocks and Moses Mountain remains will be locked on December 1, to reduce road damage. The road leading up to Moses Mountain from the west above this gate is closed off as well due to excessive vegetation and a tank trap.

Forest Development : As the November deadline for the December issue approaches, the field season is winding down. In early November, Ron LaSarte will finish checking seedling survival on first and second year plantations and assessing total stocking on fifth year plantations. Where more seedlings are needed, they will be ordered and site preparation will be renewed for planting in 2013. Seedlings will also be ordered this month for areas that need planting after recent timber harvesting. Last fall we ordered seedlings for this fall and next spring, including almost 240 acres of former cropland in the Lake Creek watershed to be converted to forest. The recent Ten Three Logging Unit on Eagle Peak was burned and planted in October, because the area is usually inaccessible until June. We like to be done with spring planting before that, because warm weather can dry seedlings out soon after planting. Thanks to employees in Fire Management, Fuels Program and Forestry for all their work over a weekend to complete the prescribed burn and to Native Lands West and Ron LaSarte for starting planting on another weekend.

Timber Stand Improvement (TSI) projects for the year have also been completed, with the October completion of the 2011 Cherry Creek contract. The next major TSI project will be on Tribal land in the John Point area. Most precommercial thinning at lower elevations has been accomplished through hazardous fuels treatments administered by the Fuels Program in recent years. In addition to the benefits of reducing severity and size of potential fires, these treatments also concentrate growth on fewer trees. This will result in larger, higher quality trees in the future when they are ready for commercial thinning or harvest. Owners of allotments that may need thinning, planting or other timber stand improvement can call Norris Boothe at 208-686-

1704.

Forest Management Inventory & Planning: The data analysis of Continuous Forest Inventory plots and preparation of the Inventory Analysis Report will be the major winter project this year. Delays in computer programming prevented this project from starting last year, so it is a high priority this year.

Forest Roads: The program is currently grinding wood to go to the mill as hog fuel and we have a large stockpile of firewood available for sale to the community to cut and haul. Save gas and time, please take advantage of its availability right here in Plummer area at the tribal gravel pit while the wood is dry and ready for cutting. We also have stockpiles of base rock, topsoil, screened manure, sand and compost. The facility will close for the winter in a short time before the snow flies. Call (208) 686-1885 or 582-2517.

Fuels Program: The Fuels Program has 3 active contracts. The TAIIFBP 7 in the Little Butte Area has accomplished over 150 hazardous fuels reduction (HFR) acres at this time on T291 and A292 from Empire L & C. The Windfall/Peedee Contract has accomplished 17 HFR acres. The Cherry Creek Shaded Fuels Break Project has all the HFR acres completed and has piles still that need to be treated by Native Timber Services.

Two contracts have been completed this year. The Timber Agricultural Interface Fuel Break Project (TAIFBP) 5 contract located off Benewah and Windfall Pass Road (A69A, A438, T59, and A62) has completed 281 contracted HFR acres from Empire L & C. The TAIIFBP 6 contract located off of Windfall Pass Road (T57 and A372) has completed the contracted 287 HFR acres from Empire L & C.

The Fuels Crew has been pile burning on many allotted and Tribal lands throughout the reservation that had slash piles from past timbersales and fuels projects. Once pile burning is complete, they will be finishing up their work on A307 with a thinning, pruning, and a combination of hand piling and machine mastication and are planning to move east to A316 after that. In addition, the crew will be flagging property boundaries and posting property signs for next year's fuels projects. Next year's contract areas will be located in the south half of the reservation. 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: The Tamiyel Logging Unit off of Windfall Pass road has been cut and all obligations have been met. We will be dealing with the slash piles and broadcast burning next year as a follow up to the sale. Both the Chadalamalqwn and Sachri sales just outside of Plummer are now active. Use caution around the logging areas and stay away from the

Adopted tribal member gives back through garden

By Lorraine Smith

The generosity of one man's donation has greatly helped the community on the Coeur d'Alene reservation. A place that Jim Hanson only came camping to as a child, and the people he has only heard of through generations of stories.

In the 1800's it is said that his family had been adopted into the tribe, although there is no direct bloodline it is a part of his history that he has always cherished. Now in his 90's, he has reached out to the people he has always felt a kindred to.

Jim first made contact with the Tribe about 3 years ago. After going through the different channels of departments he eventually made a connection with the One Sky/One Earth Coalition. After multiple conversations Mr. Hanson conveyed his desire to donate to the cause.

Humbly the program accepted but when the amount of \$12,000 came in it was a great surprise to many people.

In an appreciation letter the Food Coalition wrote "Your generous donation has enabled us to expand our youth garden, located at Lakeside Elementary School, so that our children are learning to grow their own food year-round. We have used the funds to establish two new community gardens."

It continues to read, "One is located next to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Food Distribution Center in Worley, and the other is in partnership with Living Water



Local youth work the compost bin at one of the community gardens provided in part by Jim Hanson.

