



Coeur d'Alene membership elects Abraham to 2011 Tribal Council



The 2011 Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council members pose for a picture after the swearing ceremony on May 9, 2011 at the Rosecreek Longhouse. Front (L to R): Secretary Norma Jean Louie, Chairman Chief Allan, Vice Chairman Ernie Stensgar (incumbent). Back (L to R) John Abraham (newly elected), Paulette Jordan, Charlotte Nilson and Alfred Nomee.

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe held its general Tribal Council Elections on May 7, 2011. There were two seats up – one incumbent was seeking re-election: Ernie Stensgar; while Roberta Juneau decided to not pursue a seat on Council when her term expired this year.

This year had 8 total candidates vying for 3 year terms on the Council. Stensgar was up against Ernest Campbell, Angel George, Charles Matheson, Marcy Morris, Don Sczenski, Willard Spotted Blanket and John Abraham – who emerged from the race victorious.

Of the candidates, the votes were distributed as follows: Stensgar with 203 votes, John Abraham with 133; Don Sczenski received 128 votes; Ernest Campbell received 106; Angel George got 98 votes; Chuck Matheson had 89; Marcy Morris with 80 votes and Willard Spotted Blanket got 24. This made a grand total of 465 qualified ballots; only two were disqualified for voting for more than the allotted amount of candidates.

Stensgar and Abraham were officially sworn in before the Tribal membership on May 9, 2011 at the Rose Creek Longhouse in Worley, Idaho. Roberta Juneau gave a heartfelt good-bye speech as each of the other Council members

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Grand opening of Coeur d'Alene Casino/Resort expansion yields praise from attendees



Tribal community elders Pearl Perry, Irene Lowley, Lovina Felsman and Geraldine Sherwood cut the ceremonial ribbon for the Tribe's new expansion at the Coeur d'Alene Casino/Resort on May 2, 2011.

Story & Photos By J.L. Fletcher

The Coeur d'Alene Casino/Resort has officially expanded! With a formal ribbon cutting ceremony held on May 2, 2011 guests were welcomed into the new sky catcher walkway by Casino CEO David LaSarte-Meeks, the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Chairman Chief Allan and Vice Chairman Ernie Stensgar.

LaSarte-Meeks spoke of the pride our members can have when they walk through the new additions and wings of the long-standing facility. Before the project was undertaken, the team deciding to make the move had to ask themselves some serious questions about the worth of an expansion.

"Can we do like no one has done it before and can we do it so that it's uniquely Coeur d'Alene; so Coeur d'Alene people can look at and be proud of and [also] in a way that enhances the customer's experience?"

The answer seems to be a resounding yes, with State and regional dignitaries, Tribal members and Casino staff all marveling at

the new look and feel in the open walkway.

One highlight mentioned was the project coming in ahead of schedule and under budget, "way under" budget – which makes everyone happy when concerns were high among the council and membership with such a large project.

"I'd be lying to myself if I said I wasn't scared," commented Allan, reflecting on the initial decision. "[But] the Coeur d'Alene Tribe always moves forward."

The Chairman, despite previous concerns, was proud of the choice they had made and believes it was the right decision for the Coeur d'Alene people. Not only has this brought an additional 150 jobs for the area;

this has also jumped the Tribe to the number one employer in North Idaho – surpassing Hagadone.

"We've always wanted something better for our people; we never wanted a handout. We want what everyone wants, we want that American dream."



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120(11) Approved Coeur d'Alene Tribal School Parents as Teachers Babyface project; 6 for 0 against.

121(11) Approved Natural Resources department Fisheries program Bonneville Power Administration Coeur d'Alene Sub-basin Fisheries Restoration funding request FY 2011-2012 \$1,503,000; 4 for 0 against.

122(11) Approved Executive Operations Certified of General Tribal Council Election May 7th, 2011 as recorded by ballot count: Ernest L. Stensgar 203, John M. Abraham 133, Ernest E. Campbell 106, Angeline "Angel" M. George 98, Charles "Chuck" A. Matheson 89, Marcia "Marcy" N. Morris 80,

Donald E. Sczenski 128, Willard "Toma" M. Spotted Blanket 24. Number registered 465, Number of Ballots Disqualified (for voting for more than (2) (two -2-), Total Number of Members Registered 463. Be it Further, Resolved, that the following were officially elected to Tribal Council this May 7th, 2011: Ernest L. Stensgar - Three year term 5/7/2011 - 5/3/2014, John M. Abraham - Three year term 5/7/2011 - 5/3/2014; 6 for 0 against.

123(11) Approved Executive Operations Certification of Tribal Council - Chairman: Chief J. Allan: Acclamation, Vice-Chairman: Ernest L. Stensgar: Acclamation, Secretary-Treasurer: Norma "Jeanie" Louie: Acclamation; 6 for 0 against.

124(11) Approved Executive Operations Signature Authorization: 1. Chief J. Allan, Chairman. 2. Ernest L. Stensgar, Vice-Chairman. 3. Norma Jean Louie, Secretary-Treasurer. 4. Paulette E. Jordan, Council Member. 5. Charlotte A. Nilson, Council Member. 6. Alfred M.

Nomee, Council Member. 7. John M. Abraham, Council Member. 8. Jeff Oka, Finance CPA. 9. Robert Matt, Administrative Director; 6 for 0 against.

125(11) Approved Natural Resource department Land Services request to assign Agricultural Lease on allotment 566B; 5 for 0 against.

126(11) Approved Natural Resource department Land Services Agricultural lease on allotment 68 a (t); 5 for 0 against.

127(11) Approved Natural Resource department Land Services Agricultural lease on allotment 86; 6 for 0 against.

128(11) Approved Natural Resource department Land Services- Homesite lease CDA Tribal Tract No. 1040 to Joan C. Abraham; 4 for 0 against 2 abstain.

129(11) Approved Natural

Resource department Land Services- Homesite lease CDA Tribal Tract No. 1035 to Eugene M. Seyler; 4 for 0 against 2 abstain.

130(11) Approved Natural Resource department Land Services- Homesite lease CDA Tribal Tract No. 1040 Sam Vincent; 5 for 0 against 1 abstain.

131(11) Approved Natural Resource department Land Services- Homesite lease CDA Tribal Tract No. 1125 to Vincent Peone; 6 for 0 against.

132(11) Approved Natural Resource department Land Services- Homesite lease CDA Tribal Tract No. 189 to Leslie Hodgson; 6 for 0 against.

133(11) UNAVAILABLE.

134(11) Approved Tribal Tax

Commission Firework Lease to Cheryl Mokry on allotment T-1004; 6 for 0 against.

135(11) Approved Tribal Tax Commission Firework Lease to Kathleen Payne on allotment T-1004; 6 for 0 against.

136(11) Approved Tribal Tax Commission Firework Lease to Sam Lozeau on allotment T-1004; 6 for 0 against.

137(11) CONFIDENTIAL

138(11) UNAVAILABLE

139(11) UNAVAILABLE

140(11) UNAVAILABLE

141(11) UNAVAILABLE

142(11) Approved Executive Operations Per Capita Payment on May 23, 2011; 6 for 0 against.

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- Paulette Jordan*
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term expires May 2013
- Alfred M. Nomee*
term expires May 2013
- John Abraham*
term expires May 2014

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

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Vice Chairman Stensgar also spoke of the pride he feels when he reflects on the humble beginnings of the Tribe when we first opened our small bingo hall nearly 20 years ago.

"This facility is creating jobs so we can make a better way of life for our people. So they can go to school; so they can become state senators, governors, teachers, physicians. That's what this facility is all about," said Stensgar.

The Tribal council was thanked and recognized by LaSarte-Meeks;

who then, in turn thanked the Casino staff and recognized the Tribal member TERO workers who have been a part of the construction since it began. Each of those workers was given a Pendleton blanket and a personal thank you from the Council members in attendance.

The ribbon cutting was slated next and four female elders from the Coeur d'Alene reservation were asked to come up and do the honors of officially welcoming the guests into the expansion. Pearl Perry, alongside Irene Lowley, Lavinia Felsman and Geraldine Sherwood stood in front of the crowd as the

red ribbon fluttered to the ground amidst heavy fanfare.

Guests were welcomed to the full lunch reception at Ts'elusm Steakhouse where choices of meats were offered to give diners a taste of the new high-end eatery. They were also encouraged to tour the new hotel wings, stop into Ssakwa'q'n Spa for a free chair massage and check out Ya'(pqi'n'm The Gathering Place pub style restaurant.

Overall, the feeling was jubilant and the outlook positive for the future of not only the Coeur d'Alene

Casino/Resort - which is still to see landscape yards and amphitheaters in the future; but for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe as a whole.

"As you walk through these building you will see many amazing things," Allan noted. "You will see native and non-native people working hand in hand. You will see hospitality. You will see a glimpse of our heritage. You will see part of our culture. You will see a story that's already written with no ending. You will see our ancestors smiling down on us because their hard work was not lost."



Chairman Allan recognizes TERO workers for all they have done for the expansion.

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.

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wished her well and thanked her for her service for the last three years.

Abraham was humble and thankful for the votes he received and is excited to serve the Tribal membership over the next three years.

Officers were voted on where Chief Allan remained as Chairman, Stensgar remained as Vice-Chairman and Jeanie Louie held her position as Secretary-Treasurer for the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council.

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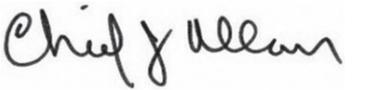
To begin, I want to congratulate Vice Chairman Ernie Stensgar on his reelection to Tribal Council and John Abraham on his election as a new Tribal Council Member. I also want to thank Roberta Juneau for her service and time as a Tribal Council Member. As we move forward, the Tribal Council is reorganizing and focused on the challenges that we face in the next year. I feel excited about the dynamics of the new Council, and

look forward to tackling tough issues together with such a great working group. Next, I want to convey my pride and appreciation to all the folks, especially the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Casino employees, who helped make ATNI one of the best conferences ever hosted by our Tribe. Thank you! All the hard work really showed, and it was such a pleasure throughout the week to showcase

our newly expanded Casino and our Tribe's accomplishments. More than 400 participants, representing 61 Tribes throughout the west, attended ATNI this year. I heard nothing but rave reviews of the expansion and for the hospitality-and I know that it all comes only when you have a dedicated, savvy, and hard working group of employees. Thank you for helping us achieve many of these recent major accomplishments and

for helping make our conference debut with ATNI a success. Some of my own personal highlights included the opportunity to interview Mark Few, Head Coach of the Gonzaga Men's Basketball program. I really appreciated his sentiment, "You can either be the warrior, or the victim." I know this attitude shows with the strength of our Tribe in spite of so many challenges we have faced. Clearly Coeur d'Alenes hold onto this simple yet powerful way of thinking. Many times we could have rolled over and just become another victim, but instead we have always risen from tough breaks. Now it is with great pleasure that I reflect on our success today. In addition to Coeur d'Alene Tribal Members who hold positions of authority in various organizations, such as Dennis Worden, Legislative Director of the Native American Contractors Association and also many of our own who made the agenda stronger with their participation- it was good that several elected officials and honored guests joined us such as Idaho Representative Bob Nonini (R-Coeur d'Alene) and Chairman of the Idaho Council

on Indian Affairs; United States Representative Raul Labrador (R-Idaho); and Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations Director Tony Stewart. Our efforts to work together with our neighbors have resulted in a successful fight against invasive species in our waters; a cooperative management plan for Lake Coeur d'Alene; and the termination of a bill that would have raised cigarette taxes on the reservation. Lastly, one of the most exciting guests we hosted was Shoni Schimmel, a Umatilla Tribal Member who rocked the basketball court in our Tribal Youth versus Tribal Leaders basketball game at the Wellness Center. She now plays ball for the University of Louisville, and was recently profiled in a documentary called *Off the Rez* which aired on TLC. Seeing so many friends and colleagues on my home turf was a real blessing, and I am really thankful for such a nice week. Here's to more to come!

