



Sacred Encounters exhibit opens to public at Cataldo Visitor's Center



Tribal Council Members, Exhibit Board Members, Idaho Parks Representatives and Foreign Dignitaries all take part in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the exhibit.
Photo by Jennifer L. Fletcher

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe and the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) are pleased to announce the long-awaited public opening of *Sacred Encounters: Father De Smet & the Indians of the Rocky Mountain West* at the Coeur d'Alene's Old Mission State Park near Cataldo, Idaho.

The traveling exhibit was created in the 1990s by curator Jacqueline Peterson, then professor of history at Washington State University. Under the auspices of the Tribe, the story now has a permanent home.

On October 15, 2011 the Tribe and State join together for a ceremony marking the occasion, inviting the public to come and take a closer look at the revised exhibit that includes significant artifacts providing visitors an even deeper understanding of the park's unique place in history.

"The Mission has been an important part of spiritual life for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe for many generations," said Ernest Stensgar, Vice Chairman of the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council and

Honorary Board Member for the Association of Sacred Encounters. "We come today to honor the unique and special history that this place holds, and to celebrate the unveiling of such a rich and educational exhibit that we hope will empower and enlighten for many years to come."

The complex story that took place at the mission was repeated in places wherever tribal people and missionaries met. For that reason, many feel the Coeur d'Alene's Old Mission State Park will become one of the most important historical, educational and cultural sites serving eastern Washington, northern Idaho and western Montana.

The Cataldo Mission was named as a National Historic Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places in 1962 and designated as a State Heritage Park and state historic site in 1975. In a unique agreement signed in spring 2002, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise transferred ownership of the mission, buildings and land to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe in recognition of their spiritual and

historic connection to the site. The park was also renamed the Coeur d'Alene's Old Mission State Park. While the Coeur d'Alene Tribe owns the park, the IDPR fully operates and staffs it in an operating and maintenance agreement until 2025. The agreement is renewable every five years thereafter.

"This exhibit has taken a long time to create, and many folks have been involved in the evolution of today's grand opening," said David White Northern Region Manager for Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. "It's going to provide many people with such a high-end, educational and extremely unique experience of the amazing story of the site. We are very fortunate to watch it unfold today."

Over 100,000 visitors from all 50 states and 14 foreign countries visit the park annually, making it the most visited heritage park in Idaho and the second most visited tourist attraction in the historic Silver Valley, second only to the Silver Mountain Ski Area in the Idaho Panhandle.

Under guidance and direction from the non-profit group, Association for Sacred Encounters, the new visitors center boasts 9,000 square feet of climate controlled space, with 5,000 square feet of new exhibition space, a large educational auditorium, expanded gift shop area, improved parking lot, restrooms and handicap accessibility. The Association's 14-member board of trustees consists of representatives from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise, the Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and private citizens.

"There are many stakeholders who have come together throughout the years to make this project come to fruition," said Quanah Matheson, Association for Sacred

Encounters Board Chairman and Coeur d'Alene Tribe Cultural Resources Director. "We worked closely with the architects to ensure that the new center blended with the existing landscape, while preserving the historical and scenic vistas of the site—all the while emphasizing the use of indigenous natural materials to create a space that evokes a tribal village structure that is inviting."

Designed in the graceful Roman Doric style by Fr. Antonio Ravalli, S.J., starting in 1848, the Sacred Heart Mission was constructed by members of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and pioneering Jesuit "Blackrobe" missionaries, using limited tools. This massive, beautiful structure was completed in 1853. Today, the mission still stands, as the oldest building in all of Idaho, high above the Coeur d'Alene River, just 24 miles east of the city of Coeur d'Alene in the Idaho Panhandle.

Throughout its rich history, the mission served many purposes: as a place of worship for the Coeur d'Alene people; a hospitality and supply station for settlers, miners

and military personnel; a working farm; a disembarkation point for boats heading up the Coeur d'Alene River carrying miners and later railroad and pipeline workers; a Jesuit novitiate; and, the site of a labor dispute between union and non-union miners. Many colorful people, cultures and activities converged at this site.

"There have been many purposes served by the Mission throughout history," said Chief Allan, Chairman of the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council. "Though the main purpose has always remained the same, to serve as a place of spiritual connection for members of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe."

Total costs for the project were \$3.26 million, with major funding coming from the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, The Harry F. Magnuson Family Foundation, Idaho Department of Transportation, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, Inland Northwest Community Foundation, Bureau of Catholic Missions, Avista Foundation, among others.



Tribal Elder Bertha Swan was on hand when dolls acquired by her great-grandfather Peter Wildshoe for the Smithsonian were unveiled at the center for the first time.
Photo by Jennifer L. Fletcher

Echelon gives way to Ground Force in Plummer

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe and Ground Force Manufacturing LLC have recently inked a deal to lease the Tribe's 55,000 square foot manufacturing facility to Ground Force for the next five years, with two renewable terms of five years each.

The facility is located on the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation in Plummer, Idaho, and was formerly utilized by Echelon LLC, an SBA 8(a) and HubZone certified

tribal enterprise, to produce large fuel bladders under a contract with the US Army.

With major cuts to US military spending and the drawdown in Iraq, the US Army has shifted its spending priorities away from the large fuel bladders once produced by Echelon LLC at the Plummer facility. Echelon LLC will continue to focus on its emerging divisions in construction management and environmental services.

"The Tribe and Echelon felt the best use of all that manufacturing square footage was to find a thriving business from our region that needed space to grow and could provide jobs to our community," said Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council Chairman Chief Allan. "Under Ron Nilson's leadership, Ground Force is a perfect fit," Allan said. "We are very excited about this

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Tribe celebrates Water Potato Day



Young students from the Tribe's Early Childhood Learning Center work alongside employees of the Fish, Water and Wildlife Department during the Tribe's Water Potato Day activities. On October 26-28 the Tribe celebrated the traditional food gathered by the Coeur d'Alene people prior to the winter freeze of the land. The Tribe hosts cultural activities to anyone who wishes to participate on the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene at Cottonwood Creek.
Photo by Lynn Lowley

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~ Tribal Council Business ~

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01(12) Authorizes the consent to grant Natural Resource department Land Services consent of owners to grant Right of Way for Clearwater Power Company to install and maintain service line on allotment 64E; 6 for 0 against.

02(12) Approved Lake Management department EPA \$155,600 grant proposal for participating in Superfund Remedy; 5 for 0 against 1 out.

03(12) Approved Office of Legal Counsel approved invoices for the Law Firm of Howard Funke & Associates, PC January 2011 thru August 2011; 5 for 0 against.

04(12) Approved Coeur d'Alene Tribe Tribal Council Tribal Policy; 1) Coeur d'Alene Tribal members will be eligible to apply for any in-house position advertised and all positions of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe will be advertised. 2) Requiring driver's license, GED, proof of insurance, references and other documents for a

position must be consistent with the duties required of the position and not required just to hinder tribal members' eligibility for employment; and that this policy becomes effective immediately upon the Tribal Council approval and all organizations under the Tribe will be in compliant; 5 for 0 against 1 out.

05(12) Approved Finance Committee donation approval Nomee Pow Wow donation; 4 for 0 against 1 abstain.

06(12) Approved Natural

Resource department of Land Services- Homesite Lease modification to resolution 28 (2011) CDA Tribal Tract No. T-639.5 Lawrence Saxon to increase the leased acreage from .32 acres to 1.0 acres more or less, to include the area designated by IHS for a proposed well, septic tank and drain field; 4 for 0 against 2 abstain.

07(12) Approved Natural Resource department Land Services - Homesite Lease Allotment No. 227 Marjorie Johnson, Coeur d'Alene member; 6 for 0 against.

08(12) UNAVAILABLE

09(12) UNAVAILABLE

10(12) Approved Benawah Medical Center FY 2011 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation \$2,402,633; 6 for 0 against.

11(12) Approved CDA Early Childhood Learning Center Early Head Start/Head Start CACFP grant; \$57,000; 6 for 0 against.

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

Tensed-Desmet Trail being used and abused, lots of walkers equals lots of litter

By Jason Brown

In September of 2009 the Tribe's Lake Management Department officially designated the Tensed-Desmet pedestrian bike trail complete. Construction of the asphalt, at-grade trail, was funded through the Idaho Department of Transportation and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and connects the communities of Tensed and Desmet, ID. At .6 miles in length the Trail lies just to the northwest of Desmet and includes a 100 foot long steel span bridge that crosses Hangman creek. Prior to construction of the Trail, the only route for citizens to walk or bike between the communities was the dangerous shoulder of the busy Highway 95.

After completion of the Trail the Tribe's Recreation Management Program took over management of the Trail. Additional large rocks and posts were added in the summer of 2010 to delineate the Trail surface and prevent adjacent farmers and the occasional illegal ATV traffic from cutting the corners and destroying the trail shoulders and asphalt. The Program also installed a picnic table at the bridge across Hangman Cr. and a bench on the south end of the Trail near Desmet. Passive trail user counters were set up and indicate the Trail has seen a significant amount of use.