Ministries, a Native-led non-denominational church working with youth-at-risk in Plummer. We also have been able to use a garden "coach" to help manage these gardens and work with individuals across the Reservation to help new gardeners establish backyard gardens. Produce from the community gardens has been donated to the Food Distribution clients, as well as families in need of assistance that attend the Living Water Ministries.

The purpose of all of these efforts is to make sure that our community has access to healthy, locally grown food. We also plan to use your donation to purchase

storage equipment for a food bank in Plummer, and expect this to open in the next few months."

What began as a simple phone call to learn more about the tribe, has turned into a relationship the entire community on the reservation is grateful for. One that has allowed education for the youth, support healthy living, and provide the opportunity to house such projects, like community gardens, donations for the food bank, and local churches.

In closing the letter states "We are so grateful for your generosity, and hope that you are pleased by the work we are and will be doing with the funds."

immediate cutting areas and log decks. Ground conditions are good right now to log and hopefully we will get some freezing weather and snow rather than rain to allow logging to continue.

The Chsp'a'aqhalqwtwn Forest Officer's Report (FOR) is now being worked on. The Environmental Assessment (EA) was signed off in October and there were no input from the general public. The first major document in the FOR packet is the Silvicultural Prescription which gives detailed information about the current forest stands and the desired outcome from the timber harvest operations.

The timber cruising portion has been successfully completed on all six harvest units. The marking portion, which includes putting paint on leave trees and boundaries, is under way and expected to be finished soon.

Fire Management: Fire Management has been busy over the last month helping with burning slash piles from timber sale activities and hazard fuels reduction projects. The piles burned cover about 705 acres and covered 18 tribal and allotted parcels scattered throughout the reservation. We also finished our Homesite Rx burn unit. This project covered approximately 14 acres on Cottonwood road.

We would also encourage everyone to keep in mind fire prevention and safety and here are some helpful tips and facts.

If you live in the wildland urban interface, the point where homes meet combustible vegetation, you must increase your role to protect lives and

property.

Fire Facts about Rural Living: Once a fire starts outdoors in a rural area, it is often hard to control. Wildland firefighters are trained to protect natural resources, not homes and buildings.

Many homes are located far from fire stations. The result is longer emergency response times. Within a matter of minutes, an entire home may be destroyed by fire.

Limited water supply in rural areas can make fire suppression difficult.

Homes may be secluded and surrounded by woods, dense brush and combustible vegetation that fuel fires.

Tips for Making Your Property Fire Resistant: Keep lawns trimmed, leaves raked, and the roof and rain-gutters free from debris such as dead limbs and leaves.

Stack firewood at least 30 feet away from your home.

Store flammable materials, liquids and solvents in metal containers outside the home at least 30 feet away from structures and wooden fences.

Create defensible space by thinning trees and brush within 30 feet around your home.

Landscape your property with fire resistant plants and vegetation to prevent fire from spreading quickly.

Post home address signs that are clearly visible from the road.

Provide emergency vehicle access with properly constructed driveways and roadways, at least 12 feet wide with adequate turnaround space.

Make sure water sources,

such as hydrants and ponds, are accessible to the fire department.

Burning yard waste is a fire hazard. Check with your local fire agency on a non-emergency number for fire permit requirements and restricted burning times.

Protect Your Home: Use fire resistant, protective roofing and materials like stone, brick and metal to protect your home. Avoid using wood materials that offer the least fire protection.

Cover all exterior vents, attics and eaves with metal mesh screens no larger than 6 millimeters.

Install multipane windows, tempered safety glass or fireproof shutters to protect large windows from radiant heat.

Use fire-resistant draperies for added window protection.

Have chimneys, wood stoves and all home heating systems inspected and cleaned annually by a certified specialist.

Prepare Your Family: Know how to contact fire emergency services in your area.

Plan ahead make sure you and your family are prepared for a fire emergency.

Develop and practice escape and evacuation plans with your family.

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home. Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year. Consider installing the new long-life smoke alarms.

If you have any questions you can contact us at (208)686-1199, thanks and have a safe and happy holiday season from the Fire Management Staff.

Tis the Season

Holiday Community Events

**Lakeside
School Wide
Christmas Concert**

Monday
December 5, 2011
6:00 pm

Lakeside Elementary
Gymnasium

**Community wide Christmas
Decorating Contest**

2 categories: Residential and business

Cash prize for 2nd and 3rd plus
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**Lakeside Parents
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**Holiday Can Food Drive
through December 3rd**

**Drop Can food off at
Gateway Cafe in
Plummer, Idaho**

**Coeur d'Alene Tribal
School**

Christmas Play

Thursday - December 15
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

at Cd'A Tribal School
Desmet, Idaho

Lady Knights win 1A District volleyball championship



The Lakeside High School Lady Knights volleyball team emerged victorious in the 1A Division I District I championship match at Wallace High against the Miners and made it to the state playoffs once again. Congratulations girls, your community is proud of your accomplishment!