Regards,


June - 2011

SUNDAY <i>st(eti)'wes</i>	MONDAY <i>chdi'k'w</i>	TUESDAY <i>asasq'it</i>	WEDNESDAY <i>cha'lasq'it</i>	THURSDAY <i>mosq'it</i>	FRIDAY <i>tse/chsq'it</i>	SATURDAY <i>chti'i'</i>
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5	6	7	8  CDA Tribal Credit Applications Due	9	10 ECLC: enrollment selection	11  ECLC: fishing with fathers
12	13  Council Fires Priority deadline	14 CDA Tribal Credit Board Meeting	15	16  ECLC: parent child nutrition activity	17 Success Center presents Pied Piper @ 1:30 & 5:00	18
19  Father's Day	20 DEADLINE FOR GRADUATE INFORMATION Council Fires Final deadline	21  First Day of Summer	22  CDA Tribal Credit Applications Due	23	24 BMC Block Party 11:00-3:00	25
26	27	28 CDA Tribal Credit Board Meeting	29	30		



Of all of the late Spring activities that are repeated annually, nowadays May signals the return of school field trips. Starting with the Natural Resource Department's spectacular sessions for sixth-grade science students at the cutthroat trout habitat restoration project on Lake Creek, the tribe is host or participant on several occasions for students to learn about tribal history, culture, or concerns: Q'emiln Quest for fourth-graders in Post Falls, ID, a camas dig in eastern Washington (hosted by the Spokane Tribe and attended by the Tribal School), day trips to the Coeur d'Alene's Old Mission State Park, among others.

Time, then, for a bit of a review of the *Coeur d'Alene* language terms related to those events. Match the *Coeur d'Alene* terms below to the appropriate English translation. The answers appear [elsewhere in the paper]. Please find answers on page 15

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| c. <i>sloq'walyalqw</i> | h. <i>'yalstq</i> | m. <i>sq'wt'u</i> | r. <i>smlich</i> |
| d. <i>slaq</i> | i. <i>sqhusm</i> | n. <i>sp'it'em</i> | s. <i>'etqhwe'</i> |
| e. <i>st'shastq</i> | j. <i>sech'echt</i> | o. <i>polpolqn</i> | t. <i>pacha'lqn</i> |

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| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> | Summer; July | 12. <input type="checkbox"/> | Serviceberry |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> | Brown or edible blue camas | 13. <input type="checkbox"/> | DeSmet, ID |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> | Site of the Old Mission | 14. <input type="checkbox"/> | Cougar |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> | Salmon | 15. <input type="checkbox"/> | Bitterroot |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> | Owl | 16. <input type="checkbox"/> | Plummer, ID |
| 7. <input type="checkbox"/> | Coeur d'Alene, ID | 17. <input type="checkbox"/> | Thimbleberry |
| 8. <input type="checkbox"/> | Foamberry | 18. <input type="checkbox"/> | Cutthroat trout |
| 9. <input type="checkbox"/> | May; "bark is loose" | 19. <input type="checkbox"/> | Black moss |
| 10. <input type="checkbox"/> | Bear | 20. <input type="checkbox"/> | Elders |

Explaining role of the STOP Violence Program

By **Bernie LaSarte**
STOP Violence Program Mgr.

The Mission Statement of the Tribe's STOP Violence Program is as follows:

The STOP Violence Program is dedicated to breaking the cycle of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking through awareness and intervention and developing partnerships within the community and other programs.

It is the purpose of the program to provide confidential victim advocacy, safe shelter, and compassion while promoting one's dignity and respect for cultural beliefs.

The STOP Violence Program provides an array of services such as emergency shelter, client assistance, court advocacy, counseling for victims and their children who witness the violence, housing advocacy, crisis intervention, support groups, outreach services, sexual

assault advocacy, transitional housing, case managing, community awareness, technical assistance, and DV offender intervention services, 52-week men's program. You may wonder what does "advocacy" mean? By definition it means "someone who speaks on behalf of another person."

One of the major factors that keep victims from reporting their domestic violence and/or sexual assault is because of the fear of not being believed; not believed by their families, loved ones, friends, police, courts, the community, etc. They may carry the pain and trauma of their assaults for many years, which essentially means they never fully heal and may carry the pain and trauma into their adult life affecting their subsequent relationships, and not just their intimate relationships but relationships with their children as well. The staff at the STOP Violence Program

speaks for victims when they find it hard to speak for themselves. The maze of justice is often overwhelming for victims who've just been beaten to a pulp that navigating the "system" is far beyond their reach; that's where advocates come in.

The priority of this Program is to keep victims and their children safe from further abuse, maintain their confidences, and to believe them! This priority is in tune with the federal funders of the STOP Violence Program who receive 98% of their funds from the Office of Violence Against Women which is a Department of Justice Program. You would want us to believe your family or loved one if they come in to the STOP Violence Program as I would want. They deserve to be believed.

If you have any questions regarding advocacy and what services we provide please don't hesitate to call us. Thank you.

Forestry: missed window to burn, firewood permits being issued

General: Well, it looks like we have finally turned the corner and warmer weather is setting in. Unfortunately the dryer weather came too late for prescribed burning and greenup has started. We will still try to get some burning done but it probably won't be a lot. Delivered log markets have continued a slow upward trend and our latest appraisals are high enough we will be advertising several sales in the coming months. Contact the forestry department or visit the Tribe's website under Natural Resources/Forestry/Timber Sales for additional up to date information.

Firewood permits will be issued again starting in late May for woodcutting beginning after June 1. Stop by or contact the forestry office at 686-1227 to get a permit.

Forest Development: Tree planting started on May 9, with Native Lands West LLC working on lower elevation planting areas. Snow still blocks roads into the higher elevation sites, but we hope rain and warmer temperatures will reduce the amount of snow plowing required to access the units. Work continues on the Windfall Pass TSI project, although the crew is walking a bit to get to the work site due to snow drifts. The Cherry Creek block is higher, and the access road crosses a lot of north slope. Access will probably be difficult due to snow for a couple more weeks. We are still hoping (against the odds) that the Moose Paddle Logging Unit can be burned and planted this spring. Recent weather has not helped the prospect for that project.

Forest Management Inventory & Planning: The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Forest Resource Planning has finished programming and testing the software for analyzing the Continuous Forest Inventory data. Dave Wilson came from Colorado on May 9 to install the program and show us how to use the programs. Since field season is upon us, analysis will be delayed until late fall and winter.

Timber Sales: Forestry technicians are back at work now that the snow is gone in the lower elevations. They have located property corners for a timber sale in the Worley area, and are currently assessing the condition of timber west of DeSmet in the Andrews Spring area. Reconnaissance of timbered allotments around Worley continues for a timber sale tentatively planned for summer of 2012.

Three timber sales are in line for sale early this summer. The Chadalamalqwn sale, located east

and south of Plummer has been advertised with an advertisement date set for **June 10, 2011**. The Tamiyel Logging Unit, located just north of the Windfall Pass Road is scheduled for a bid opening on June 21, 2011. That sale will be followed the next day, June 22, by the Sachri Logging Unit, located north of Plummer near the Tribal Rock Pit. The timber market has improved over the last few months allowing these sales to be advertised at this time. Additional information can be received from Barb Scaroni at 686-2074 or by visiting the Tribal website at <http://www.cdatribe-nsn.gov/natural/Forestry/Timbersales.aspx>

The Forestry Department also participated in Water Awareness Week (May 10-13) where local students learned to identify local trees and how to measure tree diameter, height, and age.

Fuels Program: The Fuels Program has been setting up areas for contract work. The Windfall/Peedee Contract has a combination of 20 acres of hazardous fuel reduction (HFR) treatments and over 5 miles of road brushing work. The Timber Agricultural Interface Fuel Break Project 5 is a HFR project with an estimated 250 to 275 treated acres. We are scheduling more contact work for the summer in the Little Butte Area and off of Windfall Road. The Fuels Crew schedule for the field season is to work in the Little Butte Area and near the rest area. Currently, they are working near the rest area and treating A8 with a thinning, pruning, and a combination of hand piling and machine mastication. Chris Luke has finished his academic school year and is reporting back to work, so we would like to welcome him back. Please be cautious near the above mentioned areas as signs are posted during active operations. If you have any questions, contact Chuck Simpson – Fuels Specialist - at (208) 686-5030.

Forest Roads: With the weather drying out we have started up the processing of materials and are looking forward to providing a larger selection of materials for the reservation communities such as decoration rock, boulders, garden mulch, topsoil, gravel and drain rock. Along with these products we are working towards making colored mulches in the near future. Keep in mind we have a large stockpile of firewood for people to come and cut. Also we are accepting yard waste and tree limb cuttings for free disposal. It must be clean of garbage and metal and we will inspect. Call George Torpey at 686-1885 or 582-2517.

What to know about fire safety

Fire management program is getting ready for the upcoming fire season and finishing up our annual fire training. We have been getting the prescribed fire units ready, tracking weather, and fuel moistures. The units are located on the ridge line between hiway 60 and Lovell valley road. The burn is called the Ridge to Ridge burn unit and consists of 14 allotted and tribal parcels which covers 1,000 acres total. The Ridge to Ridge units will be burned over the next 5 years. If you have any questions feel

free to give us a call at 208-686-5306.

We would also like to encourage individuals interested in working for the Fire program to apply as we are presently advertising for a couple of positions.

With that we would like to leave you with a little safety message.

Be Prepared for Wildland Fire - Protect Yourself

Learn about your area's wildland fire risk. Contact fire management, local fire

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Circling Raven floods due to heavy spring rainshowers



Water, water everywhere. Rising water Sunday and Monday flowed over the bridge just past the 17th green at Circling Raven Golf Club. The bridge, with the Union Pacific trestle above, was submerged about three feet, blocking the only passage there and causing temporary closure of the back nine. The flooding is expected to drop rapidly with dryer weather this week. Photo by Tom Davidson

Has it been 40 days and 40 nights of rain? No, but it's been something like 40 of the last 60, or more.

Heavy rain Sunday and Monday brought flooding to streams, creeks and rivers throughout the Inland Northwest, one of them Rock Creek as it flows through Circling Raven Golf Club. For the second episode this season, the back nine had to be closed when the bridge between 17 green and 18 tee. The bridge under the trestle there was three

feet under water, blocking the only passage back to the clubhouse.