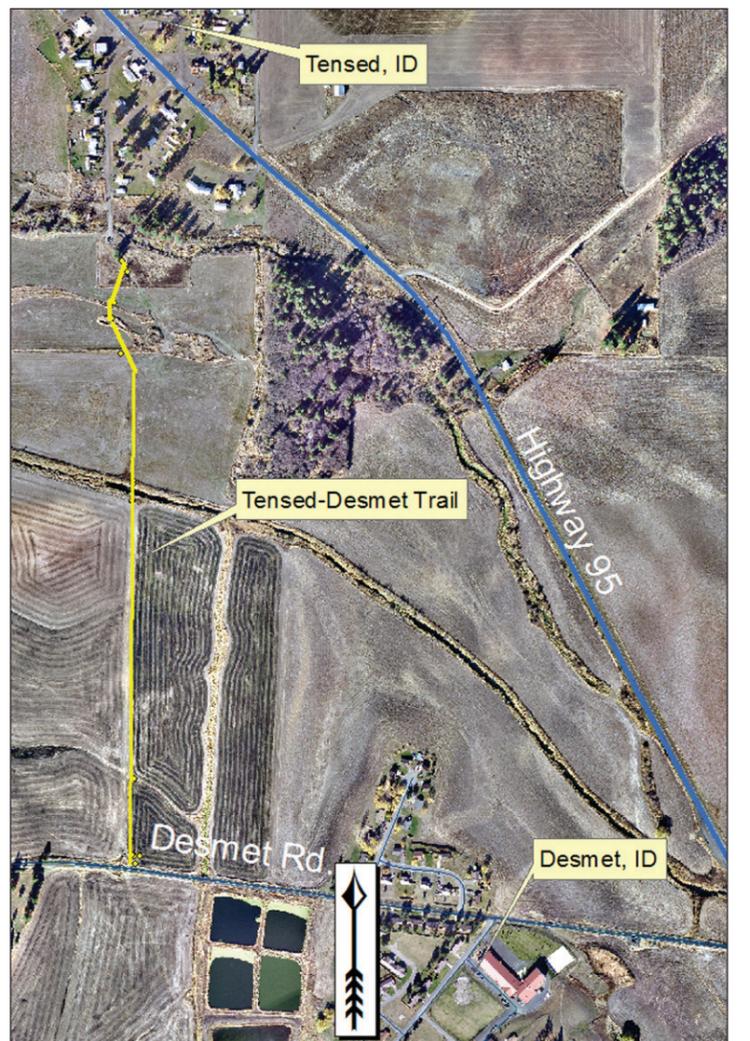
Counters revealed as few as 4 users per day in March and as many as 20 users per day in June.

A one day total count of over 50 people occurred on two different occasions; with a local population between the two cities of about 500, this use accounted for about 10% of the local population using the Trail in that one day. "To say the least we are happy to see the use and we feel optimistic that this can lead to construction of similar trails in the Reservation community in the future," said Phillip Cernera, Lake Management Department Director.

The Trail requires the usual maintenance such as weed spraying, mowing gravel shoulders, and sweeping the trail surface. Unfortunately it has also required fixing signs and other amenities damaged as a result of vandalism and picking up an inordinate amount of trash, typically empty cans. On one such day Andy Kitt, Recreation Technician, picked up over 40 cans in the short stretch of trail. The Trail was designated for non-motorized use in order to give pedestrians a safe route to travel between the communities and we have seen some illegal ATV use on the Trail.

ATVs/Motorcycles and Pedestrians on the same path and/or trail typically aren't a good combination. Recently new bollards were designed and constructed by the Plummer High School Shop Class and installed on the bridge by Tribal staff in order to

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relationship with Ground Force and look forward to the job opportunities and positive impact it will bring to the reservation."

"This is a win-win for both entities," said Ron Nilson, President and CEO of Ground Force Manufacturing. "Ground Force continues to thrive, thanks to its strong commitment to the global marketplace, selling mining equipment and providing service to customers in over forty countries. The partnership with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and Echelon through the lease of the Plummer facility will provide much needed jobs to the reservation community and help pave the way for even more international opportunities and pursuits for Ground Force."



It is estimated that Ground Force will hire 50+ employees for the Plummer facility work in the next year. Ground Force provides the mining industry with the world's largest Fuel and Lube Trucks, the largest number of Rigid Frame Fuel and Lube Trucks, and the longest-lasting, most durable Water Trucks in the industry. They also offer the most comprehensive lineup of Articulated Custom Bodies available today. Ground Force manufactures over twenty product lines and has factories located in North America, Europe, and South America.

Monthly deadlines for Council Fires

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

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

Our final deadline is the 20th of every month.

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

~ Chairman's Corner ~

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Lots to report, especially after such a short message last month. First and foremost, I want to thank all the Tribal community, and say how proud I was to participate in a meeting held last month in Benewah County which really showed our strength in numbers.

The meeting addressed the issues of Tribal Members' hunting rights on our reservation. Attended by many community members, and most importantly by the state Attorney General who once again reiterated what we already knew—that we as Tribal Members have the sovereign right to hunt, fish and gather on our reservation.

It is unfortunate that periodically we have to dispute the erroneous information that some others put out there, and be assured the Tribal Council will continue to monitor this situation closely.

Another issue that seems to be fomenting lately, especially because of the unethical reporting by the Coeur d'Alene Press and the St. Maries Gazette, is about

the Tribe's distribution of education monies from our gaming operations per our Tribal/State gaming compact agreement.

The media has decided to take it upon themselves to try and force the Tribe's hand on how we distribute, how much we distribute and to whom and when we distribute our gaming monies. But I have a message for them; the decision has been and will always lie with the Tribal Council, not the local media.

As a Tribe, we have been incredibly generous in the past and will continue to keep our word for the future when it comes to investing in education throughout our communities. As Coeur d'Alenes, if we shake on it, we mean it and we will stick to our word. We appreciate the state's response to the questions raised in the media, first in that they kept their word with shared documents that needed to be kept private per the compact, and that they publicly reiterated their feelings that the Tribe has been in compliance.

Another piece of good news

that I wanted to share is about new redistricting of legislative districts throughout the state. The Tribe got a big win in this process of creating the new legislative districts for the next decade. As you know, our current district (District 2) is comprised of Benewah, Shoshone, Kootenai and Bonner counties. Our legislators are currently from Coocalla (Broadsword), Wallace (McMillan) and St. Maries (Harwood) and none have been supporters of our issues. In fact, our own legislators like Harwood have been our biggest opponents. This is going to change with the new districts.

During several redistricting commission hearings, I provided oral testimony regarding our requests and concerns. We made it clear that the current district map is not acceptable and asked that the reservation be included in a legislative district in Kootenai County. While it was our preference that the reservation be kept intact and joined in a Kootenai county district (which we learned was logisti-



Pictured L-R: Chief Allan, Ernie Stensgar, Dennis Worden. Tribal Members Allan and Worden were recently honored, and accompanied by Stensgar, at the 36th Annual Indian Progress in Business, 40 Under 40 Awards Event presented by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development in Seminole, Florida. "It is really an honor to be here with my long-time mentor, Vice Chairman Ernie Stensgar, and also with my fellow Tribal Member Dennis Worden. I appreciate their hard work and dedication to bettering our communities in the past and the work they will undertake in the future," said Allan.

cally nearly impossible because of the population requirements), we made it clear that more than one legislative district on the reservation was acceptable.

We then advocated that the seven northern districts should

look much like the plan proposed in an earlier map, which joins the north half of the reservation in Kootenai county with

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13 CdA Tribal Youth Council Meeting 1:00 PM	14	15 	16 CdA Tribal Credit Applications Due	17	18	19 CDA TRIBAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 10:00 AM WORLEY, IDAHO
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~ Community Announcements ~

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Notice for Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program

Winter is coming upon us fast! Just to let all of you know that we are anticipating LIHEAP again this year, which should be coming at the end of October.

If you are planning on applying for the Program, I need the following paperwork to be completed and turned in:

Application – Completed.

Income on all Household Members, SS, SSI, Payroll, TANF etc.....

Tribal Identification on ALL household members (Only if you never applied or if Household has changed.)

If you are applying for Wood, it will be your responsibility to get your own Vendor and we will give you a W-9 and contract to

be completed by your Supplier and must be turned in with your completed application.

Please keep in mind that no awards will be given for incomplete applications, this is a Federal Requirement!

If you have applied with Benewah or Kootenai Counties, you are only eligible for one Program per year.

LOW INCOME HOME OWNERS

If you applied for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program last year and have plans on applying this year, just a short note to you that I still have limited supply of Weatherization items available and these are free.

Also, if you did not get any of these items last year you can still pick this up here at the Social Services Office we have kept a list of people that has already received these.