Lakeside student athletes named to All Star teams



From Left Lamont Higgins: All League Football, North Star League; Ruth Haynes: Honorable Mention State Volleyball/ All League North Star League; Jordon Brown: All League Football, North Star League; Also included are Maria Garcia; All League North Star League and Jeremy Stivers: All league Football, North Star League who are not pictured.

Introducing the Lakeside High School Cheerleaders



The LHS Cheerleaders for the 2011-2012 season are as follows; Top row left to right: Kaitlyn Rhea, Alexis Seim, Maranda Kolar, Shannon Nicholai. Bottom row left to right: Sierra Shamburg, Julia Schatz, Taylor Abrahamson, Kaila Wakan.

Safe guide to debris burning

It's that time of year where everyone is debris burning on the Reservation. Fire Management would like to offer the public some safety tips on building and burning Debris Piles.

Safe Debris Burning
Burning should be conducted only during favorable weather conditions of high humidity and calm winds.

Fires should be put out immediately if windy conditions risk the fire spreading to adjacent areas.

Burn piles should be small to allow quick control of the fire if necessary.

All burn piles should be

continuously monitored until completely extinguished.

Keep fire under control and have a source of water and/or shovel nearby.

Build an adequate fire break of at least a 10-foot width of cleared vegetation around the burn pile.

Burn piles should be located an adequate distance from other burn piles and/or structures.

Do not locate burn piles under utilities or over utilities that are buried.

Do not burn debris under existing trees or other overhead material that may catch fire.

Lakeside High School Boys Basketball 2011-2012

Date	Opponent	Location	Game time (JV then Varsity)
Wednesday, November 30	Post Falls JV/Freshman	Plummer	6 pm
Tuesday, December 6	Post Falls JV/Freshman	Plummer	6 pm
Friday, December 9	NSL Tournament	Plummer	6 pm / 7:30 pm
Saturday, December 10	NSL Tournament	Plummer	6 pm / 7:30 pm
Tuesday, December 13	CDA Charter	Plummer	6 pm
Thursday, December 15	Mullan (W/GIRLS)	Mullan	6 pm (NO JUNIOR VARSITY)
Monday, December 19	Kellogg C-Squad	Kellogg	6 pm (JV ONLY - Girls First)
Tuesday, December 20	Logos Christmas Tournament	Moscow	6 pm
Wednesday, December 21	Logos Christmas Tournament	Moscow	6 pm
Thursday, December 29	Deary (QUAD)	Deary	1 pm
Tuesday, January 3	CDA Charter	CDA Charter	6 pm
Thursday, January 5	Kellogg C-Squad	Plummer	6 pm (JV ONLY - Boys First)
Saturday, January 7	Wallace	Plummer	6 pm
Monday, January 9	Troy	Plummer	6 pm
Thursday, January 19	Clark Fork	Clark Fork	6 pm (NO JUNIOR VARSITY)
Saturday, January 21	Kootenai (QUAD)	Plummer	1 pm
Tuesday, January 24	Clark Fork	Plummer	6 pm (NO JUNIOR VARSITY)
Friday, January 27	Mullan (W/GIRLS)	Plummer	6 pm (NO JUNIOR VARSITY)
Tuesday, January 31	Logos	Plummer	6 pm
Thursday, February 2	Troy	Troy	6 pm
Friday, February 10	Wallace	Wallace	6 pm
Thursday, February 16	Kootenai	Kootenai	6 pm

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CRGC readies for winter weather

For the most part, Circling Raven Golf Club's 18 beautiful holes are punched, sanded and ready for winter weather. Grounds crews have been focused on fall maintenance since the course closed for the season on Oct. 17th.

They've benefited somewhat from the mild weather over the past two-plus weeks, a key element in the fall project with soil temperatures remaining fairly high. Tee boxes and greens have been aerated and sanded. Heavy equipment is used to de-thatch the playing areas from tees to greens.

For Superintendent Brian Woster and staff, the biggest single project is an expansion of the middle tee box on Hole #13, "Medicine Man." The tee will grow by almost 50 percent in that area. Construction was completed days ago. The surface will be readied and sod from Circling Raven's own sod farm will be laid down either before the snow flies or after the winter weather.



"The change at 13 will create benefits all around," said Director of Golf Tom Davidson. "The added space allows grounds crews more space for setting the tees and, therefore, not so much damage to one area. For players, the expansion offers yet another view of the green and another interesting way to play the hole." The golf shop remains open during the week and a sale is underway with discounts ranging from 25 to 75 percent. The clubhouse will be open on Saturdays from the day after Thanksgiving through the Christmas season.

New Casino safety committee meets

By Annie Nomee

A new safety committee has been formed will hold monthly meetings to discuss safety issues throughout the casino premises. The team was put together to make our work surroundings a better and safer place. With the new committee, departments may be contacted to clean up their areas and prevent fire and safety hazards. Meetings will be held every second Thursday of each month.