But the course didn't exactly close. The front nine remained open both days and, despite the cold and rain, even had a few players on Monday.

"One group from Seattle played the front nine, then came in to dry off," said Director of Golf Tom Davidson. "They all ate a hot bowl of soup and went back out there, playing the front one more time. They were determined to finish 18

holes and didn't seem to mind that the back was closed."

Along with heavy rain, Spokane recorded its coldest high temperature ever for May 16th—47 degrees. That was about three degrees warmer than it was here as rain, and even some snow mix, remained moderate to heavy most of the day.

Flood warnings are up throughout the region, but several days of dry weather will ease flooding in areas not so impacted by snow melt.

Tribal leaders marvel at Casino/Resort expansion, people, service

By Bob Bostwick

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, an organization representing 57 tribes in Idaho, Washington, Oregon, western Montana, northern California and southern Alaska, served to truly launch the expansion here. This was our opportunity to shine.

Wow, did we shine.

It's debatable whether they were

send them back to their own headquarters and consider a similar project of their own."

But the compliments went much further, deeper. That's where employees came to the fore.



"Everywhere I was, I heard people talking about the staff," Stewart said. "They talked about the nature of people working here

and how they were not only more impressed with the beauty of the new design or the quality of character and service found in the staff here. Marc Stewart, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Director of Public Relations, spent much of the week kibitzing the conference, all the while visiting with leaders and staff from tribes near and far.

"You should know the amazing things they said about the place," he told this writer. "People were telling me not only how beautiful it is, but how it's not like anything else they've seen—in Indian Country or elsewhere. There were several tribal leaders taking pictures, anxious to

greatly accommodating, but how their friendliness and attitudes were so impressive. The quality of everything made a huge impression—food, service, facilities and people."

Stewart, himself a former newsman, was not necessarily taking names, but he was taking notes.

"The impression made on (ATNI) guests was magnificent," he said. "The expansion and the people working there made the tribe look great."

It's all wonderful to hear. It's not surprising, but wonderful to hear.

Casino construction update: It's all about the trees

Scores of trees will complement the environmentally friendly nature of our expanded resort, but the trees are still coming.

As we already know, Aspens and Firs are growing now in the parking areas, the former in Sunrise, the latter in Sunset. But, as landscaping continues, we'll see growth of Birch, Tamarack and other varieties. In time, they will make the resort look like it

pops out of a woodland.

"The landscaping is moving at a quick pace now," said project coordinator Francis SiJohn. "We're expecting to see the real impact of it by around mid-summer."

Landscaping is now benefited by the moving of quality soil from the area beyond the Sunset lot. That soil has been spread out in the front yard area, alongside four acres of land already

covered by fresh sod.

The natural area that lies between the two Sunrise hotel wings, including a marsh, is another site where native vegetation is alive and well, all of it now growing around the marsh. A wooden footpath allows guests to talking a walking tour of that site.

More landscaping and native vegetation will beautify the area east of the spa and Sunrise hotel wings.

Annual cleanup set along Highway 58

As is the tradition here, Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort employees are invited to volunteer for the annual cleanup of right-of-way on State Highway 58. The effort will be underway the morning of Friday, June 24th.

All volunteers will be treated to lunch at a venue to be determined. The cleanup will cover the area between the state line and U.S Highway 95.

Those interested may contact Shamara Brown in Human Resources. Her extension is 7349.

Circling Raven Golf Club Men's & Ladies Club Schedule 2011				
Date	Event	Time	Local	Game
May 25th	M & L's Club Back Nine	3pm tt	CRGC	2 man scramble
June 8th	M & L's club off-site	afternoon	TBA	
June 22nd	M & L's Club 18 hole event	3pm tt	CRGC	stableford
July 6th	M & L's Club Back Nine	3pm tt	CRGC	beat the pro
July 20th	M & L's Club Front Nine	3pm tt	CRGC	2 man best ball
August 3rd	M & L's Club Back Nine	3pm tt	CRGC	play the tips
August 17th	M & L's club off-site	afternoon	TBA	
August 31st	M & L's Club 18 hole event	3pm tt	CRGC	contest games
Sept. 14th	M & L's Club Front Nine	3pm tt	CRGC	3,3, and 3
Sept. 28th	M & L's Club Back Nine	3pm tt	CRGC	red tee challenge
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Ramona Daniels, has been appointed Personal Representative for the Estate of Leila M. Daniels by the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Court of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation, Plummer, Idaho.

All creditors having claims against the deceased, Leila M. Daniels, are to serve such claims upon the Personal Representative and to file them with the Clerk of the Tribal Court within two (2) months from the date of the first publication of this notice which is April 7, 2011.

The Personal Representative may be served by mailing copies of the claims to him/her at: Ramona Daniels - P.O. Box 364 - Worley, ID, 83876.

Copies of the claims may be filed with the court by mailing copies to: Clerk of the Court - Coeur d'Alene Justice Center - 29 Route 22 -Plummer ID 83851.

Date of Posting/Publication April 7, 2011.

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 CHANG NAME OF: BAZIL JOSEPH DORAN Petitioner desires to change present name to: BAZIL JOSEPH DURAN for the following reason(s): The father ROBERTO LEWIS DORAN is changing the spelling of his last name from DORAN to DURAN. Petitioner's father's name: ROBERTO LEWIS DORAN. Dated this 23 day of May, 2011.

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department, state forestry office or other emergency response agencies for information on fire laws and wildland fire risk.

If you are at risk for wildland fire, you should:

- **Make sure that fire vehicles can get to your home by clearly marking all driveways**
- **Entrances and displaying your homes address number.** Make sure the driveway is wide enough to allow fire emergency vehicles easy access to the home with ample turnaround space. Keep the driveway in good condition.
- **Post fire emergency telephone numbers by every phone in your home.** In a wildland fire, every second counts.
- **Plan and practice two ways out of your neighborhood.** Your primary route may be blocked; know another way out just in case.
- **Identify and maintain an adequate water source outside your home,** such as a small pond, cistern, well, swimming pool, or hydrant. Keep a garden hose that is long enough to reach any area of the home and other structures on the property. Extra hint place buckets of water around home if you can't provide the above firefighters can use to extinguish small fires.
- **Keep handy household items that can be used as fire tools:** a rake, ax, hand saw or chain saw,

bucket, and shovel. You may need to fight small fires before emergency responders arrive. Having this equipment will make your efforts more effective.

Protect Your Property: If you live in an area at risk for wildland fire, you should:

- **Select building materials and plants that can help resist fire** rather than fuel it. Use only fire-resistant or noncombustible materials (tile, stucco, metal siding, brick, concrete block, or rock) on the roof and exterior structure of your home. Treat wood or combustible materials used in roofs, siding, decking, or trim with fire-retardant chemicals that have been listed by the Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) or other certification laboratories. Avoid using wooden shakes and shingles for a roof. Use only thick, tempered safety glass in large windows. Sliding glass doors are already required to be made of tempered safety glass.
- **Have electrical lines installed underground** if you live in an area where this is an option. There is a greater chance of fire from overhead lines that fall or are damaged.
- **Create safety zones** to separate your home and outbuildings, such as barns, from plants and vegetation. (Consult your local fire department for recommendations about the safety zones for your property.)

Maintain the greatest distance possible between your home and materials that may burn in a wildland fire. Within this area, you can take

steps to reduce potential exposure to flames and radiant heat. Swimming pools and patios can help define safety zones.

- **If your home sits on a steep slope,** standard protective measures may not suffice. Fire moves quickly up steep slopes. A larger safety zone may be necessary. Stone walls can act as heat shields and deflect flames along a ridge.
- **Regularly clean roofs and gutters.** Remove all dead limbs, needles, and debris that spread fire.
- **Equip chimneys and stovepipes with a spark arrester** - This will reduce the chance of burning cinders escaping through the chimney, starting outdoor fires.
- **Have a fire extinguisher ("A-B-C" rated) and get training from the fire department in how to use it.** Different extinguishers operate in different ways. A water extinguisher is better for vegetation fires and to raise the moisture level in leaves and grasses. Unless you know how to use your extinguisher, you may not be able to use it effectively. There is no time to read directions during an emergency.
- **Consider installing protective shutters or multi-**

paned windows. The extreme heat created by the fire causes single paned windows to break, permitting burning cinders and superheated air to enter and ignite the interior of the building. The right shutters can reduce the potential for these cinders to cause your home to burn.

- **Keep a ladder handy that will reach the roof.** You may need to get on the roof to remove combustible debris.
- **Clear all combustible vegetation and remove wooden lawn furniture** to reduce the fuel load. Rake away leaves. Remove leaves, rubbish, dead limbs, and twigs from under structures and dispose of them properly. Have a professional tree service create a 15-foot (5-meter) space between tree crowns, and remove limbs within 6 to 10 feet (2 to 3 meters) of the ground. This will help reduce the chance of fire spreading from tree to tree or from ground to tree.
- **Remove dead branches from all trees.** Dead branches are very combustible.
- **Remove tree branches and shrubs within 10 feet (3 meters) of a stovepipe or chimney outlet.**
- **Keep all tree and shrub limbs trimmed so they do not come in contact with electrical wires.** Electrical wires can be easily damaged or knocked loose by swaying branches.
- **Mow and water grass**

regularly. This will help reduce the fuel available for fire.

- **Stack firewood at least 30 feet (9 meters) away and uphill from your home.** Clear combustible material within 20 feet (6 meters) of the stack. Fire tends to travel uphill, so keep highly combustible firewood and other materials above your home.
- **Use only wood-burning devices that are listed by UL** or other certification laboratories and approved by your local fire department.
- **Place metal screens over openings to prevent collection of litter.** Cover openings to windows, floors, roof, and attic with metal screen (not vinyl). Use at least quarter-inch screen beneath porches, decks, floors, and the home itself. Eighth-inch mesh screen is better. Litter, such as leaves, branches, twigs, and loose papers, quickly increases the fuel available for a fire.
- **Avoid open burning completely,** especially during the fire season. Ash and cinders can float in the air, and they may be blown into areas with heavy fuel load and start wildland fires. Check with your local fire department for burning regulations and permits.
- **Report hazardous conditions** that could cause a wildland fire. Community responders may be able to eliminate or reduce conditions that could cause fire.

Coeur d'Alene Tribe

24th Annual Moose Lottery

Application Deadline
August 5, 2011

Drawing Date
August 12, 2011

Season Date: August 20 through November 30

Controlled hunt permits are available for the harvest of moose on-Reservation and in the Ceded area. Only enrolled members of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe 14 years of age and older are eligible for the drawing. Contact the Wildlife Program at 686-6603 with any questions.

- On-Reservation tags and ceded area tags are available. These tags are all designated as either sex.
- Two on-Reservation, either sex, archery only tags are available. These tags will be good for two years (2011 and 2012 hunting seasons). Moose must be harvested with the use of archery equipment if one of these tags is drawn.
- There is a three year waiting period if you were selected in last year's drawing. Designated Hunters are also included in the waiting period, as well as the individual they were hunting for.
- All successful applicants must pick up their tags in person before September 1, 2011. All unclaimed tags will be reallocated to alternate hunters.
- All successful applicants must pay a \$25 deposit fee when picking up their tag. This fee will be reimbursed in full if the hunter report form is returned before December 31, 2011.