I have: Plastic for the Windows – need to know # of windows in home; 9-volt batteries for smoke alarms – know how you have; Furnace Filters – will need to know size; Energy efficient light bulbs.

Please contact Eileen Nault for more information at 686-6602.

The next Elders Meeting will be held on NOVEMBER 9, 2011 at NOON at the Senior Meal Site.

The Coeur d'Alene Tribal Youth Council meets every Second and Fourth Sunday of the Month. Meetings are held at the Wellness Center at 1:00. The next meeting is November 13, 2011.

Courses offered through Tribe for 2012 Spring semester

North Idaho College Spring 2012 Plummer Course Offerings			
Plummer FLC courses are section 90			
Course Code	Credits	Title	Delivery / Day
CAOT-112	1	Keyboarding 1	FLC / Jan 9 to May 10
CAOT-113	1	Keyboarding 2	FLC / Jan 9 to May 10
CAOT-120	1	Word Processing/Word 1	FLC / Jan 9 to May 10
CAOT-121	1	Word Processing/Word 2	FLC / Jan 9 to May 10
CAOT-122	1	Word Processing/Word 3	FLC / Jan 9 to May 10
CAOT-130	1	Spreadsheets/Excel 1	FLC / Jan 9 to May 10
CAOT-131	1	Spreadsheets/Excel 2	FLC / Jan 9 to May 10
CAOT-132	1	Spreadsheets/Excel 3	FLC / Jan 9 to May 10
CDA-102	5	Coeur d'Alene Language	FLC and IVC/ Jan 9 to May 10, M, W 4-6:30
MATH-108	4	Intermediate Algebra	FLC / Jan 9 to May 10 T, Th 4-5:40
MATH-130	4	Finite Math	FLC / Jan 9 to May 10 M, W 4-5:40
BLDR-105	3	Customer Service	Online / Jan 9 to May 10
ACCT-138	3	Accounting for Managers	Online / Jan 9 to May 10
BLDR-216	3	Legal Issues for Supervisors	Online / Jan 9 to May 10
BLDR-214	3	Budget and Finance for Non-Accountants	Online / Jan 9 to May 10
BMGT-256	3	Problem Solving Through Team Dynamics	Online / Jan 9 to May 10
BLDR-222	3	Project Management	Online / Jan 9 to May 10
BLDR-225	3	Strategic Planning	Online / Jan 9 to May 10
BLDR-132	3	Employee Benefits and Compensation	Online / Jan 9 to May 10
BMGT-260	3	Human Resources Management	Online / Jan 9 to May 10
HRA-210	3	Recruiting, Selection, and Retention	Online / Jan 9 to May 10
BLDR-150	3	Health Information Technology	Online / Jan 9 to May 10
CAOT-180	2	Legal Issues in Health Care	Online / Jan 9 to May 10
CAOT-186	3	Medical Coding	Hybrid: Online & CDA Campus / Jan 9 to May 10
CAOT-179	2	Medical Terminology	Online / Jan 9 to May 10

Early birds get first choice for Spring Semester at NIC

New students and former students of North Idaho College must apply for admission by December 16, 2011 in order to be eligible to take credit classes this spring.

There are classes offered in Plummer and online classes listed in the schedule. Many of these classes are required for an Associate of Applied Science in Business Leadership as well as other degree and non-degree programs.

New students and former students need to complete an application and

residency paperwork. In addition, students must register for specific sections of each class. Online sections and sections offered in Plummer fill quickly.

Interested students should apply as early as possible to ensure a place in the desired class. If you wait too long, the section you want will be closed. No worms for birds that procrastinate.

Contact the Department of Education NACTEP Manager, Kathy Albin, at 208.686.0604 to set up an appointment.

Coeur d'Alene Tribe 2011 Veterans Day Ceremony



"HONORING OUR VETERANS"

November 11, 2011
Coeur d'Alene Tribal Veterans Memorial Site
Veterans' Day Schedule
Starts at 11:00 am

- American Legion Post 5 Present Colors
- Opening Prayer: Felix Aripa, Tribal Elder
- Laying of Wreath
- Speaker: Ernie Stensgar, Vice Chairman
- Speaker: Jeanie Louie, Secretary
- Reading of Deceased Names
- Salute the dead
- American Legion Post 5 Retire Colors

Join us at Noon for an Honor Lunch at the Rose Creek Longhouse

Lakeside High School National Honor Society Annual Fall Blood Drive

Date/Time: Tuesday, November 29, 2011
09:00 AM to 12:30 PM Pacific

Location: Lakeside High School - Plummer/Worley
School District - Front Office
1150 'E' Street
Plummer, ID 83851



If you would like to help and donate blood you can contact the NHS blood drive chairperson Kathleen Damon: damon.kathleen@lakesidesch.org or you go directly to the website to schedule your appointment online at: www.myinbc.org/index.cfm?group=op&step=2&opid=402467

Cd'A Tribal General Membership Meeting

November 19, 2011 - 10:00 am

Rose Creek Longhouse - Worley, Idaho

Fly like an eagle: Bird of Prey sets raptor free over Coeur d'Alene Casino/Resort



Tribal Council member Alfred Nomee, Casino Cultural Director Cliff SiJohn and Biologist Jane Fink say a prayer for the safe flight of the Golden Eagle released into the wild for the first time during the Tribe's Annual Elders Dinner. Photo by Jennifer L. Fletcher

Story & photos by J.L. Fletcher

Silence was called for as Raptor Biologist Jane Fink took the stage at the Coeur d'Alene Casino & Resort on October 6, 2011 in front of hundreds of Tribal Elders

during the Tribe's Annual Elders Dinner.

Fink, Executive Director of Birds of Prey Northwest – a raptor care and rehabilitation center – wanted quiet from the crowd so that she could show them two outstanding examples

of a Bird of Prey. First she brought out a female falcon followed by her longtime companion Liberty, a 20 year-old American Bald Eagle. The crowd was enthralled.

Liberty's 6-foot wing span impressed and startled some members of the crowd when she began to flap her wings in protest of being tethered to Fink, who needed calm in order to keep Liberty calm.

This is not the first time Fink has visited the reservation with her specimens, but it is the first time she came to release a found bird back into the wild to soar over the land. About a year ago a Golden Eagle baby was found abandoned by its mother, unable to survive on its own, Fink took the eagle in to rehabilitate him so that he could return to his natural home.

Fink taught the bird how to hunt using live prey so that he could survive outside of her care, unlike Liberty who, when found, was hand fed by humans thus has lost her ability to be a free roaming bird. Fink believes the eagle will have great success in the wild.

A crowd of spectators followed Fink to the Casino front lawn where, with Tribal Council Member Alfred Nomee and Casino Cultural Awareness Director Cliff SiJohn, she prepared to release the bird.

"Grandfather in heaven, thank you for our brother here who is about to be released into the freedom of the air," said SiJohn. "He will see things with his eyes that we will never see."

The three prayed over the safe flight of the bird before Fink addressed the crowd on what to expect.

She said that this bird had never flown free before and was not sure of how it would react.

"I can't guarantee what will happen," Fink said nervously as emotion swept across her face; the attachment she creates with these creatures is evident in her eyes and words.

She cautiously walked toward the south end of the lawn, farthest from the crowd, and stroked the raptor before removing his hood. He squawked and flapped his wings before she took two great

strides and threw him into the air.

Many members of the crowd gasped when the bird began to descend towards the lawn, a possibility Fink warned of, but soon erupted into cheers and words of encouragement as the bird took a sharp incline and soared towards the sky up and over the Casino.

Whether the eagle will find a home here on the Coeur d'Alene reservation or test his wings by flying further away, one thing is certain; a great spirit, nurtured by a kind soul, will be watching over those lucky enough to travel beneath his wings.



Fink releases the Golden Eagle into the air on the front lawn of the Coeur d'Alene Casino and Resort.

Legal Notice

If you are a Native American Farmer or Rancher

or the heir of one who was denied a

USDA farm loan or loan servicing

between 1981 and late 1999,

The claims-filing period is about to end.

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

For free assistance filing a claim:

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

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Art show yeilds \$7000 donation to Shriners Hospital



From tribal art to the art of medicine, as practiced at Shriners Hospital Spokane. Cultural Affairs Director Cliff SiJohn (right) and Shaina Nomee (left) present a check to hospital administrator Gene Reynaud on Monday. The donation came from artists at the Julyamsh Art Show, representing a percentage of their sales. Photo by Bob Bostwick

Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Cultural Affairs Director Cliff SiJohn presented a check for \$4,000 on Oct. 17th to Shriners Hospital of Spokane, the donation flowing from proceeds from the Julyamsh Art Show.

Members of the hospital Board of Governors and other hospital officials accepted the check during a presentation today at the hospital, located on Spokane's lower South Hill.

Artists at the show committed 20 percent of their profits to Shriners, a storied institution that provides special care to children, and at no cost.