The new committee members are as follows:

Pat Allen-Safety Coordinator; Julie Yovanovich-Bench Tech Supervisor; Justin Friedlander-Security Supervisor; Carrie

Roecks-Revenue Audit Supervisor; Brian Crowe-Banquet Captain; Francis SiJohn-Guest Services Director; Annie Nomee-Executive Office Manager; Wanda Peters-HR Coordinator; Nickie Helms-Nail Technician-Spa; Rod Black-Facility Maintenance Coordinator; Wakai Pluff-Custodial Maintenance Manager; Todd McCord-Asst. Superintendent Golf Course and Pat Nigh-EMT.

As a team we all need to work together to keep our casino a fun and enjoyable atmosphere, without incidents. Everyone is welcome to submit comments or suggestions to the committee co-chairs on any safety issues that may need to be addressed.

Vets appreciate dinner, hospitality

The following were addressed to CEO Dave Matheson and all here:

Dear Sir,

I am writing to tell you how much your dinner and program were appreciated. I am a widow of a 24-year Air Force retiree. It is special for us that we know that our husbands, fathers, sisters, sons, daughters and also mothers are still remembered for their hard work and many hardships in serving our country.

Again, thank you, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and your many employees for the lovely dinner and wonderful program.

Sincerely,
Helen Bell

Sir:

On behalf of myself and my wife and all the other veterans and families that attended your Veteran's Dinner, thank you so very much. It was absolutely great! The food, service, and entertainment were wonderful. The Indian dancers were marvelous. The Northwest Birds of Prey was very interesting and informative. I mentioned these things to my former boss at Fairchild Air Force Base and long time friend, Glen Albert, and he gave me your e-mail address. Once again,, thank you and your staff for a very memorable evening.

Respectfully,
Robert F. Wright, Senior
Master Sergeant
United States Air Force
(Retired)

Circling Raven's season ends as show season begins

Circling Raven closed for the season Oct. 17th. Selling the course never ends, nor does the selling of the resort, our amenities and our unique hospitality.

Thus, for Director of Golf Tom Davidson and his staff, among others, the golf show season is coming around with plans for at least three events in Seattle, Spokane and Calgary.

"The shows have been a great benefit to Circling Raven and to the resort," Davidson said. "It's not only a marketing tool, but a great

way to meet and greet potential visitors and share information with them. We see a great many players here that we met at the various shows.

Over the years, Circling Raven and staff have been present at shows as far away as Chicago, Denver, Tulsa and San Diego. In recent years, the focus has been more on the Northwest, including Vancouver, B.C.

Davidson, Head Professional Tony Cuchessi and Assistant Professional Mark Nelson will

split duty at shows in Seattle and Calgary, among other staff.

For the Spokane show, about 10 people are needed due to the prize wheel and the massive response.

Davidson's 2012 Schedule:

Seattle Golf & Travel Show – Feb. 10 – 12, Century Link Field Event Center

Spokane Golf & Travel Show – Feb 18-19, Spokane Convention Center

Calgary Golf Show – March 31 & April 1st, BMO Centre (Calgary Stamped).

Winemaker's dinner adds to holidays

The next Winemaker's Dinner, an intimate affair with fine wine and fine food, is set for Dec. 8th at Ts'elusm, this one featuring Boudreaux Cellars of Leavenworth.

"These tastings and dinners have proven immensely popular among those attending," said Food and Beverage Director Dave Rhode. "The gatherings are intimate, allowing guests to taste, compare, discuss and learn more about the wines as they enjoy a very special dinner."

Executive Chef Adam Hegsted prepares the meal. The guests, sitting at the Chef's Table, number only about 12.

Wines on the list include Boudreaux's Chardonnay, Merlot, Cabernet, Reserve Cabernet, Syrah and a Reisling for the dessert.

Both wines and the meal are meant to combine local ingredients with a gourmet experience. The menu includes a crispy duck appetizer, monkfish braised with red wine and a ham consommé. What follows is Christmas Goose with cranberry and chutney, then our own New York Strip with foie gras and other goodies.

Guests finish their dining with a variety of cheeses, some fruit cake and a Yule Log.

At \$65 per person, the dinner is even more exceptional.

"We keep the price reasonable because we want to bring the quality of these wines and this food to as many guests as possible," Rhode said. "Guests have come from all over the Inland Northwest and even beyond. Everyone leaves very happy."

Committee completes party plan

The Christmas Committee, made up entirely of volunteers, has spent the time and effort to create another great evening for Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort employees. Members of the committee are as follows:

Leonora Abrahamson, Dustin Brouse, June Addington, Ed Skinner, Pam Forsyth and Debbie Hollie.

We might remember to thank them for not only the effort, but for a bunch of great ideas.

Fun, games and music highlight annual Christmas Party

By Dustin Brouse
Food and Beverage Manager

The Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Christmas Party, set for Dec. 7th at the Coeur d'Alene Resort, is full of fun and games. Lots and lots of games.

The ballroom at the resort will be set for 1,000 guests. We will also be utilizing space throughout the promenade leading to the ballroom.