Coeur d'Alene Tribe

2011 Moose Lottery Registration Card

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Tribal ID: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Please select either the Archery Tag, or rank your preference of On-Res or Ceded Tags #1, and #2. You cannot apply for the Archery Tag if you apply for On-Res/Ceded, and vice versa.

Hunt Preference:

<input type="checkbox"/> On-Res (either sex) <input type="checkbox"/> Ceded Area (either sex)	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Res Archery (either sex)
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Return all entries to the Wildlife Program at P.O. Box 408, Plummer, ID 83851. Entry must be received by August 5, 2011 to be eligible for drawing. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.



The Coeur d'Alene Tribe hosts the ATNI mid-year conference

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians opened its mid-year convention at the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort with conversations with Rep. Raul Labrador (R-Idaho), who serves on the House of Representatives' newly formed Indian and Alaska Native Affairs Subcommittee, and Loretta Tuell, staff director and chief counsel for the U.S. Senate Indian Affairs Committee.

"Engaging Congress will take time, money and commitment," said ATNI President Brian Cladoosby. "But it is essential for the Northwest Tribes who lead the nation in self-governance and natural-resource management to take a more vocal role in working with Senator Daniel Akaka on the Senate side, and in educating the 87 freshman members of the House about our issues."

Tuell said that Sen. Akaka (D-Hawaii), a Native Hawaiian, is only the second Native person to serve as chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. Now 86, Akaka has announced that he will not seek re-election in 2012. Tuell said that gives Native peoples a window of time in which core issues of Native identity and lands will be given top priority.

While Akaka is senior leader of the Senate, Rep. Labrador is among the freshmen in the primarily Republican House. He is an immigration attorney and former state legislator from Eagle, Idaho who has risen to the top of his conservative Republican class. He was introduced by Coeur d'Alene Chairman Chief James Allan, who said the congressman had traveled to Idaho to meet with many people, including tribal leaders, while he was a state legislator.

Telling tribal leaders that he wanted to hear from them, Labrador met with 20 leaders in a roundtable meeting after Monday's speech.

"The trust relationship, the guardian-ward relationship, the question we must ask ourselves is, 'How well does this relationship service you?'" he said. "You

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1-Raul Labrador meets with Tribal leaders the first day of the conference.

2-Shoni Schimmel signs autographs for Jeanie Louie.

3-ATNI President Brian Cladoosby speaks to the conference.

4-Mark Few receives a beaded necklace from a Cd'A Tribal member.

5-ATNI attendees golf at the Circling Raven Golf Course.

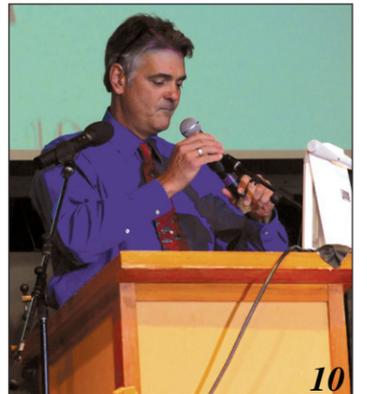
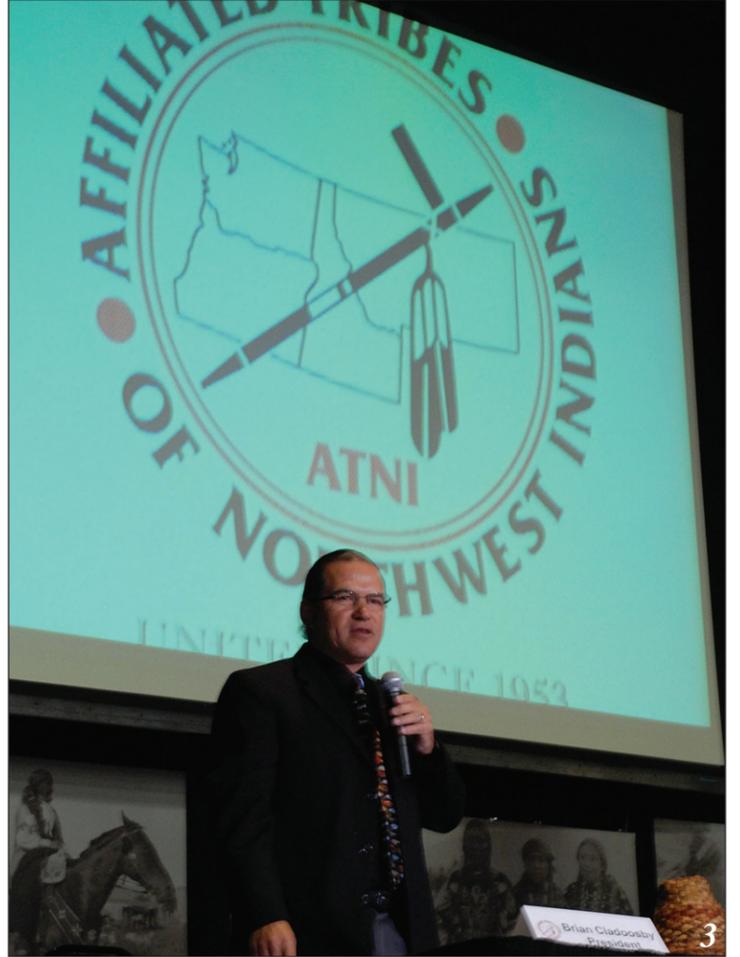
6-Chief Allan and Mark Few share a laugh during the ATNI luncheon.

7-Tribal leaders gear up to face off against local youth and Shoni Schimmel.

8-Cd'A Tribal IT Director Valerie Fast Horse speaks to the conference.

9 - Tribal members hit the links before the conference begins.

10 - Lake Mngmt. Director Phil Cenera explains the clean-up of the Cd'A Lake basin.



ECLC students visit Coeur d'Alene Tribal School



ECLC students, who will be moving onto Kindergarten next fall, get a taste of what regular school life is like while on a visit to the classrooms of the Coeur d'Alene Tribal School.

It will be close to three months before children from the Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) have the opportunity to return to the Tribal School, but one child, after visiting the school, went home and asked his mother, "Can I have just one sleep and then go to school there?"

The children arrived about 10:00 in the morning and toured the school to see what might lie in store for them in the coming school year. Parents came along and talked to teachers and staff as they progressed from one room to another.

It was not a normal day at the

Tribal School. There had already been an introductory opera performance to an assembly in the gym by the time the children arrived and the library had been transformed into a book fair for the past week and a half. When the children from the Early Childhood Learning Center stopped by the library/book fair, they were dazzled. A boy spotted a book high up on the shelf and asked if the librarian could read it to the group. Everyone settled on the floor to hear *Three Hungry Spiders and One Fat Fly*.

Then it was off to the classroom to see what interesting things

lurked there. The children spread out to inspect every corner of the room. Two girls quickly found the reading corner with two round chairs, just their size. A boy found the terrarium where developing insects were feeding on apple slices. Parents talked to Mrs. Brown, the teacher, and looked at a notebook with pictures of the kindergarteners participating in various activities, including field trips. But the highlight of the tour might have been when the children sat on the rug before the "magic" white board and got to direct the interaction with the program Starfall, which is found on the Internet.

Too soon, it was time for lunch in the cafeteria and the children were readied for the return trip to ECLC. They were sent off with much to think about and hands full of items to remember their visit. The Tribal School sent packets containing a book from First Book, a pencil, a bookmark, and some reading material for the parents of each of the 32 "graduating" children at the Learning Center. In addition, those who attended the tour each received a small stuffed animal.

The school looks forward to seeing the children and their friends back at the school in the fall.

One Sky sponsors basket classes



Area residents show the fruit of their labors with small hand woven baskets they learned to make during a class held last month at the Wellness Center.

Four local residents recently had the opportunity to learn how to make huckleberry baskets, thanks to a recent workshop sponsored by the tchankwasqt One Sky Art Council, and taught by Master Weaver Bernadine Phillips of Omak, Washington. The residents learned what a challenging process it is for families to make these baskets that have been used by our peoples for centuries. The first day we started the baskets with cedar gathered by the teachers cleaned and split the day before.

The second day we were taught how to split the roots gathered and

to make the fibers for our projects, Easier said than done. The time and work that goes into even the small baskets we worked on only reflect part of a full 5 or 10 gallon basket. We were very proud that this is the first basketweaving class in recent memory where everyone finished their basket. Participants in the workshop came from Kamiah, Lapwai, and of course, from our community. We were given a great gift by these gifted teachers and hope to repeat this again.

Our next class will be corn husk weaving, led by Julie Allman. Look for announcements soon!

Infant program looking for participants

The Baby Face program is looking for mothers of babies born in 2010 and those born or to be born in 2011 to participate in the program where we will work with you regarding your infant with in-home visits that are available at times convenient to you. Please contact Susie Howard about the program for further information at 208-686-8911.

Parents as Teachers is looking for children born between January and December of 2011 to participate in the program. These children will be followed by the program for 5 years. The program entails in-home visits with you and your child to closely assist parents with developmentally appropriate activities for the child. Each month the family will be given books for their child to enhance on literacy in the home. The program is not limited by income. Please contact Camille Wynecoop at 208-686-5138 for more information about participating.

Coeur d'Alene Tribal TANF Update

ACTION NOTICE
Future Tribal Gaming Revenue (per caps)
Affect Tribal TANF

All TANF Individuals are now required to provide the Tribal TANF Office with copies of all Gaming revenue received by your family. As head of household and individual receiving the TANF check you will need to:

1. Declare and provide copies of all income received from gaming.
2. Every six months you will be asked to sign a waiver that they understand and acknowledge the affect per caps have on TANF eligibility and assistance.
3. Gaming income will affect your TANF Cash Assistance.
4. It will be your choice to count for one month or prorate the gaming income every six months.
5. Sad to say but Child's per cap will count towards family income.

Kinship Recertification
Action Notice

July, 2011 is the FY 12 year for State Funds for Tribal Kinship cases. As per the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Plan "Care Taker Relative Applying Only for Relative Child: Only the child's income and resource are counted. Caretaker must apply for alternative resources for the relative child; such as child support, social security benefits, Per Capita Life Insurance benefits, and others. (Pg 16 of Tribal Plan)

To recertify please make an appointment and bring the following

1. Current application
2. Current utility bill
3. Updated Immunization record
4. Dated Court order or continuance order
5. School report card
6. Kinship cases with parent living in home will not be funded.

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Swan Family: difficult time made easier because of you

I want to send all of you my love and thanks during my families difficult time of loss of my granddaughter Sierra Marie Dick. Words cannot express the love and support received during this journey. I ask all of you to continue to pray for my daughter Jaycee Goudy and her partner Coby Dick.