"Shriners Hospitals save lives, change lives and certainly improve lives for children and their families," SiJohn said. "Traditions in Indian Country always call for sharing what we have and there is no one, no institution, more deserving of

this than Shriners Hospitals."

Artists from dozens of tribes take part in the growing art show at Julyamsh. They come from most of the western states and several Canadian provinces. Julyamsh, held at Greyhound Park in Post Falls on the third weekend of July, is the largest outdoor Powwow in the Northwest and one of the largest such events in the U.S.

"We are grateful for the generous gift from the Artists from the 2011 Julyamsh Pow Wow Art Auction," said hospital administrator Gene Reynaud. "Each year at the Spokane Shriners Hospital, we care for thousands of children and provide expert pediatric orthopaedic care, regardless of insurance, income or ability to pay. This means we rely on the generosity of organizations and donors to help us accomplish our mission. We thank the artists for choosing Shriners Hospital as the recipient of their contribution and helping us to continue to change the lives of children every day."

Julyamsh kicks off each year with the art show. Sales are generated from a private showing for collectors and from sales during the three days of the powwow.

CRGC closes for winter season

Circling Raven Golf Club hosted its final group of players on Monday, Oct. 17th, closed down now until next spring. The final day was a busy one, the "Last Swing at the Raven" promotion drawing 88 golfers whose rounds included a tee prize and lunch.

But, the pros missed that last successful day, off on business to Portland for a golf trade show, an event that helps golf professionals and clubhouse staff prepare for the next season.

The following is Director of Golf Tom Davidson's report on the show and the surrounding events:

A quick re-cap of our activities in Portland:

Monday, Oct 17th; Arrived in Portland and attended a club fitting seminar conducted by Callaway Golf. Lots of great information and practical application of the latest techniques and technology being used to properly fit golf clubs to players. No two people or swings are the same and a proper fit can make a big difference in a player's ability to hit the ball well.

Monday evening we attended a Demo Night in which we were able to test new golf equipment from all of the major club manufacturers.

An ideal time to test the performance characteristics that the manufacturers are claiming will be of benefit to our customers.

Tuesday, Oct 18th: Met with several clothing and equipment manufacturers to order products that will arrive next spring. Lots of new fabrications, colors and styles from all of the vendors. Bright colors are in for 2012, and some neat advancements in outerwear, including heated jackets and vests for those cool Northwest spring and fall days watching a soccer game, skiing, or braving the links.

Wednesday, Oct 19th: Attended the PNW Section PGA annual meeting. Accomplishments for the 2011 season were discussed, new PGA members were recognized, annual award winners announced, and plans for 2012 were outlined. Major program announced by the PGA of America is called Golf 2.0 and is currently being launched across the country, focused on retaining existing frequent players, recapturing players that have quit playing, and attracting new players to the game. More details can be found on www.pgalinks.com.

Met with several more vendors to complete orders for next Spring.

Casino makes NIC scholarship donation



Dollars for Scholars. Coeur d'Alene Casino Chief Executive Dave Matheson (far left) and Cultural Affairs Assistant Shaina Nomee (far right) present a check for \$7,310 to the North Idaho College American Indian Student Alliance. The donation for scholarships was raised through the Alliance's recent golf tournament at Circling Raven, almost doubling the amount raised last year. Alliance members are, from left, Ryan Carden, Colville Tribe; Angel Hartz, AISA member; Amanda Johnson, Coeur d'Alene; Cheyenne Meshell, Coeur d'Alene; Evanlene Melting Tallow (Advisor), Blackfeet/Blood; Katie Sailto, Coeur d'Alene and Kyle Boss, Alaska Native.

Fish and Chip bring NFL stars to Resort



Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Golden Tate hits an iron shot in the 2010 Fish and Chip Tournament.

By Bob Bostwick

For a couple days next June, Circling Raven might, kinda sorta, be the official golf course of the National.... Football.... League.

Circling Raven and all of us at the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort will host our first major celebrity event, featuring about two dozen current and former NFL stars, along with 80 players paying up to \$1,500 each for a day of golf and a day of fishing with them.

The 3rd Annual Fish and Chip Tournament benefits the Michael Roos Foundation. Roos, an all-pro tackle with the Tennessee Titans, is a former All American at Eastern Washington University. A

\$500,000 donation from him and wife Katherine created the now famous red artificial turf at EWU. The field is now named in his honor.

The tournament, to be held June 8-9, includes both golf and fishing—one day of each. While the resort here will be a major sponsor, so will the popular outdoor retailer Cabela's of Post Falls. North Idaho bass fishermen will provide boats for the competition on the water, most likely on the southern end of Lake Coeur d'Alene.

"This is a great opportunity for our resort and our employees, the kind of celebrity event we've been waiting for," said Chief Executive Officer Dave Matheson. "It's a great opportunity to put Circling Raven under an NFL spotlight, along with the exposure to guests from all over the country. We've had plenty of celebrities play the course, but never so many in one event."

The Fish and Chip is a fund raiser for organizations benefiting children. The website describes the Foundation's mission: "The Michael Roos Foundation was established by Tennessee Titan, Michael Roos and his wife, Katherine Roos in 2005.

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Bingo News: Busloads arrive; boost weekend

We had a terrific weekend recently. There were buses from Canada, eh? and buses from the Lewiston area that increased our customer base and revenue.

The buses from Canada are under the bus coordinator, Bill Mertz. He always brings full buses and players ready to spend money. Too bad he doesn't come every weekend. I'd buy him a big steak dinner each visit if he did.

The other bus was full and we were very glad to see them. Thanks to all the casino employees that made the bus customer's visit enjoyable and memorable, I heard nothing but praise from the bus customers to all in the casino.

This weekend, Bingo will be played in the conference area. Please inform all who ask that Bingo will be upstairs.

Thanks to the maintenance folks who take care of us during this time. They move the tables, caller's stands, chairs, flash boards and other items so we can hold the bingo sessions upstairs. Next weekend we move back to the event center.

Letter Applauds Catering Crew

Amanda Wienclaw: Thank you so much for your catering services. You and your team did an incredible job for us. It was so nice to have the extra help with guests, but at the same time I barely knew your crew was there.

I've received nothing but wonderful feedback from guests as well. I am so glad my original caterer fell through because I know your services and talents far exceeded theirs.

Your crews' professionalism and attention to detail made my day stress free. "Thank you" doesn't seem like enough.

Best, Cassandra Denn

Spa Winter Hours Now Under Way

We are changing the spa hours for fall/winter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Effective Monday, October 10th, Spa Ssakwa'q'n will be going to fall/winter hours. Hours will be: Sunday – Thursday 10-6 and Friday and Saturday 10-8

We would like to give a big "thank you" to our team for a great first summer. You all are amazing and we are so proud of you.

Kelley Heydon and Amanda Thompson

PEOPLE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS



John T. Brumley principal at Lakeside Middle High School drew a Moose permit after 20 years of applying. He shot this moose in Unit 1-1 in the Lost Creek Drainage by Coolin, Idaho.

Wellness Center Cheerleaders at the Lakeside High School Homecoming game are pictured:

Back Row: Cynthia Schatz, Kamryn Hendrickx, Summer Beebe, Nova Williams, Melody Rykowski, Alexis Beebe, Kelley Beebe

Front Row: Analiese Faber, Dahyii ti hi White, Northstar Lawrence, Alexus Allen, Raelin Beebe



Jackie Barnaby is a Coeur d'Alene tribal member who tagged a moose this year during the Tribe's Annual Moose Lottery. Her husband Philip was her designated hunter and retrieved the moose for her.

Nuriah Tarrant, son of Coeur d'Alene Tribal member Georgianna Tarrant, and grandson of Coeur d'Alene Tribal member Janice Jordan of Spokane and Colville Tribal member Darryl Moulton of Omak, WA, took first place in Spokane's All City Cross Country Meet on October 19th, 2011. Nuriah is a first grader at Hamblen Elementary School and competed against 35 schools at Comstock Park. Congratulations to Nuriah for being fast as lightning!



FALL BAZAAR

November 11th - 13th, 2011

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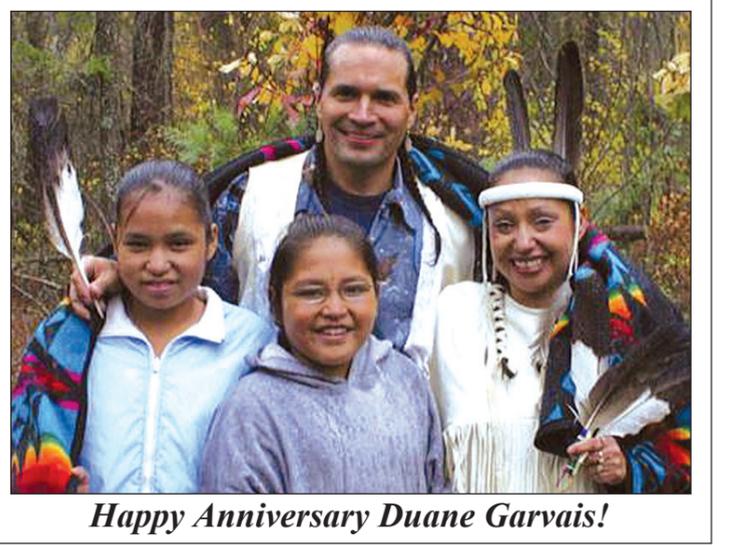
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the Post Falls district (new District 3) and joins all of Benewah county and the south half of the reservation with Latah county to create new District 5. This is more or less exactly what was adopted unanimously by the commission in the new map, which can be viewed at <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/redistricting/PlanHtml/L87.pdf> but does not have the details for the reservation. Once I have that available I will pass it along.