When guests check in at the front at the beginning of the party they will receive a two part ticket and funny money for game play. Most giveaway items will be placed at the area of entrance to the party. If your number matches a number on a gift, you have won that gift. If not we are going to have three or four Christmas boxes for the guest to



drop their two part ticket into. These boxes will have a specific giveaway prize listed above or a chance to play Klinco or the Prize Machine.

The funny money will be used to play the casino game and other activities throughout the party.

Toward the end of the party, there will be an announcement that all funny money will have to be counted. You can then redeem your funny money for extra tickets into the Christmas box drawings. These drawings will be done toward the end of the party.

We will also be having a rock band contest. The sign-up sheets were handed out today and will be available at the security booth. There will be a booth at the party for the dance off contest on the Xbox 360. Highest score will receive a prize.

The room will be set with plenty of tables for those who would like to sit throughout the event. There will also be more social space that will extend out into the lobby area of the CDA Resort Banquet area.

New themed casino games up and ready for players

By Jennifer Torisian

New games have been added to the casino floor this week.

New for us are "The Dark Knight," which has replaced the big Wheel of Fortune, by the SweetGrass Cafe. To the left of its big screen you will notice, two "Wheel of Fortune"

games, and to the right of the big screen, "I Dream of Jeannie" has been replaced with "Crystal Fortunes".

We also installed three "The Hangover," based on the movie, and three "Sex and the City: Big Diamonds," both outside the Nighthawk Lounge.

"The Price is Right" has been

converted to "Battleship," near the main cage, and we moved "Super Nova Blast" next to "The Amazing Race" and removed "Pony Express."

Employees are welcome to play "The Hangover," "Sex in the City: Big Diamonds" and "Crystal Fortunes."

Thank you, Bench Tech's for all your hard work.

New Year's \$65,000 Celebration

Friday, Dec 30th

\$3,325 Cash • \$1,675 EPC • Noon
\$8,600 Cash • \$6,400 EPC • 10 pm
\$20.12 • High Mountain Buffet (Dinner)

Saturday, Dec 31st

\$12,750 Cash • \$7,250 EPC • 11 pm
\$67,000 Puttin' on the Ritz Bingo • 6 pm
\$20.12 • High Mountain Buffet (Dinner)

Sunday, Jan 1st

\$16,000 Cash • \$9,000 EPC • 3 pm

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2X POINTS 11 am - 2 pm

HOT SEATS 3 - 7 pm

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Winter BLESSING

A UNIQUE NATIVE AMERICAN CELEBRATION

Saturday, December 3rd
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Tribe wishes employee Kitt luck after retirement



Perry Kitt, flanked by Councilman Alfred Nomee and Linda Kitt, retired from work with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and was honored at a luncheon for his numerous years of service. Councilmembers in attendance presented Kitt with a blanket and words of encouragement and gratitude for his work with and for the Tribe. Kitt plans to take an extended road trip around the country with his son Andy. Good luck to you Perry, everyone at the Coeur d'Alene Tribe wishes you well!

Trahant: Congressional legacy - A failure to govern

A simple statement from the two co-chairs of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction. "After months of hard work and intense deliberations, we have come to the conclusion today that it will not be possible to make any bipartisan agreement available to the public before the committee's deadline."



And, they continued, "despite our inability to bridge the committee's significant differences, we end this process united in our belief that the nation's fiscal crisis must be addressed and that we cannot leave it for the next generation to solve. We remain hopeful that Congress can build on this committee's work and can find a way to tackle this issue in a way that works for the American people and our economy."

But let's be clear about this statement, the committee, and Congress itself. This represents a failure to govern. There is a structural inability to make difficult choices about what the country needs to do to finance its operations. The so-called supercommittee is no different than the country and its citizenry. We are divided, locked into a struggle with significant differences about what to do next.

Some of us believe that we should balance two competing ideas: We should invest in jobs. Now. Again. And keep doing that until everyone who wants a jobs has access to one. Then, and only then, the government should begin a long-term strategy of rethinking promises made through entitlement programs.

The other view says cut government now. Shrink government, period. Don't raise a

single dime in new taxes -- and let the economy grow again (after it crashes).

Now we will read over the coming weeks and months about the tragedy of automatic budget cuts as the real numbers surface. Some will complain about how much smaller our military must become. Others will note the deep unfairness in cutting domestic programs that serve people who are at the lowest end of the economic spectrum. The president has already promised to veto any bills that try to get around the automatic budget cuts.

But the real problem, the much bigger issue, is that this exercise represents a failure to govern. Congress could not reach a decision last summer, so it passed on extraordinary powers to the so-called supercommittee. Before that the administration passed on its authority to a bipartisan committee charged with coming up with a financial plan.

So failure becomes the norm in our political discourse, we are defined by our inability to forge consensus.

I live in rural Idaho and listen

to local talk radio. The people who call the station cannot understand, let alone appreciate, any differences about how other citizens approach these difficult fiscal issues. It's the same in the Blue Cities, only opposite. That divide makes it nearly impossible to acknowledge areas of common ground. This is not new in our history. Divides this great were present before the election of 1812 (some call the second revolution) before the civil war and before Prohibition was incorporated into the Constitution.