I want to mention my gratitude to my sisters. Daveeta, Dalberta and Sarah. I have been truly blessed with the best sisters who stood by our side during the entire process. I also want to mention "2P" Bertha Swan, lim lemtsh for being with Peeps the entire time. Thank you to "Yaya" Joyce Swan, Gramma Yvonne and Papa Alfred Nomee for all your prayers, parental guidance and support.

BIG lim lemtsh to Auntie Jessica, Ray and Little Jessica from "Che-

week-ta-poo" for dressing Sierra. Also, Ministers "Moss", "Muskrat" and "Cuthla" Iola Totus from Independent Shaker Church from White Swan for conducting Shaker services and all the Goudy's from Yakama. Further thanks to the Dick Family and grave diggers. Thanks to Uncle Calvin Nomee for assisting the services. Also, thanks to Father Jerry, Sister D and Cee Cee for Catholic services. Big thanks to Curley family and Donny for cooking all the food it was wonderful. In addition Christa Howard, Cindy Aripa and Sam Aripa for cooking the salmon and dried meat. Also, Charlotte Nilson family for breakfast and support.

Lim lemtsh to the Coeur d' Alene tribe, Colville tribe and Yakama Nation for all your support and prayers. Also the family and friends

from Nez Perce Tribe. I appreciate Paulette Jordan for taking charge in sending the message to the tribes and being present to pray with the families.

Thanks to Jeanie Louie for your kind words of support and prayers. Also lim lemtsh to all the others who felt moved to speak. If I missed anyone please accept my apologies your in my heart and prayers. Everyone's presence was appreciated by the families.

I've learned from this sudden loss, we must treat each other well. We are one, and we can't take anybody or anything for granted. We aren't promised tomorrow, and we just never know. I love all of you.

*Lim lemtsh,
CarylDene Swan and Family*

Sczenski: thanks for your support

I am writing this letter to thank my family, friends, and all who supported me at this last council elections. It really means a lot to know that I have so much support. I would also like to extend my congratulations to Ernie and John. Even though I wasn't elected I still feel if I can help in any way please call me at 661-3710.

*Once again thank you very much.
Don Sczenski*

Stensgar: thank you for re-electing me

I am pleased that I was re-elected to serve you on the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council. Lim lemtsh. I commend all who seek to be elected to the Tribal Council. It takes so much effort on many different levels to run for council. We have come a long way, and our journey continues. I will work to the best of my abilities and will serve with my heart and best intentions for all.

I would like to thank my dear family and friends who helped with the campaign. Your love and support is much appreciated. To those who voted for me - thank you. Thank you to those who voted in general. Thank you for practicing your sovereign right as a Coeur d'Alene Tribal Member.

*Lim lemtsh.
Ernie Stensgar*

Palmer: signs torn down - disrespectful

I am writing to express my feelings of disappointment and sadness to notice as I drove through Worley on my way to Plummer Friday afternoon (May 6) most of the candidates' signs which were posted earlier in the week had disappeared. It saddened me to believe that any one from our Tribe could be so disrespectful to do such a thing.

We as Coeur d'Alenes are extremely rich people. We are rich in a culture which holds respect, honor, loyalty, integrity, and dignity in the highest esteem. Those who have lost their sense of these qualities are those who believe taking those signs down and destroying or disposing of them is okay. I sincerely hope all of us can be reminded by the actions

of many of our great tribal leaders who encouraged one another during elections, regardless of how they felt about one another. What made those leaders so great is the future they saw and worked so hard for is here NOW.

As a Coeur d'Alene tribal member, I simply ask this; please try to remember what it means to be Schitsu'umsh with pride. And if you feel you have an issue that needs to be addressed or a problem with one of the candidates, have enough respect for yourself, your family and the tribe to think twice before doing anything negative like taking candidates signs.

*Sincerely,
Brenda Ann Palmer
Coeur d'Alene Tribal Member*

Weaver: tired of store being vandalized

Once again thieves have stolen from the tensed Service Station and The Big Store. We know who these thieves are, we know who their families are, and once again we are waiting to see what is going to happen next. Will they be prosecuted or will they be told that they can go home because it is okay? Are their families proud of their accomplishments? Does it take a thief to raise a thief? What are these young people doing out at all hours of the night, is there a curfew? Do their parents know or care where they are? Are their parents going to take responsibility for their children?

Not only do these thieves steal the items from us, which we have had to purchase with our hard-

earned money, but they also cost us time and money for repairs. I don't see the glass company saying it is okay and we don't have to pay them. The glass company wants their money immediately; they don't want to wait years to be paid.

Most of the time over the past several years it has been the same group of thieves. Yes, thieves. They start young and continue to practice their thievery so they become proficient. I wonder what their long term goals are. Do their families get to attend their graduation?

How long will the tribe allow this to continue?

*Jean Weaver
Tribal member*

Bellusci: sorry to dismissed teacher

I want to thank Phyllis Farnsworth for her many years of services at ECLC. She is a very loved and respected teacher. We love you Phyllis. I am so sorry what was done to you. It was really messed up and you didn't deserve it. I wish you the best in your new employment where I know you will be appreciated because you're the bomb.

Thank you for taking care of my babies, especially NeNe. He's been with you since he was a baby and we had the pleasure of having you throughout his early childhood and we will always be in each other's life.

Crystal Bellusci

Trahant: will Indian Country be excited for 2012 election?

Canada just finished its national elections and the governing Conservative Party expanded its majority in parliament. Last week Prime Minister Stephen Harper also announced the historic appointment of two Native Canadians to that country's cabinet.

Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo said it was the first time the cabinet would include both an Inuit member and a First Nations member, returning Health Minister Leona Aqlukkaq and Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Peter Penashue.

This Canadian record-breaker is worth thinking about in the United States. There is a deep pool of Native American talent already working at federal agencies such as Bureau of Indian Affairs or the Indian Health Service, so it's time to see the promotion of an American Indian or Alaska Native to the post of Surgeon General, as a member of the Federal Communications Commission, or better yet, to run another cabinet agency? (We'll save the "who"

on this list for another day.)

But will President Obama even have a second term? And will Indian Country be as excited about Obama in 2012 and it was in 2008?

It's way too early in the process to answer the first question. We don't even know yet which of the Republican challengers is the strongest contender making it hard to compare philosophy, record and approach to governing. And, answering the second question is also complicated. Many in Indian Country saw the last election in terms of immediate change. Some are disappointed because President Obama didn't do this or that. But the U.S. government is slow. Real change needs to be a sustained effort over time. The president has done a solid job working with tribal leaders on core issues, ranging from consultation to protecting the budget from sharp congressional cuts. And the idea that U.S. policy could be worse -- far worse, at that -- is not a message that excites voters.

After the last election, Wizi Garriott, a member of the

Rosebud Sioux Tribe, who was then working for the Obama campaign, told Indian Country Today, "For us, the campaign has always been about community empowerment. We've tried to put as many resources as possible into Indian communities so we can help our own people organize and empower themselves. That's what this is all about."

That's still what it is about. The type of change that's required is not going to come from any presidential administration. It will require more people to organize and empower themselves at the community level. To my way of thinking the Obama administration's policies have complemented that very notion. If that message is clear -- especially if it is accompanied by specific Obama administration policies and actions -- then there is a good chance Indian Country will turn out and vote again.

I write opinion and not straight news. So I will be blunt. It's critical for Indian Country to re-

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Native Business: three must know tests

By Jim Stanley

Whether you are a front line worker, CFO, or aspiring to become an executive you need to know this... a business is judged through three tests to measure current, medium, and long-term health of a company.

Test 1, Cash Flow (current term): The snapshot of cash flow is sometimes called a debt service coverage ratio where earnings before interest, depreciation, and amortization (EBIDA) are divided by the principal and interest payments of debt and all re-occurring fixed costs like company vehicle payments, rent, and equipment leases. Banks generally look for a debt service coverage ratio of 1.2x or better and traditionally consider only historical cash flow to test debt service coverage ratio.

Test 2, Liquidity (medium term): Liquidity measures a company's ability to pay its bills over the course of the twelve months or so using a current ratio. The current ratio divides current assets by current liabilities. Both these quantities are found on a company's

balance sheet. Current assets are things like accounts receivable a company owns that can be turned into cash within a twelve month period. Current liabilities are debt and accounts payable due within one year. Banks generally look for a ratio of 1.2x to 1.5 or better.

Test 3, Leverage (long term): A debt to equity ratio assesses a company's ability to make payments to creditors over a period of time greater than twelve months. A debt to equity ratio is configured by dividing total debt by total tangible equity in a business. Both debt and equity are found on a company's balance sheet. Assets that are not tangible are difficult to turn into cash -like goodwill and intellectual property. Leverage ratios vary largely depending on an industry's capital requirements.

A manufacturing company uses machinery, an asset that typically requires material capital to purchase and maintain, to make profit which is different than an accounting firm which requires

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Annual Antelope Run honors and remembers Tribe's past



By Judi Heicksen

The day was perfect with warm sunshine and excitement in the air as students, teachers, and visitors gathered for the 24th Annual Antelope Run. This run celebrates the great running tradition of the Coeur d'Alene tribal members. The ancestors didn't always have horses, and young scouts who were blessed with great running abilities served as guardians of the safety of the Tribe. The most celebrated of these was Running Antelope whose name was later changed to Walking Antelope because of an injury he sustained to his leg when running to warn his people of a possible impending attack.

The Battle of Steptoe Butte also lives on in history as a turning point in the Coeur d'Alenes' relationship with the Europeans who were moving west. Steptoe Butte was the traditional lookout

spot for the Tribe because its high pinnacle provided a 360 ° view of the land below. It was from this vantage point that the Coeur d'Alene scout spotted the military advancing in the direction of the Tribe's encampment and made the run to warn his people.

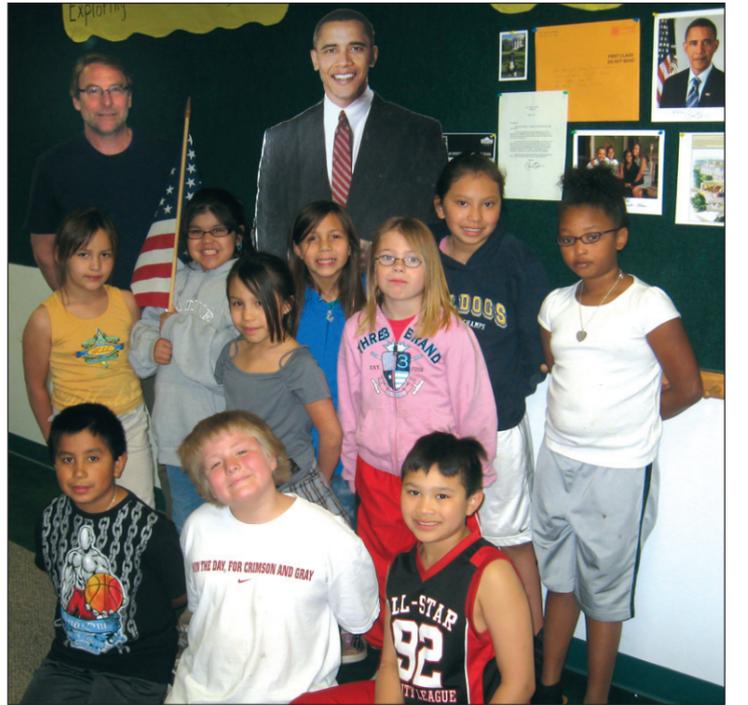
Today the children of the Tribal School continue to honor their ancestors and remember their history with this traditional run every May. This year students, staff, and visitors formed a circle and received a blessing from Father Jerry Graham. Tribal School students, Shawn Davison, Jordan Davison, Alyssa SiJohn, Shyreen Fulton, and Kodamen Matheson, drummed with Sue Howard, Phillip Fulton, Nathan Fulton, and Cheffrey Sailto. The circle stretched out into two lines forming a lane between them. Eighth graders, Franky Skwanqhqn, carrying the staff,

and Dylan Vincent started the run through the lane and away from the school.

