

# Coeur d'Alene Tribe - Council Fires -

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## Search goes on for Coeur d'Alene Tribe service men and women to be added to Veterans Memorial



The Coeur d'Alene Tribal Veterans Memorial located in Plummer, Idaho at the head of the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes.

Last May The Coeur d'Alene Tribe completed a memorial to honor those Coeur d'Alene Tribal members who served in the armed forces of the United States. The Memorial was constructed at the North end of Plummer, at the Veterans Memorial Park and Hn'ya'(pqi'nn "Gathering Place" Trailhead for the 72 mile Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes.

The Memorial design was developed through input from Coeur d'Alene Tribal members, veterans, and Cultural Resource Department staff. During the spring of 2008 a group of architecture and landscape architecture students from Iowa State University worked to develop conceptual designs and plans for the Memorial and other design options.

Since the memorial was completed many have come to honor those who served and gave their life for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and country.

Prior to and during construction a partial list was compiled of those enrolled Coeur d'Alene Tribal members that had served in the armed forces. Since completion several names to be added to the memorial have been identified. Efforts are underway to get those names and any other possible added to the memorial this spring.

To have a family member considered for placement on the memorial please contact by mail the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Veterans Program, PO Box 408, Plummer, ID 83851 or by phone at (800) 829-2202 or (208) 686-5602.

## Howard Dean visits area, Councilwoman Jordan attends



Tribal councilmember Paulette Jordan shakes the hand of former presidential candidate Howard Dean.

Howard Dean hasn't lost his passion for politics.

Dean, who ran for president seven years ago, gave a fiery speech to Idaho Democrats at the Coeur d'Alene casino.

"You can't trust Republicans with your money," the former Vermont governor shouted into the microphone. "The motto of the Republican Party is 'borrow and spend.' You wonder why we're in debt to China? You can thank George Bush for that."

Dean, who served as chairman of the Democratic National Committee from 2005-09, was the guest speaker at the April 15 Annual North Idaho Democracy Luncheon. He addressed a crowd of roughly 200 people.

Tribal Councilwoman Paulette Jordan also addressed the crowd and welcomed Dean to the reservation.

"There's an old saying that it's always darkest before the dawn," Jordan said. "I believe now is the time for change. Now is the time to

take back our government. Now is the time to start a revolution that will be felt from Sandpoint to Boise. The time is now."

Jordan was elected to be the at-large delegate to the National Democratic Convention in 2008 and represented Idaho.

Jordan encouraged Democrats to reconnect with their roots and rebrand themselves.

"We need a new message. We need a message that reconnects Democrats with families, working men and women, teachers, firefighters, police officers, anyone who wants a better future for their children," Jordan said. "We need to reach out and find moderate people who have been left behind by the Republicans. These are the people who can run for office. These are the people who can fund the revolution. We need to tell people who we are and what we stand for. We need to tell people the time is now."

## Tribe's ECLC celebrates the Week of the Young Child



The Week of the Young Child, now in its 40th year, is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. This year's theme was "Early Years are Learning Years."

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ELECTIONS TO BE HELD MAY 7TH**

# ~ Tribal Council Business ~

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**103(11)**  
UNAVAILABLE

**104(11)**  
UNAVAILABLE

**105(11)**  
UNAVAILABLE

**106(11)**  
Approved Public Works department Planning Division Tribal Hazards Mitigation Plan; 5 for 0 against 1 out.

**107(11)**  
Approved Natural Resource department Land Services-

Homesite fifty (50) year lease CDA Tribal Tract No. 639.5 to Ryan D. Seim with conditions to follow. Lessee shall abide by all conditions of this non-transferable lease as well as all covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CCRs) as Homesite Lease Addendum and incorporated by reference into the lease. If said land is abandoned, the lease shall be terminated and premises shall be maintained; 5 for 0 against 1 out.

**108(11)**  
Approved Natural Resource department Land Services-Homesite twenty-five (25) year lease CDA Tribal Tract No. 1040 to Ken Pluff with conditions to follow. Lessee shall abide by all conditions of this non-transferable lease as well as all covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CCRs) as Homesite Lease Addendum and incorporated by reference into the lease. If said land is abandoned, the lease shall be terminated and premises shall be maintained; 6 for 0 against.

**109(11)**  
Approved Natural Resource department Land Services-Homesite twenty-five (25) year lease CDA Tribal Tract No. 1125 to Martha Gardipe. Lessee shall abide by all conditions of this non-transferable lease as well as all covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CCRs) as

Homesite Lease Addendum and incorporated by reference into the lease. If said land is abandoned, the lease shall be terminated and premises shall be maintained; 5 for 0 against 1 Abstain.

**110(11)**  
Approved Natural Resource department Land Services-assignment of Homesite lease Tim Williams to Ryan Curley CDA Tribal Tract No.1004 Lessee shall abide by all conditions of this non-transferable lease as well as all covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CCRs) as Homesite Lease Addendum and incorporated by reference into the lease. If said land is abandoned, the lease shall be terminated and premises shall be maintained; 6 for 0 against.

**111(11)**  
Approved Natural Resource department Land Services-twenty-five (25) year Homesite lease CDA Tribal Tract No. 1139 A to Joseph B. Peone. Lessee shall abide by all conditions of this non-transferable lease as well as all covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CCRs) as Homesite Lease Addendum and incorporated by reference into the lease. If said land is abandoned, the lease shall be terminated and premises shall be maintained; 6 for 0 against.

**112(11)**  
Approved Natural Resource department Land Services twenty-five (25) year lease CDA Tribal Tract No. 639.5 to Nellie Michael. Lessee shall abide by all conditions of this non-transferable lease as well as all covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CCRs) as Homesite Lease Addendum and incorporated by reference into the lease. If said land is abandoned, the lease shall be terminated and premises shall be maintained; 6 for 0 against.

**113(11)**  
Approved Natural Resource department Land Services twenty-five (25) year Homesite lease CDA Tribal tract No. 299 to Christopher Mochelme. Lessee shall abide by all conditions of this non-transferable lease as well as all covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CCRs) as Homesite Lease Addendum and incorporated by reference into the lease. If said land is abandoned, the lease shall be terminated and premises shall be maintained; 6 for 0 against.

**114(11)**  
Approved Natural Resource department Land Services twenty-five (25) year lease CDA Tribal Tract No. 1040 to John Tsawklai. Lessee shall abide by all conditions of this non-transferable lease as well

as all covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CCRs) as Homesite Lease Addendum and incorporated by reference into the lease. If said land is abandoned, the lease shall be terminated and premises shall be maintained; 6 for 0 against.

**115(11)**  
Approved Natural Resource department Environmental programs office approve contract with McKinstry Essention Inc.; 6 for 0 against.

**116(11)**  
Approved Natural Resource department Environmental programs office approve Administration for Native Americans grant application; 6 for 0 against.

**117(11)**  
Approved Natural Resources Forestry Spot Herbicide spraying; 6 for 0 against.

**118(11)**  
Approved Tax Commissioner Compensation; 4 for 0 against 2 abstain.

**119(11)**  
Approved Willard Spottedblanket proposed Mini- park to be planned, built and maintained on lot 15 off Bald Eagle Lane near Worley; 6 for 0 against.

**Coeur d'Alene Tribe Council Fires**



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



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**MAY 4, 2011**  
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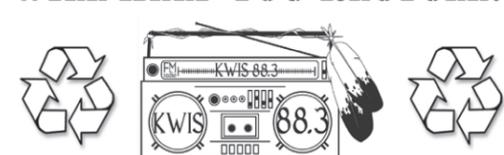
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# ~Chairman's Corner~

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It's that time of the year again when we take a moment to look over the field of candidates for our Tribal Council elections. We think about where the candidates come from. We think about what they might contribute to our community. We evaluate their competence and their ability to perform as elected representatives of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. Then we head to the polls and cast our vote for the next group of Tribal leaders in our community.

Our elections are a big deal, and I appreciate that they force us to think about the direction we want our Tribe to go, by way of who we elect to our Tribal Council. I wish the best of luck to each and every candidate as they put themselves out there

for this type of scrutiny, and I thank each and every one of you for participating in the process.

Looking back through the years, the exercise of electing our own to guide our Tribe is not only an important way for us to assert our sovereignty, but more importantly it has brought us incredible leadership, on whose shoulders we stand today.

Only through the sacrifice, vision and perseverance of our ancestors, do we enjoy today's incredible bounty and blessings. For myself, remembering the struggles and challenges overcome, I am inspired. I am so proud to be Coeur d'Alene.

On the eve of opening up a significant new expansion of

our Tribal Casino, it is pretty amazing to think about the changes that have come to pass even just in my short lifetime—and I wonder what would our ancestors think?

After thousands of years, in 2011, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe remains stronger than ever, determining *our* future on *our* terms.

As part of the celebration of our newly renovated and expanded casino, and working with the Tribal Council and Casino Manager, we hope that by the time you read this you will have received your voucher to participate in the grand opening. Every Tribal Member of age 18 years or older should receive a voucher good for a meal or a night's stay at the hotel. This way



folks can explore, participate and enjoy the celebration on their own time, and how they want. I know that I am looking forward to checking out the new steakhouse!

So enjoy, and be proud when you walk the halls of the new casino. We are the

*Schitsu'umsh*, those who are found here, and we are still going strong.

Regards,

*Chief Allan*

# MAY - 2011

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**VOTE FOR YOUR TRIBAL COUNCIL - MAY 7, 2011**

# ~ Community Announcements ~

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**Information on 2011 Tribal Council candidates can be found inside this issue on pages 8 & 9.**

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL CANDIDATES**

*Please note that the incumbent is listed first, the remaining candidates are listed in alphabetical order.*

## St. Maries pet shelter overcrowded

From KXLY.com

Families faced with unemployment in Benewah County, Idaho are being forced to give up their pets.

That's putting a strain on the only animal shelter in Saint Maries.

Hope's Haven Animal Shelter worker Debbie Rimel says people are giving up their pets out of desperation.

"They've been tied to the propane tanks, tied to the dumpster," Rimel said.

Surrendered pets are also crammed into the overcrowded and outdated shelter which costs \$8,000 a month to operate.

Hope's Haven is barely scraping up enough money to run, and resources are limited.

"We do work with people, we'll say here's some food," Rimel said. "If you can keep your animal for a few more weeks, I'll try to get your animal in here."

The shelter is asking the community for donations so it can expand.

## Stupid Cancer benefit concert in May

The **Stupid Cancer Concert** to be held at The **Bing Crosby Theater** on May 12th at 7:30pm with **The Jim Boyd Band**.

Cancer is a horrible word especially when your 13 year-old niece raises a fist and states: "CANCER SUCKS."

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is the largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research, education, and patient services. **Kathy Picard** and **Geri Phillips** are raising funds for awareness for research leading to a cure for leukemia and related cancers.

Kathy and Geri's Washington/Alaska Chapter, Spokane Team has made a goal to raise \$75,000 to secure a researcher at Washington State University with the primary focus will be finding a cure for cancer in children.

Leukemia is the most common cancer in children and teens. Every four minutes someone is newly diagnosed with a blood cancer and

every 9 minutes, a child or adult in the US dies from leukemia or related cancers.

Kathy and Geri are confident you will join us in the fight against blood cancers. As part of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training we are joining hundreds of people around the country to train for the San Diego Rock n Roll Marathon. We are excited to unite our passion for running the marathon for a great cause.

While more and more people are becoming survivors of these deadly diseases, there is still no cure. Support us and honor those who are battling cancer by attending our fundraiser event on May 12, 2011.

The fundraiser benefit concert will be at the Bing Crosby Theater, at west 901 Sprague Avenue, on May 12th at 7:30pm, and will include The Jim Boyd Band, and a cedar flute performance by Brian Phillips.

## Citizens Academy to take place in Cd'A on May 10

Area law enforcement agencies are pleased to announce a Multi-Agency Citizens Academy starting May 10<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 6:00pm to be held in cooperation with Post Falls Police Department, Rathdrum Police Department, Kootenai County Sheriff's Department, Spirit Lake Police Department, Idaho State Police, Coeur d'Alene Tribal Police, and hosted by Coeur d'Alene Police Department. The Citizens Academy continues to be a successful joint academy held every year in the spring.