This means that we will be in District 3 with Senator Hammond and Reps. Nonini and Henderson (all who have been generally supportive of our issues). This also means that Harwood will now have to run against Rep. Shirley Ringo or Rep. Tom Trail of Moscow to

keep his seat, which will be very difficult. Reps. Ringo and Trail have been very supportive of our issues as well. It appears that a sliver of the northeast corner of the reservation may be located in the new District 7- which means that the reservation may encompass 3 districts. Generally this is good news for our legislative initiatives in the Idaho legislature, and as more details emerge, I will keep you posted.

* * *
Another issue that I wanted to provide some more information on regards the Tribal enterprise, Echelon LLC.

Many of you may have already seen media coverage regarding the Tribe's recent agreement with Ground Force Manufacturing to lease the Plummer manufacturing facility in Plummer.

The deal with Ground Force

is a five year lease that pays the Tribe approximately \$20k monthly, and includes renewal options after the five-year period. The bottom line is that contracts, for the large fuel bladders that Echelon formerly made, dried up as a direct result of the troop drawdown and changing military priorities in use as many of the fuel bladders as they once needed.

As a business Echelon needed to evaluate the best options for making money on resources that had been invested in. The Tribe and Echelon felt the best use of all that manufacturing square footage was to find a thriving business from our region that needed space to grow and could provide jobs to our community. I am excited about this relationship with Ground Force and look

forward to the job opportunities and positive impact it will bring to the reservation.

Ground Force is estimating the need to hire 50+ employees for the Plummer facility work in the next year. Ground Force provides the mining industry with the world's largest Fuel and Lube Trucks, the largest number of Rigid Frame Fuel and Lube Trucks, and the longest-lasting, most durable Water Trucks in the industry. They also offer the most comprehensive lineup of Articulated Custom Bodies available today. Ground Force manufactures over twenty product lines and has factories located in North America, Europe, and South America.

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On another note, many of you attended last month's celebra-

tion for the Sacred Encounters grand opening at Cataldo. The Tribe has invested a lot of time, expertise and resources to help preserve this part of our history. And it is a really beautiful new facility that we should be proud of. I encourage everyone to go and check it out when they get a chance.

Lastly, please note that our next General Membership meeting will be held on November 19th at the Rose Creek Longhouse. I look forward to seeing you there, and hope you can make it for what is always a good discussion, time to connect, and a good supper. Until then, take care.

Sincerely,

Chief Allan

Bullying: where are our children learning this behavior?

Judi Sharrett, Superintendent
Plummer Worley School District

As you probably already know, October was National Bullying Awareness Month. In accordance with Idaho Statute, our Board of Trustees recently adopted a Bully Policy and Procedure, and we are working diligently to bring bullying to light so students can feel safe at school. The Plummer Worley School District had Kendra Hughes from the Equity Center in Portland talk to every class in the district about bullying. Kendra also held an Anti-Bullying and Harassment Training for Parents and Community Members the evening of October 10 at the Benewah Wellness Center. There is currently a lot of scrutiny on what school districts are doing to address bullying in our schools. At this point I feel comfortable students, staff, and anybody

listening is well informed about the issue.

According to Kendra, bullying is an intentional form of violence and aggressive behavior involving an imbalance of power or strength. Although definitions of bullying can vary, most agree it usually includes an act with the intention of causing fear, distress, or harm in the physical, verbal, or psychological realms. Bullies have a need to feel power and be in control. They derive satisfaction from inflicting some form of suffering on others, and they tend to defend themselves by claiming to have been provoked by the victim. Sound familiar?

Where do our children learn bullying?

I'm sure we can all agree bullying can create stress in our students. Yet I believe bullying is clearly not limited to kids. Last week I was approached by a very nice professional woman

who related the effect ongoing intimidation from a coworker has had on her life. As a result, she has felt depressed, anxious, angry, and out-of-control in every area of her life. She admitted feeling this way made her feel a little ashamed. After all, she is an adult and should be able to handle the situation.

If the bully referred to in the last paragraph has children, it is possible the children are bullies at school. Research shows children may become aggressive when they come from homes lacking in warmth and adult attention. In these homes, adults may discipline inconsistently, and there may be an over-reliance on physical punishment to solve problems.

So where do our children learn to bully?

Although the solution is complex, the answer is simple. Actions speak louder than words. Children learn to bully from adults.

LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

The Coeur d'Alene Lake Management Plan Team is looking for an individual to design the front and back cover of our new Lake*A*Syst manual.

The chosen logo will also be used on other materials, such as decals, banners, t-shirts, letterhead, brochures, and presentations.

Be creative with the beauty that surrounds you!

THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE:

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(3/4" x 3/4") or large (3" x 3")

Limit of 6 colors

Printable in both black & white and color

Must represent the Coeur d'Alene Lake watershed

No age requirement – let's get everyone involved!

All submittals should be sent to the IDEQ address below:

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ)

2110 Ironwood Parkway

Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

(208) 769-1422



Native American pioneer Elouise Cobell succumbs to cancer months after settlement



announced.

Growing up on the Blackfoot Indian Reservation in northwest Montana, Cobell often heard her parents and neighbors wonder why they weren't being paid for allowing others to use their land, she later recounted.

When she took over as treasurer of the tribe in 1976, she found herself in charge of an accounting system "in total chaos," she told the Los Angeles Times in 2002.

As Cobell attempted to unravel the books, she could make neither "hide nor hair of the trust accounts," she later said, referring to trusts that had been set up as part of the 1887 Dawes Act.

The act tried to erode the tribal system by granting parcels of land to individual Native Americans but not allowing them to control their new property. Instead, the land was placed in trust with the promise that owners would be paid royalties for oil and gas, grazing or recreational leases.

Yet the Indians received little or no payment, the Times reported in 2009.

Cobell approached the Boulder, Colo.-based Native American Rights Fund about filing a class-action lawsuit against the Interior and Treasury departments, and she was named as lead plaintiff when the suit was filed in 1996.

The suit contended that the Dawes Act arrangement allowed U.S. officials systematically to steal and squander royalties intended for Native Americans.

"It's just such a wrong that if I didn't do something about it I'm as criminal as the government," Cobell told the Associated Press in 1999.

Just this June, a federal judge approved the \$3.4 billion settlement, the largest payment Native Americans have ever received from the U.S. government.

It provides a \$1,000 cash payment to every individual who has a trust account and \$2 billion for the federal government to buy back the land parcels, the Times reported when the settlement was reached in 2009. Cobell was to receive \$2 million, according to the AP.

In deciding whether to accept the settlement, Cobell said she had to weigh the possibility of winning a

greater sum against a harsh reality. The plaintiffs had estimated they were owed as much as \$47 billion.

"Time takes a toll, especially on elders living in abject poverty," Cobell said in a 2009 Times interview.

"Many of them died as we continued to struggle to settle this suit. Many more would not survive long to see a financial gain, if we had not settled now."

One of eight children, she was born Elouise Pepion on Nov. 5, 1945, on the Blackfoot reservation in Browning, Mont. Her parents owned a 200-acre ranch.

After high school, she attended Great Falls Commercial College and Montana State University in Bozeman but had to leave school after two years to care for her dying mother.

In 1968, Cobell moved to Seattle and worked in the accounting department of a television station.

She also met her future husband, Alvin Cobell, a fisherman and fellow member of the Blackfoot tribe.

When her father asked her to come home to help run the struggling family ranch, she returned to the reservation.

She had missed the community and the land, Cobell later said.

"Once we got on that ranch, there was no going back," Cobell told the AP. "We just wanted to make sure we held on to our land."

In 1987 Cobell helped found Blackfeet National Bank, the first bank established by a Native American tribe on a reservation.

A decade later she received a \$300,000 "genius grant" from the MacArthur Foundation.

Surprised by the windfall, she donated most of the money to the class-action suit's legal defense fund.

The cause also received a \$4 million assist from businessman J. Patrick Lannan Jr. and his New Mexico-based Lannan Foundation.

"There was something about her that really impressed us," Lannan told the Times in 2002.

"I guess it was her ability to describe what it's been like to be an Indian in this sort of thing."