Because the runners are young and each is not able to make the 37-mile run alone, it is divided into relays. The rest of the students are bused to various relay stops along the route where they cover distances of 1/8 to 1/4 mile each until they reach the base of the mountain. There they all refresh and regroup and begin the arduous ascent until all have reached the top.

Finally, there is a victory celebration with a closing ceremony before the students return to the school on the buses. A great feast awaits them at home and another tradition has embedded itself in the memories of all those participating. We thank everyone who makes this event possible and we look forward to the 25th anniversary of the Antelope Run in 2012!

Third grade in touch with President



Front L-R : Devon Martinez, Nakota Sutherland, Patrick LaSarte. Back L-R: Emma Daniels, Valdema Matt, Angela Roubideaux, Maria Lee, Shantel Mahoney, Mariah Aripa, Riley Callahan. Rear: Mr. Vern Harvey with President Obama (life-size photo). Not pictured: Maritsa Matt, Renee McJoe

Mr. Harvey's class of third graders were proud, excited, and impressed when they received a large envelope from the White House in Washington, D.C. Inside the envelope there was a personal letter from President Obama on official White House stationery! He also included a photograph of Bo (their dog) on the White House lawn, a family picture autographed by him and his wife, Michelle, a formal picture of Obama (also autographed), and an 8 1/2" x 11" card with picture showing the insides of the White House on one side and an interview with the president on the other.

The envelope and its contents, along with a laminated picture of the Great Seal of the United States, are posted on the bulletin board outside the third grade classroom. This has drawn a great deal of interest from everyone who passes by in the hall. The students love to share the story behind it. It was a response to letters written by the students to

the president.

Mr. Harvey says, "Earlier this year our class wrote essays to President Obama. The title of our essays was "If I Could Change the World." Students wrote regarding a number of issues that were important to them. Some wrote about pollution and littering. Some wrote about helping the poor, while others talked about getting rid of drugs and alcohol. Students not only pointed out the problems, but gave the President some pointers on how to solve these issues. My hope was that students recognize they have a voice and there are ways to be heard, such as writing to the President."

This was President Obama's reply:

Dear Students:

Thank you for writing me. I appreciate your taking the time to share your thoughts.

Your ideas are important to me, and your generation will play an important role in shaping

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Robotics take over the Tribal School



Lego robots came to life for the children in the Opportunity Center (also known as the After School Program) at the Coeur d'Alene Tribal School as they built various projects from Lego robotics kits that included motors, light sensors, lights, and position sensors. Children worked in pairs with a University of Idaho Service Learning student or with a staff member from the Opportunity Center. Each team had a kit and

a laptop computer with a special robotics application that allowed them to write simple programs to control their completed robots.

The first project was a spinner. The students used a base, a motor and various other Lego pieces to create a wheel that would spin. The motor, attached to the computer by a cable, spun at a certain rate of speed in a certain direction

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Tribal School Summer Session

We are pleased to be offering a Summer Session at the Tribal School following a break at the end of the regular school year. We have planned a variety of enriching activities, crafts, guest speakers, and fields trips for the children.

The two week session will take place June 6-17, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided daily. Transportation will be provided, and pick-up and drop-off sites will be designated. Enrollment is open to Tribal School students presently in grades 2-6, and students who may have been recommended for services by the administration.

*Enrollment forms have been mailed to the homes of children in grades 2-6. If you wish to have your child/children participate, please return the form to the Tribal School as soon as possible.

If you do not have an enrollment form, or have further questions, please call the Tribal School office at 686-5808, or one of the numbers listed below.

Delores Johnston 686-8109 or Judi Heicksen 686-5999.

Opera is made fun for students

The Wizard of the Opera and Dorothy made an appearance at the Tribal School, much to the enjoyment of the students in Kindergarten through fifth grades. Through the delightful spin off of *The Wizard of Oz* performed by two singers and a keyboardist from the Opera Plus Company, the children were introduced to the sounds of opera.

The children sat on the floor before the small stage set and listened intently to the singing and monologues that introduced them to some of the great operas such as *Figaro*. The whole program revolved around a theatric plot with villains and heroes and the simple little heroine in her ruby

slippers that she needed to in order to get home again. The students joined in the singing when prompted and helped Dorothy get away from the villain by clicking their heels together and turning around three times.

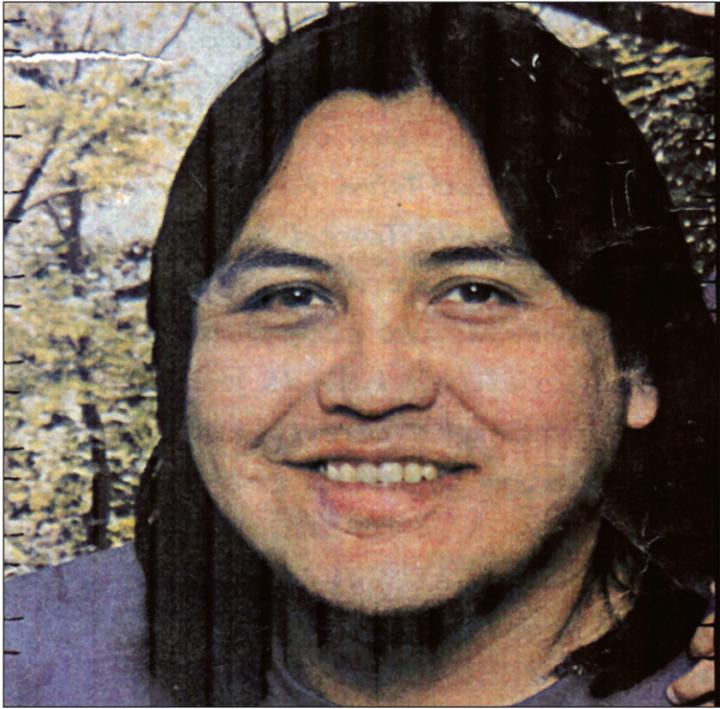
However, as they "traveled" to different countries around the world, the villain was never far behind. Yes, he eventually caught up with her and did his dastardly work of putting her into a deep sleep so he could steal her precious shoes. The children sympathized when they realized she'd never make it home without her shoes, but the Wizard came

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~ In Passing ~

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Boyd F. Charlie



Boyd F. Charlie born March 20, 1963, passed away April 20, 2011. Rosary and mass was held in DeSmet, Idaho. Officiating: Father Thomas Connolly. A Shakers Ceremony was held in Malott, Washington, burial April 25, 2011 in Chilwist Cemetery. Pallbearers; Kevin Garcia, Junior Garcia, Charley Michael, Richard Seyler, John Mullen, and David Clark.

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personal labor to make profit. These two types of business may not have the same target debt to equity ratio but to give you an idea of what a bank looks for, a bank typically likes to see a company with a debt to equity ratio of 3:1 or better. If a company has a debt to equity ratio too high compared to its peer group (10:1) it may mean that an interruption in their business may cause them to miss paying bills on time.

In my experience, the most successful organizations report timely and consistent financials and there exists a company culture where it is understood how

financials benefit everybody from front line workers to executive leadership. Front line workers are clear on the productivity of their effort and management is able to make good decisions to overcome challenges or take advantage of opportunities in the market.

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 professional banker and freely shares his knowledge and resources with you, his cousin, for your economic benefit. Jim can be reached at: sovereigndevelopment@hotmail.com.

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elect President Obama. We also need a Democratic-controlled Senate (if not House).

But to make that happen it's important that Indian Country look for reasons to get excited about a second term for President Obama, instead of simply being against a Republican candidate. That excitement (not anger) is what will stir a stronger turnout. This was true in 2008. It was true in Alaska's Senate race. And it could be true again in 2012.

An energized Indian Country could make a difference and decide the outcome in Alaska, Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, Wisconsin and Washington. This one voting bloc could be the difference in a Republican Senate

and a Democratic one.

Why does this matter? The House Republican budget is a template for what that party would like to do to the federal budget. Its impact on Indian Country would be catastrophic. We cannot let this happen -- so winning the next election is critical.

And, like Canada, perhaps a second Obama administration will break the record when it comes to federal cabinet appointments. 'Course it'll only take one appointment to do that.

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.

Sierra Marie Dick



Sierra Marie Dick weighed 1 pound, 6 ounces and was 12 inches long. She was born in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho at the Kootenai Medical Center on Tuesday, May 10th at 5:27 p.m. to her loving parents, Coby and Jaycee.

Coby and Jaycee were already in love with each other, and they fell in love all over again when they found out they were expecting a child. They were both nervous, excited and happy- and so were their families. They chose to keep the baby's gender a surprise, but in the 6 months to follow, they got to know their baby very well. Jaycee would have been okay with a son, but she KNEW the special gift she was carrying was a daughter. That tiny baby was destined to be a sweet little girl, because she made

her mommy crave juicy oranges, Nerd Rope candy and frozen slushies. She might've been a bit bossy too, because she also made her mommy change her diet from light snacking to 3 square meals a day!

Being athletic themselves, it was no surprise that Coby and Jaycee's baby girl was already active in her mother's womb. She kicked and moved and responded to the sound of her YaYa Caryldene's voice and to the sound of her daddy singing to her. He sang stickgame songs to Jaycee when she had morning sickness and they went swimming together for exercise during the pregnancy. Coby and Jaycee both love basketball and they dreamed of one day taking their family basketball team to Hoopfest and

other tournaments.

The baby was due August 29th, but active as she was, she was in a hurry to see the loving faces of her family! Sierra Marie was named by her grandparents. The name Sierra came to them as if it were just meant to be, and Marie is a family name shared with her YaYa and 2P. Sierra's family was blessed with almost 3 hours with her before she died peacefully in their arms. During her brief visit to this earth, the beautiful little Sierra was baptized and got to experience how much her mommy and daddy loved her. They held her, talked to her and kissed her. They told their little angel how much they loved her and they asked her to watch over them from heaven. Sierra is deeply missed by her mommy and daddy.

Sierra Marie will always remain her parents' precious baby girl and they will hold her again in heaven one day.