The Citizens Academy is free to the public. The purpose of the Academy is to develop positive relations between law enforcement and the community through education. The Academy is structured as an informational program to give citizens a broad based understanding of the inner

workings of local law enforcement. Academy participants learn how local law enforcement agencies operate and gain an understanding of the challenges facing law enforcement in our rapidly growing community. Citizens participating will also have an opportunity to learn about and apply for volunteer positions available within the departments.

The Citizens Academy provides opportunities for open discussion with law enforcement officers, and Agency leaders. Participants in the Citizens Academy meet at the Coeur d'Alene Police Department for three hours on Tuesday nights for 9 weeks total. Two of the dates are Saturday classes. Upon completion, each participant will receive a certificate on graduation day.

Applications may be picked up at the participating agencies, and

are also available on Agency websites.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have no misdemeanor conviction in the past year. Applicants with a felony conviction will not be selected to attend the Citizen's Academy. The deadline for postmarked applications is May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. Class size is limited to 40 participants. Applicants will be notified if they are chosen for the academy.

For additional questions about the Citizens Academy contact Sgt. Christie Wood at Coeur d'Alene Police- 769-2320, Curtis Exley at Post Falls Police -773-3517, Sgt. Tom Knight at Kootenai County Sheriff- 446-1300, Lt. Tomi McLean at Rathdrum Police- 687-0711, Chief Keith Hutcheson at Coeur d'Alene Tribal Police 686-2050.

## Art Contest being held for Tribal mural in Spokane

Tribal Mural at Drumheller Springs Park in Spokane

HOW this CONTEST WORKS:

1. Two youth winners will be awarded the privilege to help paint this mural.
2. Same two winners will assist with giving out prize money to the Winning Dancer of the Warrior's Special at this year's River Front Park POW WOW.
3. Upon completion of the mural, the same two winners will receive a small payment for their work.
4. *Interested Participants MUST*

*meet the following contest requirements:*

A. *BY MAY 20, 2011*, please submit a drawing or painting to Upper Columbia United Tribes - 25 W. Main Suite 434 - Spokane, WA 99012 that involves Native American culture (e.g., war dancers, stick game players, teepees, or whatever comes to mind when you think about your culture). This mural has a fish and wildlife theme.

B. Your full name, the name of your school, and what grade you are in, including documentation

showing that you are in good standing at your school (i.e., passing grades).

C. You must be between the ages of 13 and 18, able to work outdoors in hot, noisy, and dusty conditions, and able to lift 20 pounds of weight.

D. If you win, you must provide written documentation that provides formal permission from your parent/s or legal guardian/s to participate in the painting of this mural.

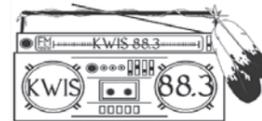
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## Coeur d'Alene Tribe Warrior's Society looking to recruit more qualified member

The Warriors' Society is actively recruiting interested individuals to join the Warriors' Society, American Legion Joseph R. Garry Post #5 or American Legion Auxiliary. We have 19 members in our Legion post and the Auxiliary is currently being organized.

The American Legion is one of the many federally chartered veterans' organizations established by the United States Congress. The American Legion Auxiliary

is a sub-charter of the American Legion. The eligibility, principles, and guidelines are established by American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary resolutions adopted at National Conventions.

Eligibility Requirements for American Legion Membership:

If you are currently on active duty, serving the United States honorably, anywhere in the world, or have served honorably during any day of the following eligible war eras, we invite you to become a member

of The American Legion, Joseph R. Garry Post 5.

April 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918 (World War I); Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946 (World War II); June 25, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955 (Korean War); Feb. 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 (Vietnam War); Aug. 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984 (Lebanon / Grenada); Dec. 20, 1989 to Jan. 31, 1990 (Panama); Aug. 2, 1990 to today (Gulf War / War On Terrorism).

Eligibility Requirements for American Legion Auxiliary

Membership: If you are a mother, wife, daughter, sister, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, or grandmother of a member of The American Legion, or deceased veteran who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the listed war eras, then you are eligible to be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Eligibility Requirements for Warriors' Society Membership: The Warriors' Society is open to any military veteran who will

participate proudly and honorably in organized ceremonies respectfully recognizing the contributions made by all American Indian veterans and their families to our country. Any non-veterans' wishing to volunteer assistance to the Warriors' Society are also welcome.

Interested individuals please provide your name, address, phone #, and email (if you have one) so we can contact you. Phone: 208-686-5602 or email: ametler@cdatribe-nsn.gov.

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## Congress confirms Cobell settlement monies are tax free

After 15 years of intense litigation against the federal government, plaintiffs and Class Counsel have achieved an historic settlement. It is the largest settlement with the government in American history. In addition to \$3.4 billion in this settlement, \$5 billion was spent by the government to rehabilitate its broken trust management systems solely because of this litigation. Further, Congress confirmed that all funds received by Indians in

this settlement are tax free.

The settlement terms were vetted for 12 months by members of Congress and their staffs. Each member of Congress who was involved in that extraordinary vetting process understood the terms. Congress, in its overwhelming ratification of the settlement, confirmed that the presiding U.S. District Judge should determine appropriate legal fees in accordance with controlling law.

The matter is now before a distinguished federal judge and it is within the authority of the Court to decide that and any other fairness issue on the legal merits without partisan influence. Political interference in the judicial process would harm 500,000 individual Indians, undermine our system of government and jeopardize the settlement in its entirety.

For additional information:  
Bill McAllister (media only)  
703-385-6996.

## Forestry, Fuels and Timber update: spring work is here

General: Hopefully spring and warmer weather will be here soon. Forestry is preparing for spring prescribed burning and preparing for the summer field season. Delivered log markets have continued a slow upward trend for most species with the exception of ponderosa pine, which has decreased. We are still hopeful that the timber sales we have planned for this year will sell at a decent price. The "experts" are thinking that spring will show an increase in prices before leveling off during the summer and increasing again towards the end of the year.

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

**Fuels Program update:** The Fuels Program has been installing permanent monitoring plots, flagging unit boundaries, cultural resources surveying, and GPSing FY11 Fuels hazardous fuels reduction (HFR) project areas. The project areas are in the Little Butte Area, Benawah Road, Rest Area, and Minnaloosa Road. We have close to two months of preparation work before we can implement HFR treatments on them. We have not yet determined how much acreage will be treated this year due to uncertain funding from the BIA. We have rehired

the fuels crew and would like to welcome them back. Julianna Parker has accepted the Fuels Monitoring position, and she started in April, so we would like to welcome her. If you have any questions, contact Chuck Simpson - Fuels Specialist - at (208) 686-5030.

**Timber Sales:** The Eagle II Environmental Assessment (EA) continues to be worked on with several Tribal departments through the Interdisciplinary Team. Field tours for the timber harvest areas are still be scheduled for this summer once the weather is agreeable. A road is being planned to be constructed in cooperation with the State of Idaho Department of Lands and the Tribe in this area to allow access to a portion of Tribal land in the northeast corner of the reservation. This new road will benefit both parties with future timber sales.

The field technicians have been hired back on and are busy locating and documenting corners in the Worley area for our next sale and posting allotment lines.

Barb is just finishing up the last of 4 silviculture training sessions. The last session was held in Tennessee and once completed she will only have a field session to do here to become certified as a silviculturist.

**Roads:** We are currently working on this coming season planning

program project schedules and product needs, such as gravel and rock; also we are looking at raw materials to be made available for this coming spring. I.e.; garden wood mulch for weed control, garden topsoil, decoration bark, landscape stone, boulders and other that is of interest to the community. The gravel pit is also taking in wood and yard waste for disposal. It must be clean of any metal or trash. Call George Torpey at 582-2517 or gtorpey@cdatribe-nsn.gov.

**Forest Development:** Tree planting season is approaching, with soils in the lower elevations approaching the minimum temperature for planting (7° C, 40° F). Soils and roads are still very wet, and cold nights have kept the soil temperature below 6° Centigrade. The planting contractor will be Native Lands West LLC. We hope to start planting around the end of April or beginning of May.

Work has resumed on the Windfall Pass TSI project, although the crew is walking a bit to get to the treatment blocks. The Cherry Creek block is higher, and the access road crosses a lot of north slopes. Access will probably be difficult due to snow drifts for a couple more weeks. We are hoping that the Moose Paddle Logging Unit can be burned and planted this spring.

## Deadly Diabetes (Part Two): eat like your ancestors

By Anthony J. Cichoke, DC, DACBN, PhD

As we discussed in a previous issue of *Council Fires*, diabetes can be a deadly disease. It also affects the Native American population disproportionately. Almost 16% of the American Indian and Native Alaska population age 20 and older suffers from this disease, compared to 7.8% of the general American population.

Research shows that losing weight, exercising, and improving your diet can all help prevent diabetes or reduce its symptoms.

Your ancestors probably didn't suffer from diabetes because they stayed active and ate a traditional diet. Part of that diet most likely included camas root. A traditional Native American food, camas root contains a carbohydrate called *inulin*, which acts in the body as a soluble fiber. Other plants containing inulin include Jerusalem artichokes, dandelion roots, burdock, and

chicory (a root that can be ground and used as a coffee substitute). Nutritionists love inulin because it is considered a "prebiotic" and stimulates the growth of *Bifidobacteria*—good bacteria—found in the gut, thereby improving intestinal health and reducing problems in digestion.

The good news is that diets high in fiber (such as that found in camas), may reduce the risk for Type 2 diabetes and also help reduce high blood pressure. Because inulin is a fiber, it bypasses digestion in the stomach and small intestine, then travels to the colon where it ferments. Although this is an important step in stimulating *Bifidobacteria* growth, it can sometimes lead to gas and intestinal discomfort. Cooking camas root for an extended period breaks down the inulin, converting it to fructose (a simple sugar), which is why cooked camas is so sweet. Although cooking makes the bulb more digestible, unfortunately it

destroys much if not all of the inulin and therefore, its beneficial effects.

Until sometime in the mid-1800s, your ancestors probably didn't use white flour or white sugar, and they didn't eat junk food. Researchers believe that the traditional Native American diet was composed of wild game (including venison, elk, and buffalo), vegetables, native berries and roots (such as camas). These foods contain more nutrition and significantly less fat than most components of a modern American diet. For instance, four ounces of roasted venison contains 3.6 grams of fat, compared to the 28.8 grams in a four-ounce piece roast beef tenderloin. Venison also contains fewer calories (179 compared to beef's 375) and more protein (34.3 grams compared to beef's 27 grams).

Your ancestors probably also enjoyed plenty of the herbs growing in the area. Research

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## Wooden shoes, blues and windmill rock comes to Bobbi's in May



The rock-n-blues band, **Kicking Bill**, will perform what they call, "wooden shoes blues and windmill rock," at Bobbi's Bar on the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation, May 26 at 9 p.m. The group is from Holland and this second US tour will take them to clubs in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, and Spokane.

**Kicking Bill** performs original tunes inspired by Bob Dylan, Tom Petty, and bands like REM, The Velvet Underground, Green on Red, and The Feelies. They were founded by Wim Kuipers and Gertjan Kluijtmans in 1988 and recorded *Sunny Side* in 1991. Subsequent releases are

*So Called Life and Paradise*.

They disbanded shortly after the first tour to Oregon and California in 1997, but regrouped in 2010. The current line-up is: Wim Kuipers - Vocals/Guitar, Gertjan Kluijtmans - Guitar, Wout Verhagen - Hammond, Patrick Hendriks - Bass, Peter de Kort - Drums, Marco Wensveen - Guitar, Frans de Kort - Vocals and Co Ceelen - Harmonic.

Band members will be in the Spokane area beginning May 24<sup>th</sup> and will be available for a live interview/on air performance that day.

See a video of their 1997 US tour on YouTube: [youtube.com/watch?v=3a7f349AIO8&NR=1](http://youtube.com/watch?v=3a7f349AIO8&NR=1).

## Blues singers to converge in Plummer

Four of the Inland Northwest's top blues musicians will unite in one band to celebrate spring during tribal election weekend, May 6 and 7, 2011 at Bobbi's bar in Plummer, Idaho. The blues extravaganza brings together Cary Fly of the Cary Fly Band, Bobby Patterson of the award winning Fat Tones, Robb Boatsman of the bands Rampage and Lightning, and Chris Krzunda formerly of Mr. Happy.