Take health care. If we really want to fix the deficit in a way that will last, we need to reduce the cost of health care. We cannot afford to spend \$7,538 per person when the rest of the industrial world spends under \$4,000. Or, looking at it another way, we cannot compete in a world economy where we spend 16 percent of our Gross Domestic Product on health care when France pays 11.2 percent or Japan 8 percent.

We need to make health care sustainable. That's how we fix our budget. If we do this one thing, our budget problems will shrink into a manageable form. But we cannot even agree on the baby step we took last year with the Affordable Care Act. Perhaps that should be the only issue we debate during the 2012 election because it's the only way to really get the cost of government under control.

Mark Trahant is a writer, speaker and Twitter poet. He is a member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and lives in Fort Hall, Idaho. Trahant's recent book, "The Last Great Battle of the Indian Wars," is the story of Sen. Henry Jackson and Forrest Gerard.

Stensgar: Congratulations Mathew

Football season at Lake City went awesome! You have a talent and a gift for football. You experienced a lot, got the opportunity to play J.V. then also asked to move up to Varsity. With moving up you got to attend, play the State Champ Game with them in Boise, Idaho. At the awards banquet you received the following awards in J.V.: Recognition of Achievement, Defensive Player

of the Year, Special Teams Player of the Year. Son, Thank you for being such a great team player and always good sport. We are so proud that you don't let it go to your head. You are becoming a great young man and we are proud to say you're our son.

*We love you very much
Dad, LaDonna, Savannah,
Morgan, Zaltana*

Stanley: Banks have money to lend

Banks are important to you and me because they are a mechanism to disperse money into the economy. Money can be used to buy seafood, travel into the reservation, and be spent with Indian owned businesses. Today banks are regaining their strength. The healthiest institutions hold a decreasing number of problem loans and an enormous amount of capital. This is good news for qualified borrowers.



For many the perception of banks is they are not lending. This is not true. If you could talk to credit officers you will find that banks have always wanted to lend. That is how they make money. The truth in lending practice is banks have maintained the same credit standards as before the economy crashed. As the economy slowed and business performance deteriorated owners and their businesses did not qualify for credit. Banks held to their underwriting policy and credit criteria and did not lend to those not qualified. Some businesses failed -others fell on hard times and are currently "digging themselves out."

If you have a business and want to borrow it is a good time to talk to a banker. They want to lend money. Pressure within banks is building as capital levels climb. The message from bank executives to front line employees is: "loans, loans, loans."

If a bank does not deploy capital into the market where they can charge market rates for the use of the money then they hold the money on deposit with the Federal Reserve for a return of about a quarter point (0.25%). The opportunity cost of not injecting money into business owners' businesses and real estate is staggering when you think about what a bank can charge a borrower. Banks and borrowers need each other.

Jim Stanley is a tribal member of the Quinault Nation, Vice President of the Quinault Nation Enterprise Board, and board member of the Northwest Native American Chamber. He is a Senior Vice President of Enterprise Cascadia, a loan fund, and freely shares his knowledge. Jim can be reached at: sovereigndevelopment@hotmail.com.

A HISTORY LESSON ON CHRISTMAS

Christmas is celebrated on the 25th of December and commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ. The word Christmas is derived from the Old English word "Cristes maesse" which literally translates to Christ's Mass. Although no one knows for sure the exact date of Christ's birth, the date chosen to celebrate it is related to the Roman Saturnalia festival that lasted from the 17th -21st of December. This date was chosen somewhere during the 4th century AD by the heads of the church. The date became widely accepted by most branches of Christianity with the exception of the Armenians who reserved the 6th of January for Christmas celebrations.

associations with paganism. Many protestants distanced themselves from the tradition. However, by the latter part of the 19th century the celebration of Christmas grew wide spread. It was around this time that the modern Christmas tree was introduced in Britain. The 20th century brought a general acceptance of the tradition despite the criticisms that were originally set against it.

During the reformation of the 19th century there was some disfavour with Christmas and its

Christmas and Gift Giving: The tradition of gift-giving has strong association with Paganism. The Roman festival of Saturnalia featured periods of gift-giving, this idea was later incorporated into the traditional Christmas celebrations. The gifts started out very modest and evolved to include more

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2011 Honoring our Veteran's Stickgame Tournament results

By AC Sanchez

First I would like to thank the Tribe and Casino for sponsoring and hosting the annual stickgame tournaments held at the casino. This year we had great turnouts, even during these difficult times for people to travel. We've averaged 140-145 teams for both the Honoring our Elders in April and Honoring our Veteran's in November, tournaments the last two years. Our July tournament has been averaging 130-140 teams for the last 2 years as well. This is a strong consistent showing of support for our original style of gaming, visiting and creation of new friendships.

During this year's tournaments I've had a great amount of help from the rest of the stickgame committee with decisions as well as running the brackets during the tournaments. Next year the tournament coordinator will be Rosie Peone. I wish her the best and that the tournaments run without issues and have great turnouts.