Sierra's Family include Parents: Coby Dick and Jaycee Goudy; Paternal grandmother: Janice Dick of Nespelem, WA; Maternal grandparents: Dan Peters & Caryldene Swan of Plummer, ID, and Sean Goudy & Melinda Davis of Toppenish, WA; Paternal Great-Grandparents: William & Mabel Dick; Maternal Great-Grandparents: Joyce Swan & David Scarborough, Sr., Pat & Sharon Goudy, and Alfred & Yvonne Nomee; Paternal Great-Great Grandparents: Matthew "Bughouse" & Em Dick; Maternal Great-Great Grandparents: Bud Swan & Bertha Swan; and Lee & Iola Totus; Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and many other Loved Ones



MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE
HELPING KIDS REACH A NEW STAGE

Conceived and Written by
Jim Caron

Music by
Bob Hubley

Additional Music by
Michael McGill

Performed by the Success Center Summer Program
Friday, June 17th
1:30pm and 5:00pm
Lakeside Elementary Gym

Answers to "Match the Coeur d'Alene terms to the English translation": 1. e; 2. h; 3. s; 4. m; 5. r; 6. p; 7. l; 8. i; 9. c; 10. a; 11. t; 12. d; 13. g; 14. f; 15. n; 16. b; 17. o; 18. k; 19. j; 20. q

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE COEUR D'ALENE TRIBE OF THE COEUR D'ALENE RESERVATION, PLUMMER, IDAHO

SUMMONS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF PETITION/HEARING RE: RELINQUISHMENT OF CHILD/TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: CADE JACKSON MITCHELL-GREGG, AKA Baby Boy Pierce-Swan, DOB: 06-05-2010 Person(s) under the age of eighteen.

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe to the said: "John Doe" biological father, or anyone with a paternal interest. You are hereby summoned to appear within thirty (30) days after the date of first publication of this Summons.

The Court hearing on this matter shall be on the 30th day of June, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., in the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Court, Plummer Idaho 83851

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through just in the nick of time.

At the end of the performance the children had the opportunity to ask questions. Most of the questions from the youngest students dealt with the physical properties—"How did you change clothes so fast?" (directed at the Wizard/Villain/Father) "How did you find the shoes back in your basket after the bad man took them away?" "How did

you?"

But the most interesting question was the one that showed the intensity with which they paid attention. "Do you get out of breath singing like that?" The singer was able to explain the concept of training your voice and your breathing in order to sing with the passion and force that comes through in opera.

It was an amazingly fun and memorable experience for all the participants!



Actors perform *The Wizard of Oz* for students at the Coeur d'Alene Tribal School.

PUBLIC NOTICE

On or about June 15, 2011, the Coeur d' Alene Tribe intends to submit a request to the Northwest HUD Office of Native American Programs, (ONAP) for the release of Indian Community Block Grant, (ICDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Rose Creek Subdivision-Phase 1, Infrastructure for the purpose of constructing roadways, water sewer and franchise utilities to serve 31 lots intended for single-family residences adjacent to the town of Worley, Idaho.

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe has determined that the project will have no significant adverse impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act, (NEPA), of 1969 is not required.

Any individual, group or agency wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Coeur d' Alene Tribe Public Works Department, 850 A Street or P.O. Box 408, Plummer, Idaho 83851. All comments received prior to the application submission will be considered.

To review the grant application, project plans or the environmental review please contact Mr. Robert Spaulding at 208-686-6309 or in-person at the Coeur d' Alene Tribe's Public Works Department, 850 A Street, Plummer, Idaho 83851.

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our country's future. With a commitment to your studies and to serving your community, there is no limit to the impact you can have on the world around you.

In America, each of us can write our own destiny. We all have our own gifts to discover, and we can overcome challenges when we put in our best effort, ask for help, and try again when success does not come easily at first. So long as you are willing to dream big and work hard, you can accomplish great things and help others to do the same. I encourage you to aim for excellence in everything you do, and to always seek out new challenges.

Young people like you inspire me and give me tremendous hope for the future. Thank you, again, for being in touch. I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,
Barack Obama

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as commanded by the programs written by the children. They could change the speed and the direction of the spinner by changing the commands. The students then made predictions about how their interaction with the spinner would affect the outcome of various color patterns, which they drew on round papers fitted to the spinners. The results were fascinating.

The next project was much more complex—AND very fun! Again the students worked with buddies, but this time they followed a diagram to build a particular animal from a children's storybook called *The Gruffalo*. Each team built a different animal during the session and wrote the program necessary to make the animal perform. The resulting robots were a fox, an owl, and a serpent. The children embedded a motor in each animal and geared it to move properly. They also created sound effects in their programs so that, when prompted, the animals roared, or whistled, or hissed. Finally,

all the animals (and computers) were lined up with their computer operators ready to set the whole program in motion. A Service Learning student read the book as the children used a plush "Gruffalo" and a plush mouse to "walk through the woods" filled with animal robots. If only they had had a real audience to applaud the efforts! --Maybe that will come.

After a number of attempts to get the *Lego* robotics program started at the school, Mrs. Delores Johnston was able to get on the schedule of Dr. Ewers from the University of Idaho. He offered training to the Opportunity Center staff and to several University of Idaho students who performed Service Learning experiences at the school. His efforts really paid off with the children and now Mrs. Johnston is working with Dr. Ewers and Dr. Gilmore, also from the University, to obtain a grant to purchase several robotics kits and laptop computers to continue this very exciting and productive science learning project.

Legal Notice

If you are a Native American Farmer

or the heir of one who was denied a

USDA farm loan or loan servicing

between 1981 and late 1999,

You can get up to \$50,000 or more from a \$760 million class action settlement.

To receive a payment you must file a claim by December 27, 2011.

For more information about the Keepseagle Settlement and how to file a claim:

call 1-888-233-5506 or visit www.IndianFarmClass.com.

Make a vision a reality with Career Information System

By Barbara Jackson

If you don't know where you are going, how are you going to get there? Having a vision or a dream is a must. It fuels your fire and desire to accomplish it. Once it is established, you are able to move forward in the direction you need to go and seek out the assistance or guidance you will need in reaching it" (A Student's Voice from American Indian and Alaska Native Student's Guide to College Success).

CIS (Career Information System) is Idaho's Internet-based career guidance system. According to the website, CIS allows students, job seekers, and currently employed people to, "make informed career choices, and seek the qualifications necessary to be successful in the workplace". Annual subscription fees from schools, other agencies, as well as the Idaho Department of Labor pay for the research and maintenance of the site. The Coeur d'Alene Department of Education pays for access for our students and the community.

To begin, a person creates his or her own portfolio in which to store all inventories and searches. One way to use CIS is to match occupations with individual preferences. Each occupation has an overview and a video of someone in that profession. One can compare two occupations at once. Next, people narrow their focus by discovering how much of a salary they would need to live a preferred lifestyle.

This "Reality Check" allows people to make an informed decision concerning whether a profession will earn them enough money to support themselves and their family. CIS lists whether or not an occupation is growing or shrinking in comparison with all occupations, if there are expanding or shrinking numbers of annual openings in Idaho or anywhere else in the United States, and what the range for starting salary and maximum salary would be.

Once a person decides on an occupation or profession, CIS directs him or her to the Education and Training page and lists the

training, certificate, degree, and licensing requirements. In addition, there are links to Idaho schools or colleges in all other states with programs in the chosen specialty. The user can compare college size, cost, and admission requirements. From there, one finds links to financial aid, and scholarships matching the person's characteristics and goals.

If a person wants to build a résumé, prepare for an interview, or build on-the-job skills, CIS can help. There is a résumé builder and a section called, "Keeping Your Job". The person's virtual portfolio saves any résumés for future editing and use.

If you have a personal vision that holds a profound hope to contribute meaningfully to your family and community, the Career Information System may provide you with information to start on that path. Please call Barbara Jackson at 686-5115 or Kathy Albin at 686-0604 in the Department of Education office to make an appointment.

Department of Education announces graduate statistics

The Department of Education is pleased to report the graduating students for this academic year. The Higher Education Graduates for academic year 2010-2011:

EMBA-Executive Masters in Business Administration – University of Idaho; MSW-Masters in Social Work – University of Washington; BA - Bachelor of Arts: Urban Studies – University of Washington; BA – Bachelor of Arts : Social Work – Lewis Clark State College; BS – Bachelor of Science: Business Administration – Lewis Clark State College; BA – Bachelor of Arts : Interdisciplinary Studies – Eastern Washington Univ.; AS – Associate of Science – Business Administration – North Idaho College; AS – Associate of Science – General Studies – North Idaho College.

Adult Vocational Training Graduates for academic year 2010-2011: AAS-Associate of Applied Science: Automotive Technology-Casper College

GED Graduates June 2010-May 2011: 14 GED graduates (7 Female, 7 Male).

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are the very people who have the incentive to raise the standards, but you are forced to go to inefficient government agencies for permission to move forward. We would like to find more ways to help tribes take control of their own affairs."

Jamestown S'Klallam Chairman Ron Allen told Labrador, "If you say, 'I want to empower tribal government,' then there are ways you can do that.... Do we need more money, sure. But we know the government can never pony up enough money to live up to your treaty responsibilities."

Quileute delegate Wally Jackson said, "As an incoming freshman, you are exemplary in this dialogue here. But your colleagues don't have the same understanding."

"You may not always agree with everything I do, but I am going to always be as informed as possible," Labrador said.

The first afternoon luncheon featured members of the Tribe's Department of Education and the University of Idaho extension employees who highlighted the unfortunate statistics of drop out among the reservation students. They focused on classes as they moved on through high school and noted anytime a student dropped out and documented the reasons.

The results were staggering showing that in the first class studied, of the 59 students who began their high school career – only 15 of them graduated; numerous factors such as relocation, pregnancy and drug and alcohol issues were cited as reasons for the numbers.

The highlights from the Higher Education program were more promising, showing that a larger majority of students who begin working towards a 2-year college degree not only finish but many go on to pursue a bachelor's degree in their chosen field. The rates went down for master's and doctorate degrees, but they do show promise.

Day two of the conference featured Idaho Representative Bob Nonini as the keynote for the general assembly. When Bob Nonini, first met the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, it was to ask for a donation. But other Republicans warned him that the tribe—and others in the Northwest—didn't give to Republicans. Nonini persisted, and began a relationship that 15 years later has raised the influence of the Coeur d'Alene throughout the state government, on both sides of the political aisle.

Tuesday's discussions were focused on generating wide-ranging conversations about how members of ATNI can act in a politically bipartisan way while taking a more active approach to interacting with all members of Congress.

"We must broaden our reach as Indian nations to help ourselves as the country's political pendulum swings right, as we saw in the last election when 87 new Republican legislators were elected to the House of Representatives," said ATNI President Brian Cladoosby. "Making relationships is what we need so that we can find the political leaders who will work with us."

Nonini said the Idaho Legislature's Native American Committee, on which both he and Coeur d'Alene Chairman Chief

James Allan serve, has been able to head off bills that were unfair to Idaho tribes.

But Chehalis Tribal Chairman David Burnett said that, across the country, local governments are trying to undermine the sovereign status of tribes.