"This is the first time all four of these extremely talented Northwest blues musicians have united to play together in one group," Roberta Doupe, who owns Bobbi's, said. "The sheer energy is bound to have steam rolling out

of the doors. Even though they're teaming up, I expect there will be some friendly competition and showmanship going on."

Bobby Patterson, Cary Fly, and Robb Boatsman, are all accomplished lead guitarists and vocalists whose talents are recognized by the Inland Empire Blues Society, and Chris Krzunda has provided percussion for a number of Inland Northwest bands.

The performance is part of May Music Mania at Bobbi's, an opportunity to gather and celebrate great music. The 8-man band, Kicking Bill, from the Netherlands will perform on May 26. All shows are free and start at 9 p.m.

1. THE LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
 2. TECHNOLOGY & SAFETY FOR VICTIMS



The Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence and Coeur d'Alene Tribe STOP Violence Program present:  
**Two (2) Workshops**  
 Thursday, May 19th, 2011  
 Coeur d'Alene Tribal Wellness Center Room A

**1. The Law Enforcement Response to Domestic Violence**

- Dynamics of Domestic Violence
- The Initial Call
- Probable Cause
- Self-Defense and Predominant Aggressor
- Evidence Gathering
- Interviewing
- Report Writing
- Strangulation

**THIS SESSION IS FROM 9:00-12:00PM.**

**2. Technology & Safety for Victims**

Do you know how to create a safety plan around technology and the Internet with survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking? This workshop will teach "techies" AND new computer users how to talk about technology risks and benefits within their organizations and with survivors.

**THIS SESSION IS FROM 1:00-4:00 PM.**

**EACH SESSION OFFERS 3 FREE POST CREDITS**

**RSVP: 686-0900**

Coeur d'Alene Tribe STOP Violence Program  
 281 G Street  
 Plummer, Idaho 83851  
 For information call:  
 Bernie LaSarte, STOP Program Manager, 686-0900



**The Presenter:**  
**Jennifer Landhuis** is currently a Program Manager with the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence. As a public educator and advocate for the last 15 years, Landhuis has worked with thousands of victims, loved ones, and communities. She has trained hospital personnel, law enforcement and students at the high school and college levels and is an adjunct professor for FLET (The Federal Law Enforcement Center) and the National Stalking Resource Center.

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# ~Casino Corner~

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## Tribe's expressions, artwork add to expansion atmosphere



Local artists' beadwork is highlighted in some of the rooms in the new hotel wings.

By Dave LaSarte-Meeks  
Chief Executive Officer

The Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort art installations were commissioned to celebrate modern and traditional Coeur d'Alene tribal culture. Each piece of art was uniquely created to stand seamlessly within the greater landscape or to adorn the resort's interior. Taken together, these images, sculptures and installations weave a luminous essay about our people, our history and our relationship with the Palouse and Bitterroot landscapes. We hope you find these explanations helpful in understanding the important role that culture plays in each of our lives.

**Tower:** The Eagle Staff extends skyward above the Fire Circle and represents a modern interpretation of this important symbol to the Coeur d'Alene people.

**Fancy Dancer Mural – Casino Entrance:** At traditional celebrations, there are various styles of dance regalia and technique. The modern Fancy Dancer epitomizes the athleticism, grace, and endurance necessary for successful hunting, fishing, gathering, and defending our people. These floating murals capture the movement of today's generation of Coeur d'Alene tribal member Fancy Dancers who are continuing our traditions.

**Ethno-botanical Walk:** Our new site includes over 15 distinct planting zones. Each zone includes only plants indigenous to this area that have historical and cultural significance for the Coeur d'Alene people. Our ethno-botanical walk extends from the forest meadow to the Dance Circle, provides an interpretive tour of roots, berries, bark, and bulbs that our people continue to gather and utilize even today.

**Horse Silhouette - Ts'elūsm Steakhouse:** Celebrated American Indian artist Smoker Marchand created his sculpture specifically for the entrance to Ts'elūsm Steakhouse. A graduate of The Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Smoker's fusion of traditional imagery and modern materials is widely recognized. This sculpture uses the imagery of the horse to represent the independence and freedom that the Coeur d'Alene people have always exhibited throughout their history

**Lake Coeur d'Alene Watershed Floor Map and Sculpture - Skycatcher Welcome Lobby:** The lakes and rivers of the inland northwest have always been the lifeblood of the Coeur d'Alene people and our traditional territory. Lake Coeur d'Alene holds particular significance both traditionally and in modern times, as the tribe won a historic case in the U.S. Supreme Court recognizing our ownership of much of the lake. This unique sculpture was created specifically for our new facility to depict the static and dynamic properties of the entire lake watershed and recognize its importance to our people.

**Regalia Detail Photographs - Guestrooms and LCD Screens:** Beaded regalia remains a longstanding tradition among the Coeur d'Alene people and many of our beadworkers today are celebrated artists in their own right. Regalia, often seen in powwows and other celebrations, is created and updated with traditional and new beading techniques and represents the creative vision of both the dancer and the beading artist. Each of these photos highlight the intricacy of beadwork created by Coeur d'Alene tribal member artists and worn by Coeur d'Alene dancers.

**Ssākwa'q'n (Crystal Lake) Photographs:** This area high in the mountains above the St. Joe river, is in the heart of the territory of the Coeur d'Alene people and part of many traditional activities that continue through today. The traditional term for the lake translates literally as "water on the head", a fitting name for a lake all but impossible to reach in the winter. Our photographer visited

Ssākwa'q'n and the surrounding area throughout the seasons of the year to capture these images. The photographs depict the wild unmatched natural beauty of our homeland and express our love for the territory we have held for uncounted generations. These photographs can be found in the spa, several elevator lobbies and LCD screens, and in our hotel suites.

**Beadwork Murals, Elevator Vestibules:** In addition to photographs of traditional beadwork, Coeur d'Alene beadwork artists are working on an ongoing collaborative project celebrating the themes of each floor of the new hotel: prairie, mountains, water, stickgame, weluwks and horse racing. The first project celebrating the hills of the Palouse prairie is stunning and unique and can be seen on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Sunrise 2. The beading community is currently working on similar projects for the mountain and water floors to be completed during Summer 2011.

**Tribal Art Niches –Hotel Reception/Skycatcher:** Custom display cases in the Skycatcher and hotel reception area showcase modern and traditional artifacts, art, and cultural expressions of the Coeur d'Alene people. These display will change periodically to express the dynamic nature of our contemporary Coeur d'Alene culture and provide an ongoing exchange between our tribal community and our guests.

**Elevator Lobbies/Corridors, Sunrise One:** The Coeur d'Alene people have gamed and wagered since time immemorial. The levels at Sunrise One depict popular wagering activities that the Coeur d'Alene people have traditionally enjoyed *Weluwks*, *Stickgame*, and *horse racing*. *Weluwks* is a traditional form of tribal gaming where players wager on which cards will appear first from the deck. *Stickgame* remains a popular game requiring guesswork, luck and steely nerves. Both games are played several times each year at our resort where guests can see these vibrant traditions continue and hear songs that have been sung for hundreds of years. These photographs were taken of Coeur d'Alene tribal members and depict a game with traditional wagers of goods and materials.



Local artwork will adorn the sky catcher walkway in the new wing of the Casino/Resort expansion.

## The air is electric with expansion

By Bob Bostwick

More than 400 employees came to celebrate the expansion, many getting awards for their years of service, others experiencing for the first time what an employee "all hands" meeting is all about.

"You're all part of this, you can all take some credit after two years of construction and inconvenience," said Chief Executive Officer Dave LaSarte-Meeks, who served as Master of Ceremonies. "You're all going to be part of a beautiful and unique resort and your efforts and patience through this are very much appreciated. You've maintained high spirits and a very high level of customer service throughout."

For most here, it's been a two-year process, now just days away from a welcome end. For LaSarte-Meeks, tribal leadership and others, it's been a three-year process with so much planning to do and so many decisions to make.

Mithun Architects of Seattle designed the expansion, incorporating in it the vastness and beauty of the surrounding Palouse and its resources.

Guests have already been hosted in the new steakhouse. A "soft opening" of the hotel next weekend will bring tribal leaders, dignitaries and hosted players to the 98 new rooms, along with the steakhouse, Waluwks Bar and other new amenities.

Service awards were presented to those serving five, 10 and 15 years.

**Award Winners: 15 Years:** Paul Cabbage, Amleto Domebo, Zeno Garcia, Lora Neville, Parra Demetrio, Joseph Pluff, & Clifford J. SiJonn

**10 Years:** Leona Andrade,

Laurie Armstrong, Edwin Babbitt, Jessica Barden, Ingeborg Best, Kathleen Brownson, Cheryl Burkhamer, Theresa Chapman, Marilyn Chevalier, Lisa Church, Ronald Cline, Martin Cox, Ann DeWitt, Lisa Emerson, Loretta Eschenbacher, Glory Haegen, Athena Holmes, Larry Joines, Mary Elizabeth Jones, Paul Lazanis, Virgil Lineback, Steven Matt, Terra McAllister, Spirit Mendoza, Michelle Montee, Madge Murray, Brandon Pluff, Ronald Roche, Carrie Roecks, Sharon Ronald, Robert Schow, Felicia Smith, Seth Speakman, Dale Stanley, Melody Taisey, Christopher Wenzell, & Jessica Younger.

**5 Years:** Michael Nagele, Virginia Peregrina, Tina Haase, Jacob Mitzner, Pete Pesetti, Daniel Hansen, Lewis Quequesah, Mary Crawford, Gregory Sitch, Sara Gauthier, Megan Grassle, Ashley Allen, Christine Piersol, Fredrick Smith, Lance Babbitt, Lena DeLong, Ruth Newkirk, Susan Jackson, Steven Flynn, Aree Tenney, Sharon VerCruyse, Katrina Graham, Donald Yeager, Tricia Fuller, Angela Bucher, Alisha Rodriguez, Stephanie Cooper, Sara Sharp, Katrina Kelly, Patricia Aubin, Catherine Granado, Rebecca Hendrickx, Evelyn Parton, Marshall thorp, Sandra Kimmes, Dana Reinke, Maria Larsen, Jessica Sperber, David Erickson, Theodore Baca, Michael Kennedy, Ronald Smith, Marvin Hobbs, Ernest Campbell, Llewellyn Barnaby, Vernie Johnson, Michael Ellis, Christopher Taylor, Kimberly Campbell, Christian Hampton, Dean Kahler, Josephina Rodriguez, Casey Wilhelm, Kristi Masterson, Clarisa Macias, Mary Wemhoff, Michael Lingo, Peggy Barrott, Linda Le, & Stacy Anderson.

## Construction focusing on landscape

By truckload after truckload, we've seen the soil arrive. By storm after storm, we've experienced delays in getting the landscaping done that will wrap this expansion in a beautiful, natural, Coeur d'Alene tribal package.

Except for the covered walkways in the parking areas, construction crews are mostly finished with structural portions of the expansion. There is still paving to do on sidewalks and some areas of roadway.

That leaves landscaping over the 10 acres of front yard that will include the Dancing Circling and Talking Circle amphitheaters. Several acres, the ground nearest the building and the Gathering Place restaurant, will be finished with grass sod.

So, there's that soil to spread, and it's being done to ensure a healthy growth that will beautify the front yard in natural grasses, plants and trees. More planting has been underway and most of the irrigation system is in place and ready to go.

The yard still needs a good growing season, or at least part of one. We can expect to see the beauty of it all, green and healthy, by mid or late summer.



**Noted Indian Scholar Responds to Fox News Commentary**

On March 24 Fox News commentator John Stossel made the following claim while discussing a report of high-paying government jobs, including one listed at the Bureau of Indian Affairs:

“Why is there a Bureau of Indian Affairs? There is no Bureau of Puerto Rican Affairs or Black Affairs or Irish Affairs. And no group in America has been more helped by the government than the American Indians, because we have the treaties, we stole their land. But 200 years later, no group does worse.”