Honoring our Veteran's Tournament schedule and winners are as follows:

Friday Blind Draw Scramble (31-5 person teams, single elimination):

1st place was won by David Cline, Kelston Buckskin, Gerri McKay, Joan Lucero and Phillip Paul.

2nd Place was: Jason Cullooyah Sr., Gene Lynn, Nelson Onepennee, Angie Shavanaux and Janice Peasley.

Saturday Honoring Our Veteran's Tournament (142 teams, 3-5 person teams, double elimination):

6th place, Amber Cardenas

(Penticton, BC), Cloudy Kinbasket (Wes-Kelowna, BC), Starleigh Grass (Westbank, BC) Canada

5th place, Aaron Ramsey, Riston Bullock, Lilliam Wanpat, Daniel Lagmay (Lapwai, ID) and Shannon Nicholai (Worley, ID)

4th place, Chuck Twoteeth, Sarah Twoteeth, Brian Tanner (Arlee, MT), Larry White (Plummer, ID), Gerald Chippewa (Arlee, MT)

3rd place, Terry Jack (Vernon, BC) Milton Nomee (Usk, WA), Raymond Bonnau and Nancy Bonnau (Vernon, BC)

2nd place, Deb Redfeather (Rapid City, SD), Serena Brody (Eureka, MT), Wayne Wetherelt (Eureka, MT) Anfie Shavanaux (Ft. Duchene, UT) and Matilda Wildshoe (Spokane, WA)

1st place, Liz Eyle (Enumclaw, WA) Evelyn Eyle (Enumclaw, WA) Carlee Eyle (Enumclaw, WA) Waylon Daniels (Arlington, WA) and Sallie Courville (Auburn, WA.) They won 2 games to win the tournament.

Consolation Tournament (36 teams, single elimination):

1st place, Holly Sherwood, Wellpinit, WA

2nd place, Cecilia Walking Child

Wah luks (16 players):

1st place, Ralph Moore

2nd place, Mathew Dick

Sunday 3-3 Jackpot Tournament (64 teams, single elimination):

1st place, Leroy Gregory

2nd place, Dexton Bennett

Kid's Tournament (16 teams, double elimination):

4th place, Lloyd McLean

3rd place, Jonathan Fiander

2nd place, Nelson Onepennee

1st place, Sequence Caye

Scramble Tournament 1st place winners



Jackpot tournament 1st place winners



Tournament 1st place winners



Kids Tournament 1st place winners



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elaborate expressions of love. This was not met with full acceptance by some Christians who disliked the Pagan connection. However, supporters of gift-giving, likened the activity to that of the Magi, who gave gifts to baby Jesus, in this regard it became symbolic and necessary to the grand tradition of Christmas.

Christmas and Santa Claus: Santa Claus became a part of the Christmas tradition around the Middle Ages however, his part in Christmas was not popularized until after he was depicted as a jolly stout old man wearing a red and white suit in the 19th century. This figure of Santa was immediately captured by celebrants all over. The character of Santa Claus is said to be inspired by Saint Nicholas of Myra, a bishop, who went around giving the poor children of his village gifts. The legend of Santa centres around the North Pole and his magical workshop of elves. Every year he makes presents for those children who were nice. Those who were naughty received nothing but a lump of coal. The figure of Santa has become inseparable from the tradition of Christmas on a whole.

Christmas and Carols
Another important part of the Christmas celebrations are the singing of carols. These have their origins in the past well before the concept of Christmas carols was actualized. Most of the popular carols we now sing were written in the 19th century and were sung from house to house near the Christmas season. Soon the church adopted this tradition in the 1820's, giving these songs a greater sense of reverence.



Adults Working with Native Youth

November 30 - December 2, 2011

Bahia Resort Hotel

San Diego, CA

Become a Certified Native Youth Leadership Trainer!

This training is intended for adults who work with Native youth. Participants who complete the training will be certified trainers in the Native Wellness Institute's newly completed 10 lesson "Native Youth Leadership" curriculum. The training will be hands-on, experiential and participants will give presentations to display their knowledge and understanding of the curriculum. The curriculum is great for any youth program.

Training Schedule

8:00 am
8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Registration
Training

Training Fee

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$495
After Wednesday, November 16, 2011: \$595

Training Topics

- ◆ Native Wellness
- ◆ Traditional Values
- ◆ Party Like It's 1491
- ◆ Healthy Communication
- ◆ Healthy Relationships
- ◆ Healthy Sexuality
- ◆ Traditional Leadership
- ◆ Decision Making
- ◆ Vision

Registration Information

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$495
To qualify for the early-bird registration fee of \$495, payment and purchase orders must be postmarked or received by Wednesday, November 16, 2011. Registrations received after Wednesday, November 16, 2011 and on-site registration fees will be \$595. Purchase orders must be pre-approved. Please visit our website for other payment options.