In a 2000 tribal ritual, Cobell was declared a warrior of the Blackfoot Nation and presented with an eagle feather, an honor reserved in modern times almost exclusively for U.S. military veterans.

Cobell is survived by her husband, Alvin; son, Turk; brother Dale Pepion; sisters Julene Kennerly, Joy Ketah and Karen Powell; and two grandchildren.

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INCREDI-BALE: Gathering Place highlighted by HUD

It almost certainly was one of the very first bedtime stories you ever heard. These three little pigs build a house of straw. A big, bad and, frankly, pretty bent-out-of-shape wolf shows up, hungry and wanting inside. "No, no, no!" squeal the three little piggies. So, the big, bad wolf promptly huffs, then puffs, then blows their dream house down.

Times change, though, and building technologies improve. These days, you'll see, that big, bad wolf would be no match for a house made of straw. Just ask the members of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe who live on a sparsely-settled, 305,000 acre reservation bordered by Lake Coeur d'Alene to the north, the rolling prairie known as The Palouse to the west and south

and the Bitterroot Mountains to the east.

The Tribe has just celebrated the grand opening of The Gathering Place, an three-building, 18-unit affordable, sustainable housing complex built on a two-acre site once used as Tribal headquarters about five miles west of the community of Plummer. The \$4 million project was funded by the Tribe and HUD under the Native American Housing and Self Determination Act and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act...

The Coeur d'Alene – or Schitsu'umsh – people have lived on the land for thousands of years placed there, they believe, by "the Creator" for the "purposes of stewardship of the lake and surrounding area," observed students from

the Bioregional Planning and Community Design Program at the University of Idaho who helped the Tribe conceptualize the project. The biggest challenge for the Tribe "when working to achieve healthy and prosperous communities," they reported, "is finding ways to reconcile their current needs with more traditional and sacred practices." In using, developing and caring for their homelands, the Coeur d'Alene have always preferred the "light touch."

You see that at The Gathering Place. The Tribe's plans called for construction materials and techniques that would be durable, easy-to-maintain, energy efficient, natural, local and renewable. They found it

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GIS's rural business opportunity grant website launched

In the fall of 2010, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe GIS Program was the recipient of a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG). The purpose of the grant was to help create a business support system for our rural community. We have now completed our business support system as proposed in our application. The result is an interactive two part website located at: <http://gis.cdatribe-nsn.gov/RBOG/>

The first part of the website is solely used by the tribal government departments to enhance efficient and accurate planning and maintenance

practices. Data that was buried in hard copy obscurity is now available to the employees that need it at the touch of a button.

The second part of the website is available to anyone in the general public. This site showcases five GIS web maps to browse through. The "Recreation" map shows golf courses, trails, and boating facilities on and near the reservation. The "Places to Stay" map shows lodgings such as hotels, bed and breakfasts, etc. The "Real Estate" map uses Zillow to show property listings for the area. The "Business" map has businesses currently known on the reservation. What makes the business map unique is that you as the user can add

businesses to the map that will then periodically be added to our existing record. The final map is the "Broadband" map showing Red Spectrum's current coverage. The proposed fiber to the home data layers are included in this map but will need to be turned on to be visible.

The last link on the main page is for our Commercials site. It allows you to see all the commercials created for local Tribal businesses here in Plummer.

For questions, comments, or concerns please contact: Jennifer Grew - GIS Technician at 208-686-2038 or jgrew@cdatribe-nsn.gov.

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eliminate the ability of ATVs to cross the bridge. Shortly thereafter the "No Motorized Vehicle" signs located at each end of the Trail were pulled out of the ground. With no future operation and maintenance funds tied to the construction of the trail these types of repairs are costly and become difficult to fund.

We are hopeful these events are an irregular occurrence and that local citizens can somewhat police themselves to protect this resource.

The Program is hopeful to have the Trail officially named and is currently working with the Cultural Resources and Language Department(s) to develop suggested names to present to Tribal Council. If the opportunity pres-

ents itself the Recreation Management Program would encourage anyone interested to make a short walk on the Trail; in addition to being great exercise, much wildlife can be seen on the route such as deer and birds.

If you have any comments or suggestions please feel free to contact Jason Brown of the Recreation Management Program at (208) 686-5302.

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This Foundation was created to offer encouragement, comfort and support to children enduring profound emotional, physical, mental or financial distress and provide opportunities for enhancing overall wellness, stability and quality of life."

Players, both celebrities and their team members, will be arriving in the region on June 7th. Cabela's will host NFL celebrities that evening in Post

Falls. The celebs will be there to meet and greet the public, along with signing autographs. A similar meet and greet will likely be planned for the resort.

Cameron Foster, Roos' agent and the key organizer and marketer for the Fish and Chip Tournament, has held one meeting here at the resort already with golf course and public relations staff. Another meeting here will connect hotel, golf, food and beverage, hosting and

marketing/graphics to further plan and organize.

Roos and a number of his teammates took part in the tournament last year, held at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. Participants included former University of Washington and Titans rookie quarterback Jake Locker, future hall of famer Randy Moss and former Chicago Bears linebacker Dick Butkus, not only a hall of famer but the choice of many as the greatest football player ever.

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in straw. 6,000 bales of it to be precise.

Bad news for the big, bad wolf. Pick up a handful of straw. Light as a feather, right? But bale the straw and give it a lift and you could very well throw out your back. That's because a straw bale has mass and lots of it. And when you build walls of straw bales stacked on top of each other and covered with stucco, no amount of huffing and puffing is going to bring it down.

Even better, straw is five times more resistant to heat transfer than brick veneer. With an up to R-50 rating, those who live in these houses of straw will stay warm on the coldest winter's day and cool on the hottest day

of the summer. Outside it might be 95, inside it'll feel like 68 to 72. "In all of our research straw bales are unsurpassed in terms of energy efficiency," Garvin Tenold, owner of Pura Vida Homes in Spokane, that helped build The Gathering Place told *Down to Earth News*. "The number 1 benefit of a straw bale wall system is how this thermal mass maintains a constant interior temperature."

The "light touch" appears to have been the right touch at The Gathering Place and the Tribal housing authority plans, says *The Spokane Journal of Business*, to develop more "straw-some" housing at The Gathering Place. If these first 18 units live up to their advance billing, it's sure to find there's plenty of demand.



Fall 2011 Swim Lessons

Benewah Medical & Wellness Center Fall 2011
Swimming Lessons are coming up fast! Be sure to get your little swimmer signed up!

Dates and Times: The Swim Lessons are a three week session starting on Tuesday November 1st and ending on Saturday November 19th. Dead line for registration and payment is October 28th, 2011.

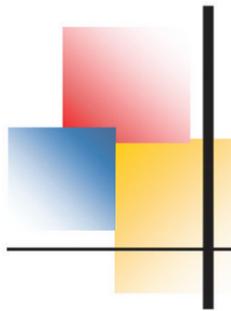
GROUP SESSION SCHEDULE

<u>Tuesday/Thursday</u>	<u>November 1st-November 17th</u>
	Pre-School Aquatics Level 1 @ 3:30-4:00 P.M
	Pre-School Aquatics Level 2 @ 4:00-4:30 P.M
	Parent and Child Aquatics Level 1 @ 4:30-5:00 P.M
<u>Friday/Saturday</u>	<u>November 4th-November 19th</u>
	Learn to Swim Level 2 @ 3:30-4:00 P.M
	Saturdays @ 10:00-10:30 A.M
	Learn to Swim Level 3 @ 4:00-4:30 P.M
	Saturdays @ 10:30-11:00 A.M

Cost:
\$30.00 for a group session (6 lessons)
\$42.00 for a private session (6 lessons)

Sign ups will be at the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Wellness Center front desk during regular business hours. You can call Gary Dorr, Larry Wolfe or Courtney White at (208) 686-9355, ext 453 for any further questions.

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For more information, contact Eva Windlin-Jansen 686-9355 ext 454



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~ Editorials ~

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Curley: thanks for giving son outlet

Hi my name is Anna Curley mother of Bazil Duran who is a Coeur d'Alene Tribal member. Bazil attends the CDA tribal school. He participates in the extracurricular activities that the school and tribe offer. Baz was currently participating in Cross Country for the tribal school and football for the Wellness Center, which he had chosen to join on his own.

I am writing this letter to express my "thanks" and appreciation to the Tribe and Tribal School, the coaches and Chuck, Angie and boys for the outstanding work that they have done with my son.

This past weekend our family traveled to Moscow to attend the little guy's championship football

game at the Kibbie Dome. "Oh my gosh", it was very awesome. I had seen Cheryl Wexel in passing at the game and had told her it was an awesome opportunity and thanked her. She said, "Thank the tribe they paid for it".

I would also like to share that I had received my son's midterm report and it had all A's and 1 B! Congratulations Baz you're doing it.

I believe that the support of the tribe and tribal school plays a big part in my son's great path.