Stossel then went on to make several non-specific remarks about a ‘tribe’ in North Carolina that had successfully created a bank without federal government assistance, in contradistinction to ‘other tribes’ who had failed with government help. He did so while making other off-hand remarks about restrictive regulations and individual rights issues on, again, non-specified ‘reservations.’

Robert H. Ruby is a retired physician and independent scholar living in Moses Lake, Washington. Dr. Ruby alone or with others, including his frequent collaborator John A. Brown, are coauthors of

numerous books on American Indians of the Pacific Northwest. Dr. Ruby sent me a copy of a hand-written letter he had sent to John Stossel in response to the commentator’s remarks. Dr. Ruby asked me to share the letter with Chairman Chief Allan. I suggested to Dr. Ruby that his remarks might be shared with the entire community, and he agreed to let me submit the letter to the Council Fires.

*Sir:*  
I watch your Fox News shows. I saw you as a smart, well educated person. That is until your comments about the government’s annual payments to the Native people. Those payments are not donations. Those checks are debt payments and interest for crimes of white people on Indians, the colonization of their country and killings of Indians.

Somehow you skipped or failed history classes.

Two centuries ago European countries began to ship loads of people to take over North America. In 1805 Jefferson sent out Lewis and Clark to find a route to cross the country for people to settle the country. Here in the Pacific Northwest where I live, in 1842 a load of a thousand illegal Europeans crossed the country on the Oregon Trail to squat this area.

Following that, many thousands annually kept migrating here for many years. Indians were killed and others were incarcerated in jails of reservations. Before that the federal government gave each European family free land to farm.

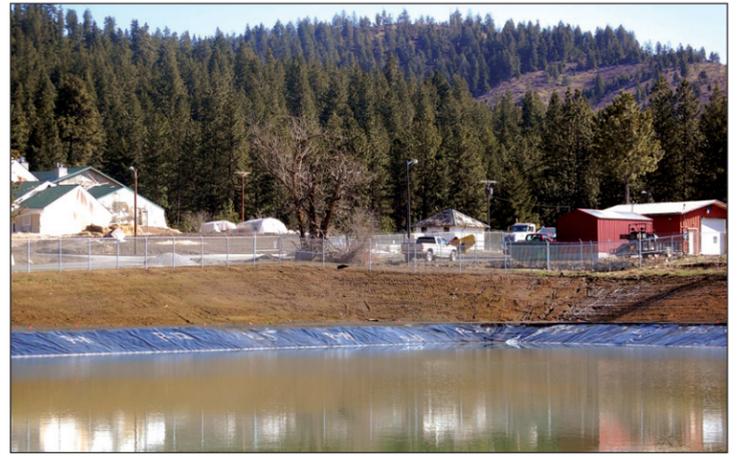
The locked up Indians starved because it was difficult to troll the country for foods because of the cultivated land. Their medical herbs pastures were cultivated over. The root beds were destroyed. Berry, fruit and vegetable fields were destroyed. It was difficult to reach rivers to fish for salmon which was dried to store for the long cold winters. Later rivers were dammed. That simmered the amount of salmon which was the major nutriment of food for Indians. They were slaughtered in wars and skirmishes and one on one encounters.

So Mr. Stossel knock it off-- change your mind, apologize, read some of my 20 books on Indians or go back to college.

By the way--will you please respond--tell me if a burglar broke into your house, killed your family and set fire to the house would you tell the court to not sentence him--but turn him loose?

With Regards,  
Robert H. Ruby, M.D.

**Agency lagoons filling due to runoff**



By Lorraina Smith

The new wastewater lagoons at Agency in Plummer have run into minor complications. It appears the new lagoons are taking in more water than anticipated. In the northeast corner of the upper lagoon there is an excessive amount of surface water runoff from the Compound Road and the road maintenance yard finding its way into the lagoon. In addition, there are two pond embankments inside the fence that flow water towards the lagoon and that appears to be contributing to the problem as well.

“The lagoons are approximately 90% complete,” explained Public Works Director Jim Kackman. “There is still work that needs to be completed by the contractor before the Tribe accepts these lagoons as complete.”

The lagoons are designed to accommodate 2.6 million gallons per year with 2 feet of freeboard (safety factor). The projected sewage inflow when all 18 units of the Gathering Place apartments are occupied is estimated to be 1,576,800 gallons per year. The projected annual precipitation is 28.3 inches. The best data obtained is from a weather station in Worley that says that there has been 16 inches of rainfall since September when the lagoon liners were completed. Thus, the ponds should be well under their design capacity. However, the design engineer did not anticipate that surface water

from the up-gradient would enter the lagoons, nor was that volume of water accommodated in their design calculations. “We have checked for underground sources of inflow by reading the water meters and closing the inlet valves to the ponds,” said Kackman. “We have found that there is no unanticipated inflow into the ponds from the sewer main system serving the units.”

One operational problem with the lagoons was also identified. There are three transfer pipes between the two lagoon cells at different elevations to aid the lagoon operator in transferring liquid waste from the upper lagoon to the lower lagoon. Going into winter, the valves on the two lower transfer pipes were closed and the upper pipe was left open. Once the upper lagoon filled, it transferred flow to the lower lagoon until it was full. At this point, staff needs to close the valve on the upper transfer pipe because there is still over 900,000 gallons of capacity in the upper lagoon at this point.

“We will be working to finish the project and resolve the surface water drainage issues so that the housing units can be occupied and brought online when they are completed. We do need to construct two small diversion ditches to address the surface water drainage problem. Diverting the surface water drainage away from the lagoons is essential so that the lagoon capacity is not compromised,” explained Kackman.

**Coeur d’Alene Tribe Biomass project - yard waste disposal**

The Tribal Forestry Biomass Project will take in clean wood and yard waste for free. Located at the Tribal Quarry across from the City of Plummer Sewer plant next to the Rail to Trail path, the Biomass Project goal is to reutilize tribal resources as effectively and as economically possible to help the environment.

Please contact (208) 582-2517 to arrange a time  
Thank you for helping keep the rez clean.

**THIS DECEMBER**

**THE COEUR D’ALENE INDIAN RESERVATION WILL HEAR A NEW VOICE!**

In a rare opportunity in 2008, the Coeur d’Alene Tribe was able to apply for and receive a construction permit from the Federal Communications Commission to build a full-power, Non-Commercial Educational FM radio station. KWIS Radio will celebrate our local cultural diversity, promote our Native language, educate our community about health and safety issues and inform them about local businesses and services that are available to them.

**VOLUNTEER ON OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR ADVISORY COMMITTEE!**

We are inviting all community members to submit a one page résumé and a letter of interest to be considered to serve on either the KWIS Radio Board of Directors or the KWIS Radio Community Advisory Committee.

**LETTERS AND RÉSUMÉS MUST BE RECEIVED BY KWIS RADIO  
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011 AT 4:30 P.M., PST**

**★ FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ★  
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shows that many herbs are helpful in reducing blood sugar levels. Some of them, including American ginseng (*Panax quinquefolius*), Oregon graperoot (*Mahonia aquifolium*), dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*), goldenseal (*Hydrastis canadensis*), juniper berries (*Juniperus communis*), licorice root (*Glycyrrhiza glabra*), stinging nettle (*Urtica dioica*) and myrtle (*Myrtus communis*) may have been part of your ancestors’ diets.

Plant foods are particularly important because, unlike modern packaged foods, they are low in sodium, yet great sources of potassium. Potassium

is important for proper nerve transmission, normal growth and muscle activity. Potassium is also critical for the proper balance of fluid and electrolytes (and therefore, normal heartbeat). But if you eat lots of salt, and few fresh fruits and vegetables, you may also be putting yourself at risk of diabetes. In fact, recent research indicates that low potassium is a diabetes risk factor and that the lower your potassium intake, the higher your risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Increase your potassium intake by eating more fruits and vegetables (especially leafy green vegetables and root vegetables).

CONCLUSION: Although Native Americans appear to be

particularly susceptible to type 2 diabetes, lifestyle changes, particularly changing your diet and increasing your exercise can go a long way to preventing or improving diabetes. Following a more traditional lifestyle—like that of your ancestors—can help you fight diabetes.

For more information about diabetes, contact: The Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention, American, Indian Health Service (www.ihs.gov/MedicalPrograms/diabetes/), US Department of Health and Human Services. American Diabetes Association (http://www.diabetes.org) National Diabetes Education Program (ndep.nih.gov) National Indian Health Board (nihb.org).

**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).

**VOTE FOR YOUR TRIBAL COUNCIL - MAY 7, 2011**

# Meet the candidates for the 2011 C

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A h hest hi skwist khwa Ernie Stensgar  
My mother was Margaret Joseph Stensgar, my father was Elmer Stensgar. The Coeur d' Alene Reservation is my homeland, a piece of my heart; I was born and raised here. I have spent my entire life here except for my time in Vietnam, college and boarding school.

I am seeking re-election to our tribal council. Currently, I am serving as the Council Vice Chairman. It has been a great honor to represent the Coeur d' Alene Tribe these past 30 years, an honor and a responsibility that I have never taken lightly or for granted. I have served to the best of my ability. I understand and appreciate each decision that I made on behalf of our tribe. I believe my job as a councilman is to protect our rights which include our land, water and sovereignty, just as our ancestors have done for us. I also believe each decision must take into account our future generations and our cultural identity as Coeur d' Alene people.

I am proud of the progress our tribe has made. I look forward to continuing our efforts of moving forward and prospering to benefit our tribe. However, it is vital that we maintain and strive to keep our culture and identity as Coeur d' Alene people. This is done through preservation of our language, and protecting and taking care of our elders and nurturing and teaching our youth our native way.

So, I humbly ask you once again; please vote for me, Ernie Stensgar for our tribal council.

*Sincerely,  
Ernie Stensgar*

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A Schitsu'umsh,  
Evangeline and John Abraham are my parents, and my name is John M. Abraham; I'm also known as Sluggo by friends and family.

It's election time again and I am humbly asking you for your support and vote for a position on our Council. With my 30 years of job experience with our Tribe and my 18 years of formal education, I believe, I can contribute positively and effectively in Council in the decision making process representing you.

Now with that done, I want to use this opportunity to address an issue that has been troubling me since the first time I read an article recently written by one of our tribal members and published in the St. Maries Gazette. (A paper which most of us know has a negative view concerning tribal sovereignty).

I have lived here my whole life and thought I have heard or read every disparaging remark imaginable about our tribal leaders and government; but, I was disheartened to realize, I had not.

I, like others, have been disappointed by some of the decisions the Councils have made. I, like others, have disagreed with our Chairmen. (Note the plural please).

I, like others, have believed some members were given special privileges by our government.

I, like others, have felt my family's health and welfare were being ignored.

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My name is Ernest Campbell; and yes, it's that time of year again, and I am asking for your support in having the opportunity to serve my fellow tribal members on Council. It is not my intent to make a career out of being a Tribal Councilman. I believe that Tribal Council is meant to fulfill the purpose in which you are there, make as much of an impact as you can and then get out. If you are happy with how things are, then continue to vote for the incumbents. If you would like to see a new Coeur d'Alene face, with new ideas, a new perspective and representative of all walks of life, then vote for Ernest Campbell.

My goal for our community are to improve the quality of service provided by our Medical center; through improved customer service, continuity of care and support of our Native doctor's, (when we are fortunate enough to have them). I want to see positive change in services on behalf of Tribal families through our social service, tribal courts and law enforcement systems. And of course, I have always believed that our Tribe should have a strong TERO department; one that will benefit all Tribal members, advocate for our employment rights within the reservation and be an equal opportunity employer to all those who seek their services.

These are just a few areas that I am passionate about. I have listened and heard many of my fellow tribal members concerns, and would like the opportunity to be a part of the solutions, a part of change. I see life from a different perspective after losing a close loved one. I believe at the end of our time here on earth; if we pray hard and take care of each other as intended, we will all make it to the biggest PowWow of all, with our Creator for eternity.

*Sincerely Yours  
Ernest E. Campbell  
Coeur d'Alene Tribal Member*

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I would like to take this time to ask for your vote of confidence in the upcoming election on Saturday, May 7th. At this time I would like to take a few moments of your time to discuss my decision to run. I have vested interest in the future and well being of our tribe and membership.

While I am proud of the accomplishments the Tribe has made throughout the years. Through hard work and commitment I would like to see our Tribe continue to grow for our next generation.