Meet the Trainer



Jillene Joseph (Gros Ventre)

Jillene is the Executive Director of the Native Wellness Institute. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience working for Native communities, organizations and tribes and has provided training and technical assistance in health promotion, disease prevention, leadership, parenting, staff development, strategic planning, and more. In 2000, she assisted in founding the Native Wellness Institute. Jillene has received local, regional and national awards from organizations such as the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and the National Indian Health Board for her work in the Indian health arena.

For more info or to register contact: Jillene Joseph - Executive Director - 503-666-7669 - jillene@nativewellness.com



~Cradleboard News~

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Zavier Bryant Stanger-Rosas was born on 11-11-11 at 8:11am at the Hospital Mid-Valley Omak, Wa. At birth he weighed 8.3 pounds, and was 20 inches in length. His parents are Kammie E Stanger, Marco Rosas.

Zavier's maternal family is Debbie and Mike Miller from Omak, Great grandmother Sue Davis. Paternal family is Mark H. Stanger (Sela) from Plummer, Great Alan L Stanger, Louella (Desautel) Hilburn from Spokane, Great-Great Alvin Stanger, Great-Great-Great Albert Stanger, Elsie (La Plant) Stanger, Great-Great-Great-Great Tom Stanger, Eliza (McDougal) (Gramma) Stanger, Great-great-great-great-great-great-Thomas Stanger-from Scotland, wife-Yuma-Spokane Tribe- Addy, Wa., Great-Great Ann (Augusta) Stanger, Great-Great-Great Gabriel Augusta, Christine (Nicholson) Augusta, Great-great-great-great-William Nicholson.

He joins his siblings Jackson (Jay)-14, Elizabeth-9, Bruce-4, Tay Tay-20 months, the family resides in Omak, WA.



Jacob Threebraids Ti'yeqwt Jr was born on November 15, 2011 at 10:00 pm to Jacob Threebraids Encalada and Leslie Ramona Marrietta (Gila River Pima member).

At birth Jacob weighed 8lb 2oz and was 19 inches in length.

He was born in Phoenix, Arizona where he resides with his parents.



Amerie Rose Biaggi-Davis was born September 16, 2011 at Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. At birth she weighed 7lbs. 5oz. and was 21 inches long. Her parents are Kyle Jeffrey Davis and Veronica Ora Biaggi of Post Falls, Idaho. Maternal grandparents are Ed and Teresa Biaggi of Post Falls, Idaho, paternal grandparents are Jeffrey Lee Davis of Springfield, Missouri, Howard Charles Haynes of Plummer, Idaho, Felicia Rose Smith of Rathdrum, Idaho, maternal great grandparents are Gary and Maria Stone of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, paternal great grandparents are: Rodney and Dee Haynes of Plummer, Idaho; Jerry and Barbara Davis of Joplin, Missouri; Eugene and Teresa Smith of Post Falls, Idaho; the late Micheal D. Vallee Sr., Coeur d'Alene tribe and Vivian Ambro Coeur d'Alene tribe, paternal great-great grandparents are Charles D. Mullen, Coeur d'Alene tribe and the late Iris V. Mullen, Coeur d'Alene tribe, Amerie also joins her Aunties Amber Davis and Allyssa and Sierra Haynes and numerous cousins and family.



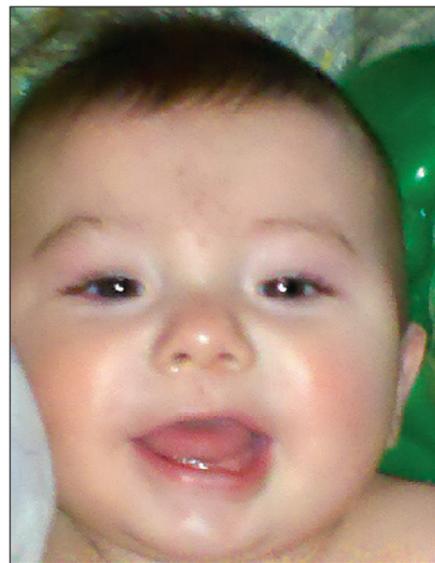
Happy Birthday Breylan and Jazirah. You are so loved!

From Mommy, Uncle Dan, Uncle Jason, Jacky, Logan and everyone else that loves you!



Wishing Bruce (T T M'ikhw-animal) a Happy 4th Birthday on December 5th.

Love Mom, Sela, ya yat Brenda, Auntie Annie & Samantha!



HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY BRYCE!

Our little happy boy!!!

Love : Mom, Cody, Tyde, Gram and Family



HAPPY 12th Birthday Cody! We are so proud of you Code, keep doing well in school, and just keep smiling and have a great day!

Love Mom, Tyde, Bryce, Gram and Family



Happy 14th birthday Jay! The family is very proud of all the sporting events you participate in and do excellent job every year!

Love Sela-Kekwa & Stanger family



Happy 18th Birthday Monty

From your loving family!



Happy Belated Birthday Mr. "T" Tyde Lewis Howard Turned 6 On October 21st 2011

Love, Mom, Cody, Bryce, Gram And Family