*Lem lemch pesiya,
(Thank you all)
Anna Curley
Salish-Pend D'Oreille*

Davison: thanks for helping grandson arrive safe and sound

Sonny Wolf Brown was born on September 19, at 3:42 p.m. at our residence in Worley, Idaho, delivered by his dad Joshua Brown Sr. It was quite a day. His maternal grandparents are Rose Davison of Worley, Idaho and Leonard Davison of DeSmet,

Idaho. We would like to thank Joie Garrick and her daughter for helping Rebecca & Josh with the birth, thanks to Mark Fish. He called 911, and thanks to the Worley ambulance Service.

Rose Davison

Stanley: A rising tide of Tribes



This is good for me! That is the cry heard around the 45 person table as hands are raised in support of using collective power in negotiation for a special vendor program. Each person raising their hand is a member of the Tribal C-Store Summit Group in Washington State, a peer learning group focused on operational excellence, sharing best practices, building effective relationships with partners, and leveraging size. Membership is open to all tribes and the discussion is about business—not politics.

The Tribal C-Store Summit Group started in January 2009 as an idea between employees of two tribal enterprises; Ron Myers, Retail Operations Manager of Squaxin Island Tribe's Island Enterprises and Jamey Balousek, Chief Operating Officer of Puyallup Tribe's Marine View Ventures. Ron and Jamey thought there was an opportunity to share best practices and establish a peer learning group. Their hunch was right.

Today, the Tribal C-Store Summit Group has 101 members from 21 tribes in the State of Washington.

Attendees are executives of Tribal enterprise groups, convenience store managers, key and front-line employees. Tribes from the State of Oregon and California have expressed interest in joining the group and attended meetings. Meetings are three times a year hosted by alternating member tribes. The next meeting will be held on January 25th, 2012 at the Tulalip Resort and Casino.

The mood of gatherings is collegial. Often, attendees will meet the night before for happy hour where in addition to business the discussion includes family, one's journey to lead to current position, and good humor. Meetings consist of a half day of speaker(s) presenting on subjects like inventory control, cigar etiquette, and theft prevention; followed by a site tour of the host tribe's c-store, gas station, and sometimes car-wash. The tour is capped by a review session where the host tribe collects positive reinforcement and constructive criticism. Each meeting drives relationships deeper and grows institutional knowledge so a tribe can be the best operator possible.

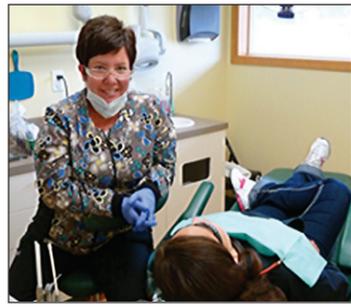
If you or your tribe is interested in experiencing the Tribal C-Store Summit Group, please contact Jim Stanley or go to the web, <http://www.tribalsummitgroup.com>.

Jim Stanley is a tribal member of the Quinault Nation, Vice President of the Quinault Nation Enterprise Board, and board member of the Northwest Native American Chamber. He is a Senior Vice President of Enterprise Cascadia, a loan fund, and freely shares his knowledge.

Matt: thankful and appreciative to Tribe's DOE

First, I would like to apologize for not writing sooner. My name is Annette Matt (Peone), daughter of Sam & Pat Peone and I am writing to give my greatest appreciation to my Tribe (Coeur d'Alene) and their Education Department for giving me the opportunity to go to college. I graduated from SFCC & SCC in 2009 and 2010 with my Associate in Applied Science (AAS) and Dental Assisting Degree.

I am currently working as a Certified Dental Assistant for the Northeast Washington Health Programs in Springdale and Suncrest Washington. I am



completely in high spirits with my new career. I take pleasure in helping people with being orally and physically healthy, not to mention the social satisfaction I receive from the patients.

I extend my gratitude to the Education Department for facilitating all their hard work to get me through those three years of college. It is hard being a student and if it wasn't for them I may not have made it through all the mumbo-jumbo of paperwork created throughout the education system. I encourage all to move forward with their education and to go out into the world and make a difference in your own lives and others!

*Sincerely,
Annette Matt*

Matt: retirement party for Wendell was great, thank you

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe set another golden eagle free on October 6, 2011. That's how it felt as I watched my dad spread his wings as the wind helped him glide to his freedom after 42 years of service with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. This day in our family and the facility department will never forget. I would really like to thank all the people who attended and helped give my dad a happy start at retirement. This was a real good surprise for him and he really was touched by all who came. There was much joy from start to finish on this day.

I would first like to thank my dad's second family the facility department for all the years of priceless memories. Even when the work day ended you guys still managed to hang out and look out for each others welfare. My dad is greatly appreciated for the storage shed that was given to him as his retirement present. Thank you so much you guys.

Second I would like to thank all the riders that spend the day with a nice relaxing ride on the four wheels with my dad. I could see he really enjoyed himself.

A special thanks to Joe Chapman for marking the path for the riders and keeping all the riders safe along the ride. Thank you Jr and Donnie Gustin for helping with the poker run. We can't forget



our BBQ chef Hot Dog Jerry and all the others who brought some very mouth watering dishes for the BBQ.

Thank you for the all community members that stopped by to congratulate dad, and the people that spend time sharing their memories and funny stories of dad to give him a look back at time. Thanks Russ for the present and for our special riders that couldn't ride with us but we had them in our hearts!

Thanks to the family members who came and shared dinner with dad and helped keep it a secret. Thanks to Uncle Butch and Auntie Elaine who came all the way from Montana and Robert Nault, Ginell Whalawitsa and RJ Moon who came from Coulee Dam and Loretta Matt and Ray Lowley came from wellpinit to see my dad actually retire. Also Robert you made the day a little more exciting when you got lost. But gave us a MEM-

ORY we will laugh at for years.

I also wanted to thank the Couer d'Alene Casino steak house for giving us our real nice dinner. Another special Thanks to Jackie and Larry for letting us use your saloon. Our family really enjoyed the relaxing atmosphere you have out there; it reminded and brought memories of our home in Montana.

And saving the best for last, Shawn, Bob, Hoss, Kevin, and Turtle thank you guys from the bottom of our hearts for being the bestest friends any guy has ever had!

Dad from all of us HAPPY RETIREMENT! By the way you still don't have to wake up early, it is ok to sleep in. Bob is not expecting you at work!

*Roberta, Eileen, Michael, Rudy,
Christopher, Babyson, Jayden
and Maleah.*

Trahant: Budget cuts will repeat a tragic history

Tribal leaders went to Capitol Hill last week to make the case to protect American Indian and Alaska Native programs from the deep federal spending cuts that are about to hit.

Tribal Unity Impact Week included meetings, lobbying on Capitol Hill, and increased visibility about the impact of these cuts in Native American communities. "Tribes and tribal entities have patiently participated in the political process, but recognizing the urgency of these pressing issues, we are now increasing our call for congressional action," says the letter signed by twelve leaders from the nation's leading tribal and Native organizations. "We call on U.S. Congress members to stand

with us today, so we might stand together stronger, in the future."

Indeed, many members of Congress did just that, standing with tribal leaders. Indian Country always has friends in the Congress -- people who are willing to go to great lengths to try and help out. (By the same token, there are always members of Congress who go out of their way to make life more difficult.)

But what makes this era so different is that the process trumps the power of individual members of Congress.

The deal to increase the federal debt, officially the Budget Control Act of 2011, requires \$917 billion worth of cuts federal spending over the next ten years. And if the Super

Committee, and then Congress on an up or down vote, fails to enact an additional \$1.2 trillion in cuts by Jan. 15, then across-the-board spending cuts would start in fiscal year 2013.

That means an individual member of Congress -- even a congressional committee -- cannot put money back into the budget after it has been stripped by the Super Committee or the across-the-board action.

How big are those automatic cuts?

The Centers for Budget and Policy Priorities estimate that non-defense programs would be hit with cuts of 9.3 percent -- as well as

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Cd'A Tribal Forestry report: gates, firewood and timber sale information

By Kurt Mettler

General: A few words concerning gates. A number of private companies have installed gates on roads on their property over the years to prevent damage to roads during wet weather. Currently there are a number of gates that restrict access within the reservation. One on private land north of the Four Corners area is locked and restricts access into several trust parcels. This gate was locked to reduce damage to the road infrastructure. As necessary for management purposes, Forestry has a key that will allow us to access the area. The gate at the end of Fox road that allows access to the Tensed Blocks and Moses Mountain remains open but will be locked on December 1, again to reduce road damage. The road leading up to Moses Mountain from this side is closed off as well due to excessive vegetation and a tank trap.

A reminder concerning firewood cutting: Conditions are now wet so try to stay off of roads that are saturated and muddy. Driving on these roads causes problems for access later, increases erosion and degrades water quality in nearby streams. Plan to cut on dry days if at all possible. Also make sure you know whose land you are cutting on. Tribal firewood permits are only valid for cutting on Tribal land.