My commitment is to the Tribe and the next generation to ensure they have the opportunities to become positive self sufficient individuals who are capable of providing for themselves and their families.

Ensure that these services would be easily accessible by all interested. These services can be utilized to strengthen their social, health and employment skills, to achieve self sufficiency.

I am grateful for the positive influence I received throughout my life. Thankful to those individuals who took the time to teach me life skills; that have made me a strong, independent and self-motivated person.

If elected I will work and make decisions that benefit the tribe as a whole. By listening and valuing your ideas, thoughts and suggestions.

*Thank you,  
Angel George*

# Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council Elections

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**M**y name is Chuck Matheson. I am a candidate to represent you on the Tribal Council. I served on Tribal Council from 1997 through 2006. I would consider it an honor and privilege to serve you once again.

I was thinking back to the first time I ran for Tribal Council back in '97'. How enthusiastic and optimistic I was for the Tribe's future. The casino was in the old blue building still. We'd had machines in there for a few years and the casino was really beginning to grow. I was so excited about our future. I felt like I had much to contribute and wanted to help out "the growth" as much as I could.

Fast forward 14 years. We've come a long way since then. None of us could have seen the casino as it is now. The services The Tribe offers are amazing. Yet I have such a huge un-easy feeling inside about our future. Things seem to be going a bit haywire. First it was the bakery. Now Echelon. There's tremendous uproar about the Benewah Medical Center policies/staffing. I'm not an insider so I don't know the exact numbers. I think we're in debt for around \$200,000,000. That include payback of the casino expansion loan and the loan we got to buy back land on the reservation.

I could go on and on about concerns that I have and concerns that many you have voiced to me. I don't want to play the blame game. I want to come up with solutions! I want to offer a "common sense" voice for you on our Tribal Council. I am a "Coeur d'Alene For Common Sense". Are you one too?

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**I**'ve been asked to run for Tribal Council as we are all aware of the out of control spending by our current council and the need to control this. I've heard from numerous members about the concern with a council that will not listen to its own members and who doesn't seem to have an ear or the time to hear what our members are saying. Our government seems to have left us. It's time to put our government back to the Tribal Members and listen to them, and provide the accountability they are asking for.

I am not saying this will happen overnight, but this election will be a start and our voice from here on out. Big decisions have been made and a lot of money has been wasted by our current council. These decisions should have been brought before our members. If elected I will have an open Door policy to ALL members and their concerns.

Remember your vote counts so VOTE ON MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>.

*Don Sczenski*

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**A**h qhest his' laqh' laqht!

I am Marcy Morris, your candidate for our upcoming tribal elections and am asking for your support. I am the grand-daughter of Louie Curley and Susan Polotkin Curley. My grandpa moved over from the Flathead reservation and was taken in by the Coeur d' Aene's back in the early 1920's. My beautiful grandma, Susan Polotkin comes from a long history of strong relatives, one being Louise Syukhwin. Louise's grandson Paul Polotqn was my Mother, Dee Dee Curley Morris' grandfather. The Polotkins, Susan Matt, Louie Luke, and Alexie's families are my relations.

Currently I work in the Human Resources department and I am your first point of contact when you call our tribal headquarters. As with every job I've had, I do my best. Since 1998 I have been employed on our reservation. Before coming to work with our tribe, I was Associate Publisher for the Northwest Bureau of Indian Country Today.

Over the last 20 years I have attended all tribal general membership meetings, except one, always taking notes and asking questions. I feel privileged to have watched and sat amongst our past Coeur d'Alene tribal leaders and Elder's of our great nation. Each one of them had incredible strength and foresight. I was always front and center watching the political processes unfold.

Before I worked as the receptionist for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, I attended as many tribal council meetings as I could. This allowed me to see firsthand the government side and

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I am a resident of Worley ID and have been for the past 13 years in the same house. I am running for Council in the hope of representing you the Tribal members. Council is voted in to work for you and represent you. To make sure you have available employment, housing, food (food distribution), education, protection (police, court) and a healthy environment to live in.

I brought up a proposal to build a mini park in Worley. It was approved by council to build it in the upper housing project for you. I've already removed trees, got a basket ball pole and hoop donated with some gravel donated from the tribal rock pit and the grant I've applied for through the Potlatch Corporation for playground equipment. It's a start but I have a long way to go with clean up of the site and the cold weather it's slow going and determination I believe it will happen.

I've been with and married Tammie Flett (Colville Tribal member) for the past ten years. I've got 3 kids with her, 6 kids total of mine, 3 girls & 3 boys and 5 grand children. So you see I'm a family man. Sometimes they put a lot of turmoil in my life but we worked it out as a family together.

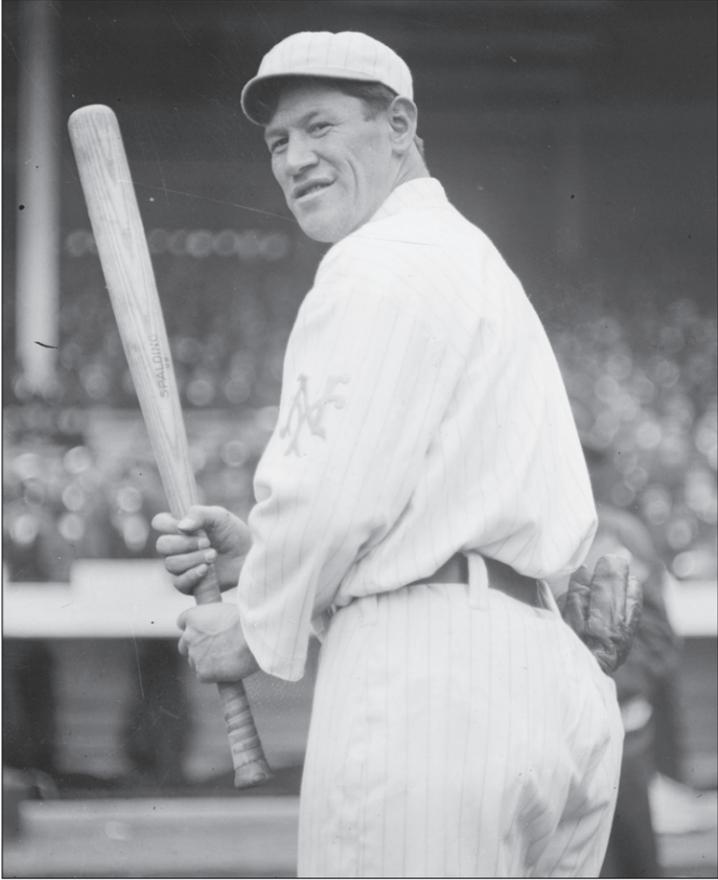
We have a lot of different families on and off the reservation we all see things different. We will have different issues about different things going on here on the reservation. We need someone who's going to talk for us, walk for us, and listen to us and our needs to have a sustainable life on our reservation. For our families and their future. Because the people you

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# ~ People in the News ~

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## The Greatest Athlete of the 20th Century was a Native



By Jennifer L. Fletcher

When one thinks of great athletes of the 20th century, a few names pop easily into the mind; perhaps the top two athletes named by the Associated Press: Babe Ruth and Michael Jordan? These names are synonymous with athletic excellence. But, what about number three on that list? An Oklahoma Native of the Sac and Fox Tribe graces that spot, the man is Jim Thorpe.

Thorpe is widely known and unknown. Among the sporting community he is an icon, toppling the standards of athletics in his time and edging others to perform at his level. Among the American people as a whole, not many could tell you who he was.

Jacobus Thorpe or Wa-tho-huck – meaning Bright Path – was born in Oklahoma to an Irish American Father and a Mother who was from the Sac and Fox Tribe. He was born as a twin but later lost his brother Charlie to a bout of pneumonia. At the time of his youth, the country's aboriginal people were being converted to the European lifestyle. Education was a means to lull the Native population and inundate them with the ways of the white culture. Thorpe's father, Hiram, wanted his children to succeed in this world and sent them off to a boarding school 25 miles away from their home.

Jim was a defiant and

headstrong young boy who would rather have been hunting and fishing with his father than learning the “ways of the world” at the school. So, he ran away. He ran away a lot. Numerous times Jim fled the grounds and walked the 20 plus miles back to his home – where he would be immediately returned by his father. It was during one of these excursions that a pneumonia epidemic hit the school and claimed the life of his twin.

He later was quoted in saying that in his passing, his brother gave him his strength, and that's why he was always so good at what he set out to do.

Tired of bringing Jim back to school, his father sent him over 200 miles away to the Haskell Indian School in Kansas, it was here he was first exposed to organized sports – something he would fall in love with. Jim loved to best his mates at school, no matter the competition – even if it weren't a competition, Jim would turn



it into one.

While there, Jim learned his father was very ill. Denied a visitors pass home, Jim defied the educational system again and walked the 280 miles back to his home in Oklahoma, it took him two weeks to complete the journey, by which time his father had recovered. But not two months later, he learned that his mother had passed away during the birth of her 11th child. Jim was devastated and became depressed.

He left home and went to Texas where he worked on a horse ranch breaking the animals. He was there briefly, but was proud of what he did.

“I never met one I couldn't catch, saddle and ride. That is one achievement from my childhood that I felt proud about.”

By this time Jim was just 16 years old and returned home briefly before going to the Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania. When his father sent him away for the last time, he said, “You are an Indian. I want you to show other races what Indians can do.” Hiram died 2 months later.

There, with other natives around the country, Jim was encouraged to pick a trade. The school aimed to “turn the old Indian into a modern man” through education. Many students, including Jim were placed in the “outing system” where they would be put with a family to learn their trade. Jim didn't care for the arrangement and ran back to Carlisle, having no parents to turn to. By the time he was a 20 year old student at the school Jim wanted more than the trades offered by the school, but wasn't sure what.

It was one afternoon, while walking past the field, Jim noticed the track and field students who, despite their best efforts, could not clear the high jump pole. Dressed in heavy overalls Jim sauntered over to the coach and asked for a chance to make the jump. He easily cleared the pole at a jump of 5 foot 9 inches, impressing Coach Glenn Warner, aka “Pop.”

Pop recruited Jim to the team where he won event after event for the school. He, along with classmate Louis Tewanima, a Hopi Indian excelling in long races, dominated the track – often winning the meets with just their efforts and scores alone.

## Salisbury, local officer turned author



Story/photo by Lorraina Smith

Lieutenant Dean Salisbury has been with the Tribal Police Department for the last decade. Before joining the small community law enforcement team he already had many years of experience under his belt, however that was not his initial career path.

In 1983 Salisbury began working with military police; he was originally trying to gain the experience to put his degree in Wild Life to use. Dean wanted to be a park ranger or work in forestry but in order to do that he needed law enforcement experience so he started working law enforcement for the air force. It was easier for him to find a job on the police force and by that time he was already hooked. Before permanently joining the Tribal Police he put in 13 years for Benewah County.

“Even though it is the same job, it's kind of different from day to day,” explained Salisbury. “I mean you get the same calls, but everyone is different. You have to think on your feet sometimes.”

Like every job there is the good and the bad but unlike others this position deals with the bad hands on. Dean has adopted many strategies to deal with the heartache that comes along with law enforcement. Delving into his hobbies has offered stress relief, anything outdoors, writing books, spending time with his family and exercise has been a vital part of keeping his balance.

“You see a lot of bad things, and sometimes it leaves the bad taste in your mouth. Every community I have ever worked in you see the bad side. Which every community

has,” stated Salisbury. “Sometimes it is hard to see the good things, it sometimes puts a dark cloud over you and it is hard to get out from underneath it at times. As you go on you have got to remember there are a lot of good people out there.”

As the department keeps growing, Dean welcomes the progression they have made. Although due to the economy there have been some setbacks for the department but they still thrive on their positive community involvement. He always encourages interaction of the officers and the community; they hand out suckers, stickers, encourage the ride along program and get into the schools as much as possible. As a team, they try to remain professional yet hold onto the strong ties they have together. “We have a family atmosphere everyone kind of pals along together,” reflects Lieutenant Salisbury.