"As a tribal government, it's not our job at council to run a casino, a hotel, a Great Wolf Lodge," he said. "Our job is to provide services to our tribal members. Since we do not have as much ability to tax, we have to generate resources to do that. We need to be more proactive in this arena of taxation."

ATNI member tribes will be among those who join in taxation meetings at the National Congress of American Indians' mid-year conference in June.

The luncheon featured an interview conducted by Chairman Chief Allan with Gonzaga Men's Basketball Head Coach Mark Few. The two took to the stage while Allan asked questions regarding leadership and camaraderie.

Few mentioned that "success breeds success" when referring to making big strides with small numbers – such as many Pacific Northwest tribes have to do given the small enrollment numbers.

Few also spoke of rising above when things get in the way or setbacks hit.

"We all hit adversity now and then, but you can either be the warrior or the victim. You have to dust yourself off and get back in there."

The highlight of Wednesday was the afternoon gathering which welcomed Louisville Cardinal Guard Shoni Shimmel who is a Umatilla tribal member and the feature of a documentary called *Off the Rez*, which highlights her and her family as they make their way from the reservation to a larger school giving them opportunities they may have never had before.

Shoni spoke to the people about believing in yourself and never limiting your dreams by the boundaries of your reservation. She is living proof that success can come from humble beginnings. She is a lead scorer on her college team, which is ranked 26th nationally – and it's only her freshman year.

Her mother also spoke of why she made the move for her family – even though it meant being away from her husband and raising their large family. She wanted to give her children opportunities they wouldn't have been afforded at home; but she also benefited from the move as she became the head coach for the girl's basketball team at her children's school.

Later that evening, Shoni and her family joined the conference attendees at the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Wellness Center for dinner and game. Shoni and the local youth joined forces against the leaders of the ATNI tribes and played a heart filled and fun filled game of rez ball.

Overall, the speakers, the vendors, the meetings and the gatherings all made for a well received conference – the newly expanded Coeur d'Alene Casino/Resort proved the perfect backdrop for the event as conference goers had nothing but praise for all the new additions made to the facility.

The next event scheduled for ATNI will be the energy and economic summit to be held at the Quinault Beach Resort June 6-8, 2011.



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Healthy Families Start Here

June 24, 2011
FRIDAY
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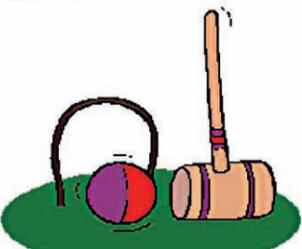
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~Cradleboard News~

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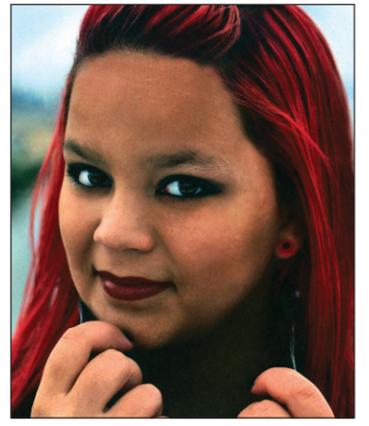


Mariah Debra Ortivez was born December 10, 2010 at Deaconess Medical Center Spokane Washington to Yolanda Joe and Mark Ortivez. Maternal grandparents are the late Debbie Joe and Raymond Louie Nespelem, Washington, Maternal great-grandparents are; Jackie Williams Worley, ID and the late Mose Joe, paternal grandparent is Martha Youckton Plummer Idaho, paternal great-grandparents are the late Bernadine Seelatsee and Raymond Baheza Spokane, Washington, other family members are; uncle Ryan and Aunt Collette, Uncle Guy and Aunt Keri, Aunt Lindsey and uncle Shin, Aunts; Cassie, Selena, Alishia, Cousins Daiyah and Ryanna, auntie Debbie Williams and Aunt Elena Falcon.



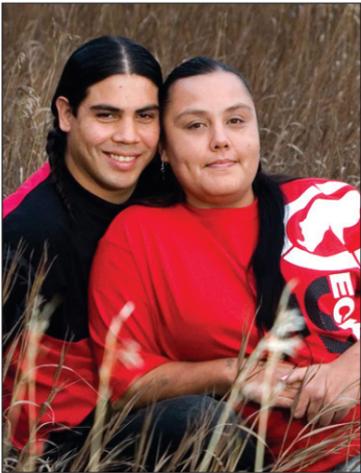
Happy Birthday Nyia Milus- June 20th

From Sharon Pakootas Tribal Member



Happy Birthday to Tiana Towne June 8th!

From Sharon Pakootas Tribal Member



Joseph C. Bohlman Sr and Joey Buckner would like to announce that they are getting married on June 4, 2011.

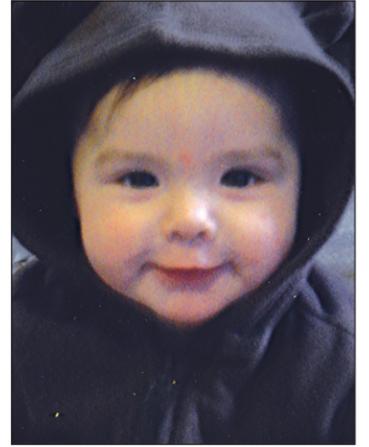
Congratulations to the happy couple!

Congratulations to Coeur d' Alene Tribal member - who also attends the Cd'A Tribal School, third Grader, Shantel Mahoney;
She was a first time Bloomsday runner with a time of 2:43:26. She placed 45,788.
Good job for first time, under 3 hrs!!



Happy B. Day to Johnny Towne- June 18th

From Sharon Pakootas Tribal Member



Happy 1st Birthday Levi Mahoney, May 19th. We love you baby bear.

Bear hugs from Mom, Dad and Sister.



Happy 1st birthday on July 1st to our lil Rebel Rylend Williams. We are so blessed to have you. Happy 31st birthday on July 3rd Daddy, (Ray Williams). We are so proud of you! And appreciate everything you do!

Love Momma, Isaiah & Sereni



Happy 2nd Birthday Owen!

Love from your family, Mom, Dad, Uncle & YaYa





Hunter Education Program

For all residents of the Coeur d'Alene Reservation. (Ages 9+)

Contact Info: Wade McGee—686-9355 ext. 464
Cheffrey E. Sailto—686-9355 ext. 455

Course Dates: June 20, 21, 22, and 23, 2011

Course Times: 8:00am to 12:00pm each day

Location: Coeur d'Alene Tribal Wellness Center, Plummer, Idaho

Rifle Range: Thursday, June 23rd

Time: 7:30am to 1:00pm

Location: Coeur d'Alene Rifle and Gun Club; (Transportation will be provided to and from the gun club)

Registration: Coeur d'Alene Tribal Wellness Center, Plummer, Idaho

Registration Dates: May 1 through June 5, 2011

Parents permission slip must accompany registration form

Course Cost: Sponsored by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Instructors: Members of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe (Certified Hunter Education Instructors), Idaho Fish and Game Department (Certified Hunter Education Instructors).



Josie Wicklund went to the "Play in your Moccasins" Tournament in Lapwai, Idaho. Her team won the championship in the 14 and under bracket.

Happy belated birthday to my son Jimmy Milus, April 3rd.

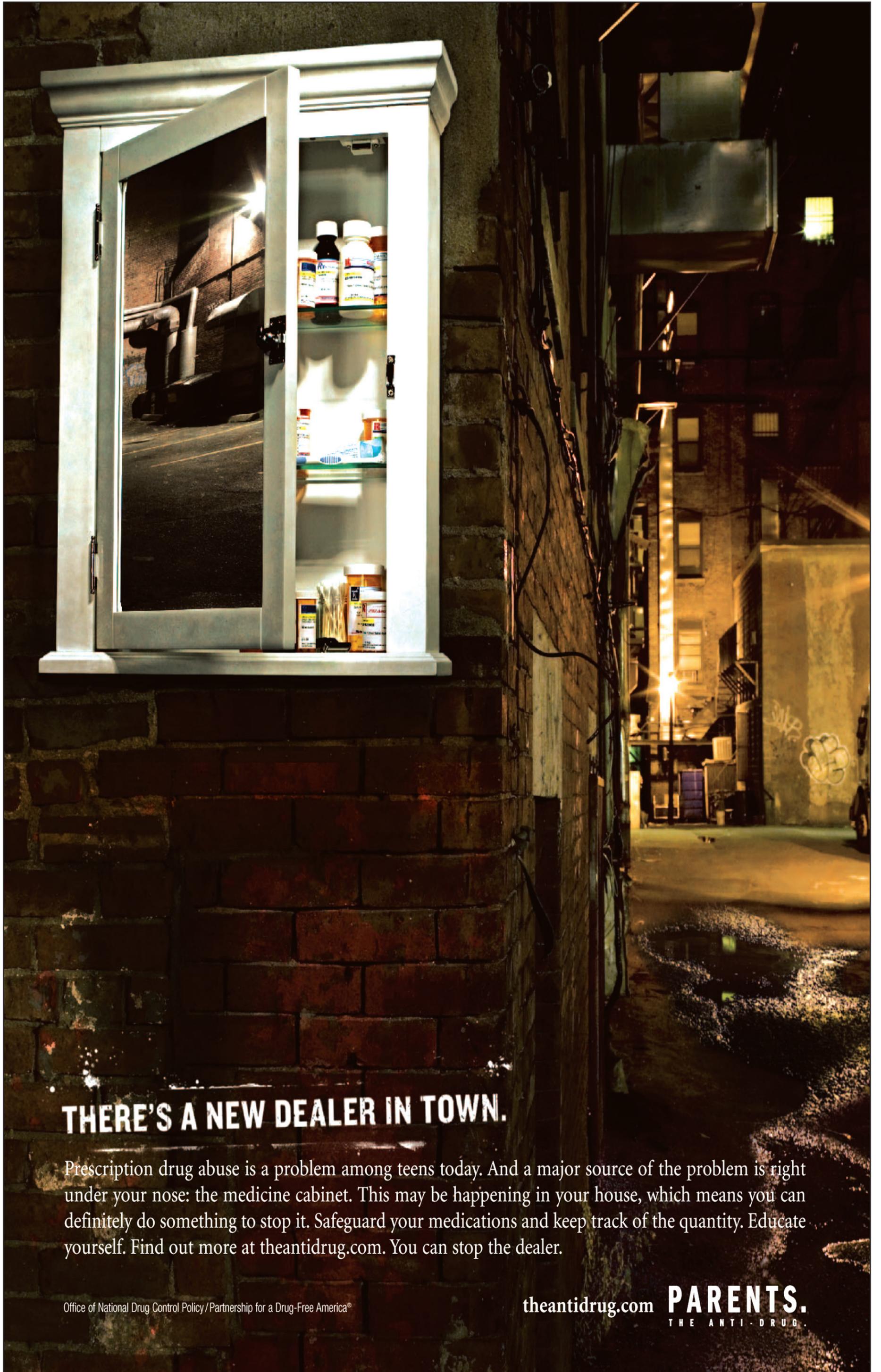
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Happy Birthday to Tina Milus & Mom -June 13th

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Happy belated Birthday Genny (May 18).

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