Timber Sales: Progress continues on the three allotment timber sales: Tamiyel, north of Windfall Pass Road, is nearly complete. Over 200 log truck loads were hauled during the last month from this sale. Chadalamalqwn Logging Unit, located around Plummer, is progressing nicely. Decks of logs and cut trees are visible from State Highway 5 at the present time, and soon should be appearing south of town near Underpass Road.

Loggers are trying to get as much wood moved as possible before the wet weather sets in. The Sachri Logging Unit, north of the Tribal rock pit, should be underway soon. This sale is expected to be active through next summer. Once weather conditions do not allow work in the high mountains, forestry technicians should be moving down to the Worley area, to prepare the Kopaqhn sale, planned for next summer. Forestry staff are monitoring the tussock moth infestation to see if planned timber stand treatments will need

to be modified to account for the effects of this insect.

The Chsp'a'qhalqwtsn EA was presented to Tribal Council on September 29, 2011. The proposed timber sale action passed unanimously. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the project was also approved under the same resolution and signed by the Acting Superintendent on October 3rd.

The general public now has a chance to give input until November 4, 2011. The Notice of Availability has been posted at the Benewah Market, various Post Offices, and other public buildings.

Fuels Program: The Fuels Program has 5 active contracts going at his time. The Timber Agricultural Interface Fuel Break Project (TAIFBP) 5 contract located off Benewah and Windfall Pass Road (A69A, A438, T59, and A62) has nearly completed all the contracted hazardous fuels reduction (HFR) acres through Empire L & C. The TAIFBP 6 contact located off of Windfall Pass Road (T57 and A372) has an estimated 217 accomplished HFR acres by Empire L & C. The TAIFBP 7 in the Little Butte Area will be starting soon on allotted and Tribal lands: A310, T291, and A292. The Windfall/Peedee Contract has been awarded and approved and will begin soon. The Cherry Creek Shaded Fuels Break Project is near completion from Native Timber Services and should be complete this Fall season.

The Fuels Crew has completed an estimated 145 acres of thinning and pruning and masticating an estimated 88 acres and hand piled an estimated 40 acres. Currently, they are finishing their work on A307 with a thinning, pruning, and a combination of hand piling and machine mastication and are planning to move east to A316 soon after. We have been working on our prescribed fire treatments areas for: Tenthree harvesting area up in Eagle Peak, Andrew Springs in DeSmet, Homesites off Cottonwood Road. Our next prescribed fire treatment is scheduled for Ridge to Ridge in Lovell Valley when weather permits. Please be cautious near the above mentioned areas during active operations.

As a side note, the Fuels Program has completed a total of 2033 ac. which surpasses our target of 2017 ac. for the year. We appreciate

the entire Fuels/Fire/Forestry staff that helped the program complete 101% of our annual target acreage. We would also like to thank the Interdisciplinary Team, Natural Resource Committee, and Tribal Council for their support. If you have any questions, contact Chuck Simpson – Fuels Specialist - at (208) 686-5030.

Fire Management: Fire Management has been busy with prescribed fire over the last month with projects on Eagle Peak, Farmington Road, and Cottonwood Road. Along with prescribed fire we responded to 5 incidents here on the reservation.

On Eagle Peak, 45 acres were treated in the vicinity of the old lookout tower in the Tenthree Logging Unit area. The Purpose of treatment was to reduce hazardous

fuels and prepare the site for tree planting.

The Andrew's Spring prescribed burn included 26 acres treated on the Farmington road. The purpose of the treatment was reduction of hazardous fuels, with an emphasis on reducing the risk and potential of a wildfire.

A-578 (Homesite) 14 acres will be treated along Cottonwood road this fall season and next spring. The purpose is to reduce the risk and potential of wildfire by burning or removing hazardous fuels around the Homesite on the allotment.

Prescribed burning removes accumulated fuels and therefore reduces the risk of intense fires. Arson, human carelessness, and lightning will inevitably ignite fires on forest lands within the

Reservation. The rate of spread and damage caused by the resulting fires are directly related to fuel types and volumes. Fire intensity is much lower in grasses and small shrubs. Fuel reduction will not necessarily decrease the number of fires on Trust lands, but will make those fires easier to control. Prescribed burning must be repeated at regular intervals to maintain the protective effect of reduced vegetative fuels. In the long growing seasons of the Northwest, it takes only four to five years for fuels to return to hazardous levels.

"Remember to check those batteries in your smoke detectors"

If you have any questions you can call fire management office at 686-1199.

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2 percent for the maximum cut in certain health care areas, including much of the Indian Health Service. (CBPP uses a different formula than the Congressional Budget Office. CBO estimates that budget cuts will range from 7.8 percent in 2013 to 5.5 percent in 2021.)

To get a sense of what that means, scroll through any tribal directory and look for the programs funded by the federal government. Now imagine a shrinkage of roughly ten percent for programs such as police, courts, credit, domestic violence intervention, early childhood, environmental protection, housing, schools, elderly nutrition, wildlife management and more. This comes at time when services are in

high demand because of the state of the economy.

A nearly ten percent budget cut, however, is often even deeper than that because money must be found to pay for the immediate costs of layoffs and other obligations.

And while the budget control act protects some healthcare programs, that's not the whole story. Consider the IHS budget itself. The total appropriations this year through the continuing resolution (or a "temporary" spending law) is roughly \$4 billion (program collections from insurance programs are not included here). The administration's request is for \$4.6 billion next year -- but that's unlikely because neither the Democrats nor the Republicans have enough votes to actually pass a budget in the House or the Senate.

What's more likely is another continuing resolution ... so the 2 percent cut would therefore come from that base, not the president's request.

If you go back and chart the federal government's appropriations for American Indian programs there's a steady increase virtually every year in the 20th century. However in 1932 spending on Indian programs dropped from \$26 million to \$22 million in 1933 or 15 percent. Then in 1934 those programs were cut again to \$19 million or a 13 percent cut from the year before.

The early days of the Great depression were bleak in Indian Country. It's a history not worth repeating.

Mark Trahant



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18 years flew by!**

Happy Birthday Willie Arnold Davis - We love you!

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~ Cradleboard News ~

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Tia and Khloe Candelario were born on May 11, 2011 at Kootenai Medical Center to Coeur d'Alene Tribal member Brittany Feuerherm and Angel T. Candelario of Coeur d'Alene, ID. At birth, Tia weighed 6lbs. 6oz born at 7:34AM and Khloe 5lbs. 5oz. born at 7:36AM, both 19 inches long. The twins' maternal grandparents are Leslie Morris, Worley ID and Tom Feuerherm of Dunedin, FL. Their maternal Great Grandparents are Dee Dee Morris, Worley, ID and Ed Morris of Coeur d'Alene ID. Their paternal Grandparents are Moana and Don Nelson, Athol ID. and Angel Candelario, Sr. of Coeur d'Alene ID. Also paternal Great Grandparents are Aloma and Bob Haddix of Benewah Road, near St. Maries, ID.



Khaila Lee Denmon was born at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, WA to Jazmine Soto on September 23, 2011. At birth she weighed 5 pounds 6 ounces. Her maternal Grandmother is Patrina Campbell.



Happy Belated Birthday to CJ who turned 31 on October 12!
We love you very much and hope you enjoyed your birthday!

Love: Mom, Dad, Michael, Jennifer, Anna and all your nieces and nephews!



I would like to wish my baby sister Olivia Romero (Ruiz) a very Happy Late Birthday on October 15. We love you so much and miss you every day.

From your big sis Cynthia and you mother Angelina and of course your nephews Sergio, Jasper, and Dre'don.



Happy 18th Birthday Jacky, we are so proud of you!

Love Dad, Uncle Jason, Auntie Lori, Breylan, Jazirah and Logan.



We want to wish **Jemari** our little boo-boo a **Happy 5th Birthday** on November 27th.

Love Mom, Jalil, Uncle Charles & Gram



Happy Birthday to "My Oldest Wife"

Love your "Oldest & Wisest Husband"



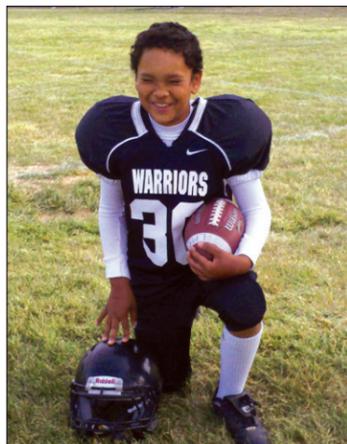
Happy 7th Birthday Lily On November 23rd

Your Sissy and Mama
Love You



Happy 5th Birthday Baby Son!

From Grammy, Papa, Mom, Rudy, Maleah and Jaden.



Happy 9th Birthday DayDay!

Love Mom and Dad



Happy 32nd birthday Rudy!

From the whole family Barb, Cindy, Roberta, Eileen, Wendell and the kids.



Happy first Birthday Upen!

Love mom