Some of Dean's police experiences have been loosely relayed in his novels. Because of the intensity in this position, the tool of writing has been therapeutic for him. He has been an avid reader his whole life, although he admits he was not strong in English class. Salisbury sat down one day and began writing. He asked a co-worker to read his work; she seemed impressed enough it inspired him to complete the story. He has since written and published two novels and is working on a third. He has also conducted workshops on how to self publish your own stories and offer advice to anyone seeking information on their own books.

“I would like to thank everyone who has supported me, and bought my books.”

Jim loved competing, and when football programs became popular, Jim wanted a piece of the action. Pop wasn't having it though, no way would his star athlete risk injury by playing such a rough sport. Jim was persistent, and Pop succumb thinking he'd never want to be tackled. Tackling Jim was a problem for the players though.

When asked to allow the defensive line to practice their tackles on him, Jim bobbed and weaved between the players.

After showing Pop what he could do, Jim lobbed the ball to him and said, “Nobody is going to tackle Jim!” It was a done deal – Jim would play as

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a running back, defensive back, placekicker and punter.

It was the 1908 season and during his first game, Jim scored five touchdowns. He led the team to a near perfect season, with their only loss to the undefeated Harvard Crimson.

During the summer, which was typical of college men, he traveled to the baseball camps in North Carolina and played in the minor leagues – attracting more spectators out to see the “one man baseball ride.” For these 2 summers Jim did not return to Carlisle but did go back to Oklahoma where he stayed for a brief time with his sister and her family – happily reliving the days of his youth where hunting and fishing were the top priorities of the day.

During his time away, the Carlisle football program suffered. Pop sought Jim out and persuaded him to return for another season. Upon his return, in 1911 the Carlisle team was at the top of their game, beating the leading seven teams of the league. Then came the rematch between Thorpe and the Crimson. With only 16 players on the roster, Carlisle set out to beat the 50 undefeated Harvard players. With a 42-yard field goal, Jim clenched the win for his team, beating Harvard 18-15.

“No college football player I ever saw had the natural aptitude possessed by Jim Thorpe. I never knew a player who could penetrate a line as Thorpe could, nor did I know a player who could see holes as well,” said Warner. “As for speed, none ever carried a pigskin down the field with the dazzling speed of Thorpe. He could knock off a tackler, stop short and turn past another, ward off still another and escape the entire pack.”

That following summer Jim and Louis Tewanima qualified for the 1912 Stockholm Olympic Games in Sweden. Their American team defied what others thought of the typical Olympic athlete. Most were of upper class families, they did not work – they didn't have to; their families afforded them the luxury of concentrating solely on their sport. The American team was comprised of these athletes along with African Americans, Hawaiians, the American Indians and a police officer – a hodgepodge of personalities, classes and races.

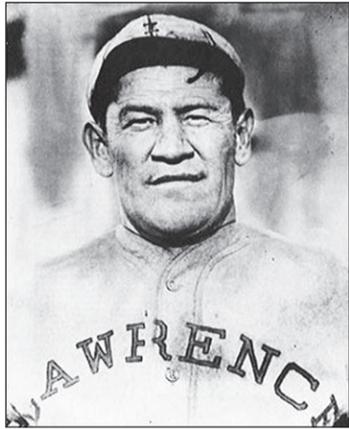
Thorpe competed in the Pentathlon and the Decathlon. He took home the gold in both events, beating the world record in the 1500-meter race with a time of 4 minutes 48 seconds. During the awards ceremony King Gustav of Sweden approached the players

to honor them.

“Sir, you are the greatest athlete in the world,” Gustav said to Jim. To which he replied, “Thanks, King.”

Jim was given a hero's welcome back home – honored with a ticker tape parade in New York City where thousands gathered and chanted his name as he was driven down the streets. He was the subject of scientific studies determined to define the “perfect human form,” and the pro offers for sporting contracts began to pour in.

Pop Warner was not done with Jim yet and again, persuaded him to come back to Carlisle for another season, Jim reluctantly agreed – stating



that it would be good for him to do so. During that year, the Carlisle Indians went up against the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, who at the time had future president Dwight D. Eisenhower on the roster.

“As one who played against him in football, I personally feel no other athlete possessed his all around abilities in games and sports,” said Eisenhower of Thorpe later in life.

Carlisle cut through West Point like soft butter – defeating the team 27 to 6. The New York Times said of the game: “West Point's defense was like tissue paper against the Indians. Thorpe simply ran wild, it was like trying to catch a shadow.” Thorpe was again named to the All-American football team during that last year at Carlisle. The following season Jim took the team to the national title – attributed by his 25 touchdowns and 198 total points that year.

Things took a turn soon thereafter though when Jim was stripped of his gold medals for being paid to play baseball the summers before the games (it was the first time an athlete had been stripped of their medals). Warner and the dean at Carlisle denied any knowledge of his baseball career to the Olympic Committee, fearing repercussions, and allowed Jim to take the entire fall – but not before encouraging him to demean himself in a letter appealing to the committee asking for leniency due to him being “just an Indian schoolboy [who] did not know of such things.”

Jim bounced back, as was his

nature, and began considering the numerous offers he was given to play professional baseball. He turned down a starting position with the St. Louis Browns to be on the roster of the dominating New York Giants. He benched most of the first season but was still paid a very lucrative \$6000.00 a year for his 3 years with the team. He went onto play on some minor league teams and then was traded to the Cincinnati Reds, where during a pivotal game, Jim brought the winning run in during the 10th inning. He bounced between major league teams and finally gave pro baseball up after 6 seasons.

During his baseball career he met and married Iva Miller whose sister looked down upon the Indian as not good enough for her sister. Iva didn't care and gladly married Jim – the two left on a world exhibition baseball tour with his teammates. He ended his career with the Giants when Coach McGraw called him a “dumb Indian” for missing a signal – a proud Indian, Jim walked up to him with large frame and shook the coach – successfully ending his baseball career with the Giants.

Jim and Iva went back to Oklahoma where he bought his first home – one with indoor plumbing and electricity, still considered luxurious at the time. Here he retouched his roots and started a family. His first son was born – followed by three daughters. Jim wasn't home often though; by this time he was double hitting the pros by playing baseball and football – and his family suffered for it.

His son Jim Jr., in 1918 succumb to the great influenza pandemic between the ages of two and four (accounts vary) and this affected Jim deeply. His marriage drifted as he began to drink and spend more time on the road than at home – Iva filed for divorce 9 years into the marriage, citing desertion as the reason.

During his jaunt as a pro baseballer, Jim didn't abandon football – in 1915 he joined pro team the Canton Bulldogs after playing in Indiana. In Canton, Jim was an immediate draw for spectators – he was also being paid a handsome \$250 a game by the league at this time. He led his team to numerous titles and victories in his tenure there.

In 1920 Jim helped to found and was named the first president of the American Professional Football Association – which today is known as the National Football League or NFL. Thorpe remained a driving force in professional football and played his last game at age 41 in 1929. During his football career Jim helped to

advance other natives in the athletic world – he formed the All-Native American Football team the Oorang Indians and recruited players from his Carlisle days.

With his sporting career behind him, and the nation suffering because of the Great Depression – Jim like many other struggled to find work. He never amassed his wealth – instead spending it as he received it on his friends, family and different organizations; so Jim found work where he could.

He worked briefly in Hollywood, portraying an Indian when many of those parts were played by white actors. If an Indian were to play a role – they typically got half of what the white actor was earning. He became an agent of sorts for Indian actors – demanding equal pay for the work done on the films.

He was an extra in the Errol Flynn film *They Died With Their Boots On*, the story of Custer at Little Big Horn. On the set Flynn had watched as Thorpe raise a sledge hammer from the ground to his nose and back using one hand – determined not to be outshone on his own set Flynn attempted the same feat, without the same result, nearly breaking his nose.

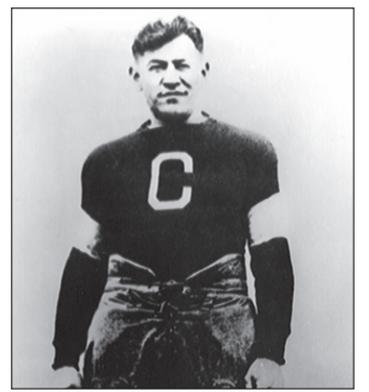
Later at a local bar, Flynn, embarrassed by the earlier events of the day – challenged Thorpe. Flynn swung and missed the quick man who returned a knockout punch and laid Flynn on the floor. His career in Hollywood ended soon after without any money to show for it.

In 1932, the Olympic Games were held in Los Angeles and Thorpe couldn't afford a ticket. Word got out and Vice President Charles Curtis, an Indian, decreed the former champion would sit in his private box while he opened the Games – he received a standing ovation from the crowd, but the glory was short lived – soon he was back to his reality of struggling to find work and money.

During this time Jim had remarried and had four sons with Freeda Fitzpatrick – the marriage would last 15 years with the couple divorcing in 1941.

Thorpe would later try to join the U. S. Army to serve in World War II, but was denied because of his age – he was 52 at the time. He became a merchant marine and toured to India. Upon his return home, Jim met and married for the last time. His wife Patricia Askew took hold of their lives, as a savvy business woman, and tried to build them back up.

She became Jim's manager and negotiated a 67,000-mile lecture tour where Jim would be paid for his appearances



but the money and glory days did not last long. Soon Jim was diagnosed with lip cancer and because of his poverty, he was made a charity case for treatment at a California facility.

A movie about his life was made in 1951 *Jim Thorpe: All American* – it starred Burt Lancaster as Thorpe. The movie glossed over much of his life and the troubles he encountered during his rise and fall to and from the top. He didn't receive any royalties from the smash movie either – having unknowingly signed away the rights to his life 20 years earlier for \$1500.

Jim lived the rest of his life simply with Patricia in a trailer in California, succumbing to death at the age of 64 when he suffered a massive heart attack in 1953.

Decades later the Thorpe children would petition to have their father's Olympic gold medals reinstated to him, finally gaining success in 1982 when the Olympics Committee granted replicas of the medals to Jim's family and re-entered his name into the record books.

Of the numerous accolades he received formally and informally, one of the most poignant would be named the Greatest Athlete of the Half Century in 1950. Thorpe was inducted as a charter member into the Professional Football Hall of fame 10 years after his death and in 1999 the U.S. Congress named Jim “America's Athlete of the Century.” President Richard Nixon also declared April 16, 1973 as Jim Thorpe day in recognition of one of the most ambitious athletes the country has ever seen.

Although Thorpe's life ended in poverty, he lived his life in glory – always. A humble member of his tribe, all he ever wanted to do was make his people proud. And proud they are. Not only can Sac and Fox children look up to him for inspiration – he serves as a role model for all Indians who feel bound by the borders of their reservations. Thorpe's memory will live on through the retelling of his magnificent story to the youth of today – let's never forget the “World's Greatest Athlete” an American Indian from a small tribe who charmed and conquered his world!

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# ~ Editorials ~

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### Editor: concerns over letter submission

Hello to all our readers! I, as your editor, wanted to take a moment to reiterate the editorial rules for our paper and to squelch any misconceptions that may be present.

First and foremost, I would like to address concerns that the Council Fires is not publishing the letters of our membership on a regular basis. This is simply not true. We have encountered a minimum amount of letters we deemed to be unfit for printing due to the nature of the wording, individuals being named specifically and letters dealing with personal matters.

We have a minimum amount of restrictions when it comes to printing letters publicly. One of them being that no foul language is to be used. Second, we do not allow attacks on individuals through our editorial section. We do allow and encourage our members to challenge departments and tribal organizations that they feel do not live up to expectations – but we cannot allow the “calling out” of specific members. Thirdly, we will not print letters that deal with personal matters that have no relevance to the Tribe as a whole or a Tribal enterprise – i.e. no letters discussing disputes you may be having with your neighbor.

We, as a paper owned and operated by Tribal dollars are not afforded some rights other news outlets have, but we are also not censored by the Administration or the Tribal Council. We have been asked to delay the release of a story so that ends could be tied and deals could be finalized, but we have never been told to not print a story.

That being said – we are not in the business to print grit news – we strive to provide our membership

and community with articles that are current, relevant and informative. We focus on Tribal enterprises, business, events and the greater community as a whole – highlighting our achievements instead of focusing on downfalls of departments or individuals.

We also have a word limit instated, we ask letters to be 500 words or less, sometimes we will make an exception if the overage is less than 75 words, but more often than not, if a letter exceeds our limit, we will ask the individual to either trim it down or break it into two parts for inclusion in the proceeding issue.

As you can see, we do have some restrictions, but they are in no way oppressive. We want to encourage our tribal membership to utilize this newspaper as a platform for your voice to be heard – but we need to ask that the minimum amount of policies we have been followed.

We have enjoyed being a part of the Tribal Council Fires newspaper and hope that many of you have had a pleasant experience with the issues over the last 5 years. We hope that you will continue to support the Tribe and its departments, but speak up if you feel you are being neglected or mistreated by your Tribe in anyway. We want to help you raise your voice up and be heard by those who can make changes.

One more note, from this point forward all letters printed will be done so without editing for spelling or grammar by our staff to ensure the letter remains as the writer submitted it.

*Thank you very much,  
Jennifer L. Fletcher  
Editor*

### Aldrich family: thank you for help

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the help we received from the Coeur d'Alene Tribe during a family emergency. We are so lucky that the Tribe is willing to help its people. We often take this for granted, but we are truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community.

On March 17th we were informed that our father, Mark Aldrich, was in the hospital. He was extremely ill and was not responding to blood transfusions and the medical treatments he was receiving. We were told that things could take a turn for the worst at anytime. At this point we decided that we needed to be with him. Because of the Tribe's gracious assistance we were able to leave town Saturday March 19th and travel to Omaha, Nebraska.

It was a long trip, 25 hours driving, but he was able to see his grandchildren. This was the best medicine he could have received.

We would like to think that this is the reason why he began making drastic improvements while we were with him, because those little people have a special gift. He still has a long journey to recovery, and so much love and prayers are going out to him.

We just really feel blessed that the Coeur d'Alene Tribe is so willing to help its people. Our values of putting family first are always at the forefront of the decisions we make. It's a great thing that the Tribe appreciates family values as we do. Thank you again for all of your thoughtfulness and prayers.

*With appreciation,  
The Family of Mark Aldrich,  
Son, Santino Aldrich;  
Daughter in-law, Kacy Ross;  
Daughter, Sharlina Aldrich and  
Grandchildren, Jarius Moffitt,  
Julian Moffitt, Santino Aldrich  
II, Ambrielle Aldrich and  
Guiliana Aldrich*

### Morris: A farewell to Dr. Topsky



The friends of Dr. Elizabeth TopSky gathered recently at the Rosecreek Longhouse,

to bid her farewell on her next adventure.

We were sorry to see her leave, as she was our doctor, our friend and a community member here on the Coeur d'Alene reservation. Dr. TopSky left for Rio Rancho, near Albuquerque, New Mexico to continue her career, accompanied by her family. We wish her well on her next endeavor and we presented an Indian blanket to remind her we cared. She loved the Pacific Northwest and she loved her job. She thanked each and every one of us. We will miss her.

*Dee Dee Morris  
ddmor23@reznail.com*

### LaSarte: denied by election committee

My name is Sarah LaSarte and I am announcing that my petition for the Coeur d'Alene Tribal election has been denied. No other information is available at this time. The support and encouragement during my short campaign is greatly appreciated. Please promote “Term Limit” for Tribal Council and vote Saturday, May 7th, 2011.

*Sarah LaSarte*

### Hendrickx family: thanks for love and support during difficult time

The family of Alice “Allie” (Frank) Hendrickx wish to extend a very heart-felt thank you to all those who offered their support, love and prayers in our time of need.

Special thanks to our St. Peter cousins for traveling out here and digging the grave by hand. Not many thought you could do, but you guys did. Thank you Dean Pakootas and Wanda Matt for coming to the house to pray and sing, the Peone family for coming to the house to sing, Father Connelly for church service, cousins Tony, Martin and Philip Barnaby for making sure we did what was meant to be, Champ Marchand, Mike Matt, Pat Watt for singing their songs, Frenchy SiJohn and his drum for singing the honor song, Sharon Garcia for helping at the house, cooking, cleaning and so much support you gave us strength to go on, Marvin, Luke and Stacy Sonder for the many things you guys did to help us, Mina Sepulveda for cooking us a great meal, Germaine Parr for the rosary and medal, Ed Lozeau and Kevin Garcia for smoked meat, Paul and Cathy Matheson our Indian Country Family, Jennifer Fletcher for the announcements and cards, and all our family and friends who were able to travel in the bad weather to be with us.

We would like to thank the Colville and Coeur d'Alene Tribes for their support and prayers in everything they helped us with. Without your assistance it would not have been possible to plan for such a beautiful service.

Thank you Uncle Frankie and Uncle Merle for the blessing at the funeral home. Cousins Lisa, Suzy, Mary “Jones” Michael and Christa Howard for helping us dress mom. We appreciate and love you all greatly.

The cooks did a great job. Thanks Angel George, Sid Sam, Josie Lozeau, Courtney SiJohn and Shawna Campbell. Margaret SiJohn you did a great job and grandma would be so proud of you and your friends. Thanks to Amanda Wienclaw and Christy Masterson for helping pay for the catering services for the main meal. Charlotte Nilson and Family, your breakfasts were the greatest. You all did Allie a great honor.

Tribal Officer's Darryl Howard and John Dressler for that wonderful rez ride back from Tekoa. It was a ride that we will remember always and are very thankful we made it through.

Alisha Rodriguez, cousin, you were the best help to us. You were always there to lend a helping hand and took care of anything that was asked. You made sure to take good notes and helped keep everything in order. You are the best.

There were so many people who provided so much support we apologize if we missed you. We are grateful for all your help and for taking the time to come and share how special of a person our mom was.

Again, thank you to everyone who helped us through this sad and difficult time.

*The family of Allie Hendrickx*

### Lowley: line of order at pow wow

A flyer posted stated, “Casino Anniversary Pow wow”. There seemed to be confusion. Who was being honored this on this day and at every Pow wow?

During grand entry, the procession began with, no Veterans or an Elder or our children to lead the grand entry. I believe the proper formation would be our flags, Veterans and family of military service, elders and children. This was not the case.

Before grand entry, the mc welcomed dancers, family, friends and visitors.

During this time our servicemen and women along with their family walked forward to join together as a group, to walk together with other military people that served our Country, as our Indian people they fought for our freedom.

I saw a friend who is a Veteran dressed in regalia (elder CD'A Tribal member) and walked over to greet him. I noticed he seemed upset. I asked him a question. He made a negative comment on the grand entry line up. He felt that the Veteran's were not given respect. He walked away from the grand entry group, gathered his belongings and left. And the cup dance was not the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's.

To ensure that this error will not happen again, next year please make sure correct grand entry line-up is in order.

*Ray Lowley  
Tribal Member*

### Trahan: gas prices hurting family pocket book

A few weeks ago Bloomberg News reported that Saudia Arabia is investing \$100 billion in renewable energy sources. In other words the country with the largest known reserves of oil is spending its profits building power plants fueled by nuclear energy, wind, geothermal and solar power.

What does Saudia Arabia know that the rest of us don't? Simply this: It's far better to save every drop of oil for export (especially with prices exceeding \$110 per barrel) and build a less expensive alternative at home. Why not? Saudia Arabia, like any desert nation, is an ideal spot for solar production.

The high cost of that oil impacts Indian Country in a number of ways.

Native American consumers are hit especially hard because so many reservations and Alaska villages are geographically isolated. Gas is always expensive -- and when it creeps up across the country -- well,

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Alice Mary Hendrickx, 73, passed away on February 27, 2011 at her home in Worley, ID. Alice was the first child born to Marge St. Peter and Francis Frank in Nespelem, WA on August 5, 1937. She was later joined by a brother Marvin Joseph, a sister Francine Ann and a brother Michael Wayne who died at birth.

She was a member of Colville Confederate Tribes and of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe at heart and a member of the Catholic Church.

She was given the nickname Allie at an early age and was proud to use it her whole life.

Her family made their first home in Nespelem, WA where they shared a home with her paternal grandparents. She started her education at Nespelem Elementary and being raised with her grandmother who only spoke Indian, she was only able to speak Indian. She laughed about having to be taught English. She regretted in her later years of not keeping her native language. She could understand it but not speak it.

At the age of six (6) she met her lifelong friend whom she loved dearly and became a sister to her, Martha "Babe" Curley. While her parents were working, Babe's mom, Mariann was her sitter. The Curley family was located in Nespelm were Babe's dad was a Tribal Police Officer.

She considered Mariann a second mother and was always grateful to have become a part of this family, which lasted her whole life.

When Allie was eight (8) her family relocated to Monse, WA. Her greatest adventure at this time was traveling in a horse drawn wagon. Her family would take a two day trip to Nespelem camping at Coyote creek then continuing on the next day.

At the age of ten (10), Allie and her brother Joe were placed in a home for children called Random Manor in Okanogan WA. They lived there four (4) years. At this time she was given the gift of a brother, Roy Cate Sr., who was also at this home. Allie told stories of having to protect Roy from her brother who on occasion liked to use Roy as a punching bag. This was a sad time for Allie to be away from her parents. But a good memory for the love of a good brother that she cherished for her life.

When Allie was fourteen (14) she attended Chemawa Indian School in Salem, Oregon where she later graduated. During this time in her life her mother and Ike SiJohn joined and she was given a father. Ike brought with him his children, who Allie loved and increased her brother and sister count. She now had her brothers Merle, Isaac, and Frankie, sisters, Bingo, Inez, Gwen and Carol.

The family spent time between Omak, WA and Idaho. Allie had many stories about things she did with her brothers and sisters. She mentioned being in trouble quite a bit with her parents.

After graduating high school she relocated to Worley ID. During this time she conceived two children Zetta and Tiny. On November 30, 1964 she married the love of her life Garry Hendrickx. From this union came five more children, Mary and Bobby "The Twins", Prudy, Trina and their baby Boy named Sioux. The family made their home in Plummer, ID, only moving to different parts of town. The couple divorced in 1997 and Allie relocated to Worley where she lived until her death.

Allie was a homemaker for a majority of her life. When she was able to work outside of the home she enjoyed being a bartender at the Circle H in Tensed, selling cigarettes at Louie's Smoke Shop and then Rosie's Smoke Shop. Then for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe she was a cook for the older American Program and House Parent for the Youth Shelter. One of the jobs she enjoyed most was providing care to aging members of the community. Some of the people she took care of were Toni and Serena Broncheau, Laddy LaSarte, Bernard Whaley, Margaret Stensgar and Joe Hendrickx. She also enjoyed spoiling other's children by providing child care so their parents could work. This added more grandchildren for her; Josie Lozeau, Jeannie and Charles Peone, Roberta and Michael Matt, just to name a few.

In 1988 she became a seasonal employee for Paul and Cathy Matheson. Indian Country Kitchen was founded. She cooked Indian Tacos and buffalo Burgers. Every summer during firework season she and her children enjoyed a month of flipping burgers and frying bread. Paul and Cathy became very special to Allie. She was very grateful to have them as friends. Riding in fast cars with Paul was always a fond memory, he always had new fun toys to show her every year. The only ride she would not take was on the back of his Harley. She worked every summer until she suffered a

stroke in 2001.

Allie was best known for her cooking skills. She was always willing to lend a helping hand to families in their time of need when a loved one passed. She cooked for various dinners for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. Some of the dinners included honoring tribal members, program dinners, AA Campouts at the lake and the Cataldo pilgrimage. During some of these events she received a helping hand, from Ed Lozeau and Eli Nomee who she could always count on to bring her wild game, Marvin Sonder would smoke the meat. Nellie, Daisy, Gerry, Rose, Alberta, Roberta, The Peone sisters and Donna would assist with cooking and serving, pies from Henrietta, Carrie and Pat. There were so many others that helped it is hard to remember all, but she always could count on others for their help. She was able to pass along this tradition of helping others and cooking a good meal to her daughters and granddaughters to carry on this tradition.

For her devoted service to the Catholic Church, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and community she was honored with a metal in 1991 during the annual pilgrimage ceremony at Cataldo Mission. She wears this metal today. She gave of herself, always dependable and worked hard to make sure a good meal was prepared and no one walked away hungry.

Things that Allie enjoyed were occasionally sharing a few drinks with her closes friends, starting up a stick game, and taking road trips with her sisters and the elders program. She enjoyed traveling on the powwow trail and made many friends, she was well known on many reservations for her stick game skills. She was lucky quite often and probably won a few dollars from people sitting in this hall today. She always enjoyed a chance to watch family members play basketball, football and softball. Her last trip out of the house was to watch her granddaughter Francine play at a state play-in basketball game in St. Maries against Prairie on February 12. She was hoping for a win so she could make another

trip to state but unfortunately the girls lost.

On August 12, 1979, Allie was blessed with her first granddaughter Margaret. Margaret became a great joy for her to provide care and love. Margaret was spoiled for sure. Margaret had grandma to her-self for only a short while then was joined by Josetta and her first grandson Glenn. They soon had to share their grandma with 23 more grandchildren. From her grand children she was blessed with 24 great-grandchildren. Grandma Allie never had to worry about an empty house. She loved each of them and held a special place in her heart for all of them. One of her last comments about her family was that if she had done her job, they should each know that they will always have each other, and to love and support each other always.

Her godchildren were a very important part of her life. She loved them dearly, Matt Stensgar, Andy Davison, Martha Little Crow, Allie Torpey her namesake, and Kimberly Pakootas.

She wished to make Worley her final resting place as this Reservation and the people of the community had become her family. She called this home.

She was preceded in death by: Her parents Marge and Ike SiJohn and Francis Frank; Brothers Joe Frank, Michael Wayne and Isaac SiJohn; Sisters Francine Shanklin, Bingo and Inez SiJohn; Daughter Mary Hendrickx-Gorri; Grandchildren Joseph Francis Frank and David McCraigie. She is survived by brothers Merle and Frankie SiJohn and Roy Cate Sr.; Sisters Martha Gardipe and Gwenie and Carol SiJohn; Children Zetta Wynne, Tiny Frank, Bobby Hendrickx, Prudy Marchand, Trina Hendrickx and Sioux Hendrickx; her 26 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dressing services were held February 28, 2011 at Kramer Funeral Home in Tekoa, WA. Rosary and funeral services were held February 28 to March 2 at the Rose Creek Longhouse in Worley, Idaho and her final resting place at St. Michael's Cemetery in Worley, ID.

## 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.

## Joe Lowley memorial golf tournament very successful

The 1st Annual Joe Lowley Memorial Golf Tournament was held at the Circling Raven golf Course, here are the results:

1<sup>st</sup> Gross- Chad Monaghan, Russ Marchand, Dennis Whiteman, Greg Arthur.

2<sup>nd</sup> Gross- Derrick Whiteman, Nick Barnaby, Eric Bush, Darin Whiteman.

3<sup>rd</sup> Gross- Dale Palmanteer, Louis Adolph, Rick Holder, John Gorr.

1<sup>st</sup> Net- James Samuels Sr. & Jr., Mike Samuels, Rob SiJohn.

2<sup>nd</sup> Net- Victor SiJohn, Frenchie

SiJohn, Lyle George.

3<sup>rd</sup> Net- Frank Finley, Randy Finley, Chuck Finley, Smokey Finley

Closest to the Pin: \$123.00ea. Hole 3- Randy Laramie 7A, Hole 7- James Samuels 1B, Hole 13- James Samuels 1B, Hole 16- Dale Palmanteer

Closest to the Pin 2<sup>nd</sup> Shot: Hole 6 - Darin Whiteman Group, Hole 14- Jess Arthur Group

Long Drive \$123.00 ea Hole 5- Rena Whiteman, Hole 17- Darin Whiteman

Long Putt: \$123.00 ea. Hole 9- Dale Palmanteer 4 B, Hole 18- James Samuels 1B

The Lowley family says thank you to all who participated in the first year golf tournament in memory of our son, brother, dad, uncle, husband and grandpa. Thank you: golfers- 74 individuals, tournament helpers, cooks, photographers, fund raisers/donations and the apple pie which Joe always had with him during his game of golf. A special thank you goes to Nick and Violet for making the arrangements. It was a success.

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And, I, like others, have voted in elections to express my concerns.

And then, I, like others, lived with the election results.

The writer of the article blatantly criticized the intentions of a letter written by Chairman Allan as being for personal gain. However, I applauded Chairman Allan's letter addressing John Stossel's negative comments about Indians, but more importantly, I celebrated the commitment our Chairman made to his children's future to bridge the gap of misunderstanding by addressing the general public's lack of knowledge about Coeur d'Alenes. Chairman Allan's commitment made me realize the responsibility should not be his alone, but for us all, who take pride in our Tribe.

Within the article, the writer praised the rejection of a police enforcement agreement with the Tribe which would have benefited the whole community and many of our members, and the writer also encouraged the county residents to mistrust the Tribe. I pray the

damage done by the article is not irreparable by destroying years of work by leaders from both governments striving to build a trusting and cooperative relationship with one another.

The writer has used words in other writings like, "I heard from a reliable source", "someone told me", "I observed", "my friends said", "our voices" and "we" to indicate numbers to spread mistrust only because the writer must believe the writer's own "sky is falling".

From reading the writer's views on tribal government, I would highly recommend the disgruntled writer relinquish membership from such a "corrupt" tribe, and become a member of the Westboro Baptist Church whose views about government mirrors the article writer's own.

Or, the writer could start using "Falling Sky" for a name or tag.

Please express your own concerns and vote!

Chne hoi q'e'y'

**John Abraham**

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how the tribe operates. I have always encouraged everyone to attend these all important meetings and what it means to you. They are open for all Coeur d'Alene Tribal members. Tribal members have mentioned in the past the possibility of having council meetings in the evenings and/or video taped. This would allow those who work during the day to be able to attend or view. I would like to work on this, to make it a reality for our people.

Much has changed over the years and today it is important for each and everyone one of us to come together in unity and harmony.

The decisions we make today as a tribe will affect our children and their children. As I listen, I hear from our Elders their concerns for the future generations. It is they who wonder if the trees, the lakes and the forest will still be here one hundred years from now.

How can we help and what part can I play in protecting and preserving our culture, our language, and our traditions. We can only accomplish

this vision by standing side by side with each other. I hear your concerns in all aspects of our tribe, communication is the key for any successful business' and enterprise. Our tribe has grown into one big family business. Times have changed over the last 15 years, each of us deserve open, honest, and transparent communication from our tribal leaders.

My dinner is tentatively set for Monday May 2nd at 6:00pm, Worley Longhouse. Everyone is invited and I will have flyers posted.

Please call or email/text me with any ideas, comments, opinions you have and together we can find solutions. I am also on Facebook.

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**The Voice for the People.**  
*We are all Coeur d'Alene, Schitsu'umsh people.*

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vote to put on council are not going to be here forever.

I get up two hours before my family every morning because I love going to work. I left home for school with the help of the tribal education department to better my life. I went to Salish Kootenai College in Pablo Montana for a Class A CDL Truck Driving License, West Coast training Portland, Oregon for Heavy Equipment and Basic Survey, Arizona Automotive Institute, Phoenix, Arizona for Diesel Technology. And the last school I graduated from was North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho for auto body collision repair.

I've been working for the tribe with different programs try to show my kids that you can come back home after you go to school, hopefully college. Yyou just have to love what you're doing with short

term and long term goals so we worked on my credit for four years, chipping away at it till we could buy a home of our own with the help from Housing Home Owners course. Now we live on Bald Eagle Lane in Worley Tribal Housing, less than a hundred yards from our tribal housing rental. We moved in about 2 months ago. I believe every tribal member should have an opportunity to buy their own home. Just look for the white buffalo statue.

I would like to represent you in tribal council. We can do this together, and if I make it, here's my phone number and address to contact me so I can come to your home on the reservation, so I can listen and we can try to deal with your issues for a better life. And write to me if you live off the reservation.

**Willard Spotted blanket**  
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the cost goes beyond reach. One Minnesota study reports that even in good times (when gas is pegged \$1.50 a gallon) it costs nearly 44 cents per mile to operate a pickup truck. "Extremely rough roads" (what we would call, "rez roads,") increase that price by another 5.5 cents per miles. And all those numbers total *before* \$4 a gallon. Or worse, \$5 or \$6 a gallon.

The family math is daunting. When it costs \$50, \$100 or \$150 to fill up a tank ... then there is not enough money for everything else including food and other must-buy purchases. (Indeed: If four and ten Americans say the price of fuel is causing a serious economic hardship, what

is that number in Indian Country?) The economic impact of soaring fuel will affect everything from the price of hay to the cost of working away from home.

"Now, whenever gas prices shoot up, like clockwork, you see politicians racing to the cameras, waving three-point plans for two dollar gas," President Obama said over the weekend. "You see people trying to grab headlines or score a few points. The truth is, there's no silver bullet that can bring down gas prices right away."

The president said: "Instead of subsidizing yesterday's energy sources, we need to invest in tomorrow's. We need to invest in clean, renewable energy. In the long term, that's the answer. That's the key to helping families at the pump and reducing our dependence on foreign oil."

Indian Country reflects this complexity. While Native Americans are impacted by prices

... tribes are also energy producers from oil and gas to alternatives such as wind and geothermal. Over the long haul tribes have much to gain from alternative investments and a variety of projects across the country are doing just that.

Early next month tribal leaders will meet with Energy Secretary Stephen Chu in the Washington, D.C., area to discuss "a broad range of energy and environmental issues." The idea is to include the views of tribal governments in a broader U.S. energy policy.

There are two policy considerations here. First, the long-term policy is one that every nation -- even Saudia Arabia -- see in terms of developing energy alternatives. That's a good thing.

But a short-term policy should be simpler: What will it take for a family's math to make sense over the next few months?

**Mark Trahant**

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Over the next couple of weeks, I intend to reach out to many of you to hear your thoughts and concerns and hopefully your ideas for solutions. If you would like, feel free to reach out to me. I've set up a special email account, cda4commonsense@gmail.com I look forward to hearing from you! God Bless you! Thanks!

**Chuck Matheson**

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 • *Rudy Aripa and Roberta Matt would like to*  
 • *invite the community to help them celebrate their marriage.*  
 • *Ceremony to take place on June 18th at 4pm at the*  
 • *Sacred Heart Mission. A reception is to follow at the*  
 • *Evan Abraham longhouse followed by a party at the*  
 • *Harvest Moon restaurnt in Rockford, WA.*  
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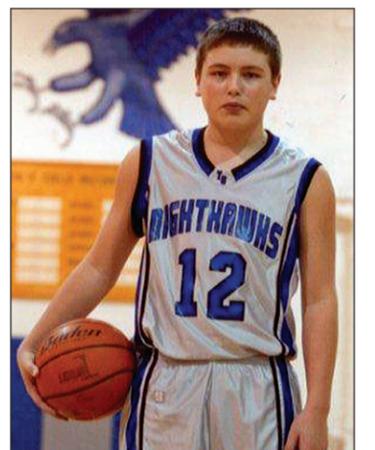
**Look who's still looking cute at 40! We all want to wish you a Happy Birthday and man more to come!**

**Lots of lot to you always, your family: LaDonna, Matthew, Savannah, Morgan and Zaltana**



**Happy 1st Birthday Felicity RubyAnne. You are such a blessing!**

**Love:**  
**Mom Dad and all the family.**



**Happy 15th Birthday Marcus on April 27th. We love you!**

**Love - Dad, Mom, Aaliyah, DJ and Kylee**



**Happy 8th Birthday Aaliyah Louise on April 29! We love you!**

**Love - Dad, Mom, Marcus, DJ and Kylee**



**Happy 5th Birthday Kylee Michelle on April 17th. We love you!**

**Love- Dad, Mom, Marcus, Aaliyah and DJ.**



**Happy 38th Anniversary Ken and Alice Pluff on April 27th. We love you !**

**Love - All 7 of your kids and all 16 grandkids.**

**VOTE FOR YOUR TRIBAL COUNCIL - MAY 7, 2011**

The 2011 Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council Election will be held on May 7th.

Polls will open at 8 am at Tribal headquarters located in Plummer, Idaho.

We have a total of 8 candidates this year, including one incumbent candidate.

Please show your support and dedication to the Tribe by voting in this year's election.

**VOTE MAY 7TH!**