



Lakeside School District celebrates opening of new elementary school



The new Lakeside elementary boasts a new basketball court for kids to enjoy during recess.

Story & photos by Lorraina Smith

“I want to welcome everyone here; this is a wonderful crowd, staff, students and community,” spoken proudly by Superintendent of the Plummer Worley School District, Judi Sharrett, as the Grand Opening for the new elementary doors opened to the public.

The new bleachers were filled by all student body, crowds of parents and community members filled the chairs and doorways of the brightly painted new gymnasium. This was surely a proud moment for many involved that made this project possible.

Upon returning from Christmas break the elementary students got a taste of their new surroundings

before the rest of the community was given the opportunity. No longer in the temporary modular’s they now have a real classroom to call their own.

In 2010 the state officials condemned the old elementary school, placed in Worley Idaho for safety hazards. Leaving the students nowhere to go, promptly the school district added the temporary modular’s to provide classroom space. Through the time of construction the elementary, junior and high school students lived academically in tight quarters.

“The building construction of the last year and a half to two years has been an amazing process for both our students who have seen this construction at their back

door, described Sharrett. “As well as the staff that gets to see a safe learning environment for their students, and for your children, and for those of us just in awe over what we are achieving.”

The grand opening ceremony took place on January 20th, 2012. It was only 3 hours before the celebration that they were informed that they would be able to use the new gymnasium. Much praise was given to everyone involved during the process of this project.

“There have been many, many excellent people that have been involved with the building of this school,” praised Sharrett. They have been very committed to our district, to our children for our community.”

Sharrett continued with

acknowledgment for those who participated in completing the new school. “A few of those people are all on board of trustees, our staff, and committed members of the community, the Tribe, and the state of Idaho.

The next speaker was Paul Damon, the president of the board of trustees, where he requested a number of people somehow affiliated with the project to stand, in a very short time the gymnasium was filled with standing participants, leaving the visual how exactly how many team players work together to make this possible.

In acknowledgment he stated “I would also like to recognize the Coeur d’Alene Tribe who have generously supported our school, on the behalf of all of the students, I would like to emphasize again how they supported all of our students in our school district.” Damon continued to acknowledge all of the Tribal Council along with Education Director Dr. Christine Meyers and many other key players in this project..

Following other keynote

speaker’s council member Alfred Nomee spoke on behalf of the Coeur d’Alene Tribe. “As I was coming down here from the office I thought about what to say to you people. I thought about 40 some years ago, I sat there. I sat there where you are sitting. I attended class’s every day and I graduated from this school. At that time the Tribe did not have the resources it has today. Today the Coeur d’Alene Tribe can and does support the education of our young people, education of people in the community, and this school district. We continue to support and provide the necessary dollars to supplement the education that is provided by the state. We continue to stand by your side, through your leadership and your example those young people have a bright future.”

Although the doors of the school are open, there is still a process of settling into the new environment, but a project proudly challenged by both staff and students alike. At this time no decisions have been made as to what the old building will be used for.



Plummer-Worley school board member Paul Damon cuts the ceremonial ribbon on the new PWSW Elementary School on January 20, 2012

Coeur d’Alene Tribe crafts sustainable relationship with University of Idaho students

Renee Sande Down to Earth NW Correspondent

When the Coeur d’Alene Tribe celebrated the grand opening of its new 18-unit multi-family housing project in Plummer, Idaho, the community wasn’t just excited about the building or who it will help.

Part of the joy last fall came from efforts between tribal members

and University of Idaho students to sustain a culture by building a sustainable community through the spirit of collaboration.

“Changes on the reservation are monumental, they’re grand,” said Rosanna Allen, executive director of housing on the reservation since February 2011. “We have a lot of pride in the work that has been done.”

Construction began in 2010 on three

buildings named “The Gathering Place.” Each was constructed using straw bale technique—an extremely environmentally-friendly building method which produces beautiful homes that are super-insulated, inexpensive, and durable.

With the first phase—three buildings of six apartments each—completed, The Gathering Place is of one of the largest sustainably-built, low-income housing developments

in the Northwest, and is thought to be the largest straw bale project in the U.S. Phase two will provide housing for approximately 20 more low- to moderate-income tribal members currently on tribal housing waiting lists.

Prior to The Gathering Place, there had been a critical shortage of housing: many homes on the Coeur d’Alene Reservation (which includes the cities of Plummer, Worley, Tensed, and Desmet), were either in ruins or falling down around the families living in them.)

Although residents recognized they needed to build a better community, many lacked the leadership and skills to improve conditions; poverty rate was around 16 percent, dropout rates were high, substance abuse was a problem, and many youth were disconnected from family and community.

In 2006, things began to change. Laura Laumatia, an educator for the reservation via the University of Idaho Extension Office and a local

resident, saw an opportunity for the reservation to receive guidance to rise above the current statistics.

Since 2003, the UI Extension, in partnership with Northwest Area Foundation, had been helping communities reduce poverty through a program called Horizons, designed for communities with fewer than 5,000 residents and poverty rates of at least 10 percent.

Over the next 18 months, interested reservation residents were taught leadership skills, how to create a long-term vision, how to organize and facilitate community conversations about poverty, and how to take action to reduce that poverty.

“People took on more leadership and became much better at defining what they wanted from the university,” Laumatia said. People found their voice, “setting priorities and being clear about what they could do for themselves and where

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~ Tribal Council Business ~

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14(13) Approved The Harold R. and Winifred R Swaton Foundation application in the amount of \$3,800; 5 for 0 against.

15(12) Approved Social Services department Kootenai Electric Trust application in the amount of \$2,500; 5 for 0 against.

16(16) Approved Natural Resource department Land Services- Homesite Lease CDA Tribal Tract No. 1144 to JoAnn Brown-Sonder, 6 for 0 against.

17(12) Approved Natural Resource department Land Service- Homesite Lease CDA Tribal Tract No. 1004 to Katrina LaSarte; 6 for 0 against.

18(12) Approved the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Integrated resource Management Plan; and approved submitting the IRAM to the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs for approval and signature and approved the IRMP to be published and distributed to the general public; 6 for 0 against.

19(12) Approved Public Works department "C" Street Sidewalks contribution of \$6,000; 6 for 0 against.

20(12) Approved Public Works department Planning Division Traffic Sign Replacement Plan; 6 for 0 against.

21(12) Approved Public Works department Federal

Transit Administration FY 2012 Certification and Assurances; 6 for 0 against.

22(12) Approved Natural Resources department Forestry Program Eagle Gate proposal; 6 for 0 against.

23(12) Approved Natural Resource department Environmental programs office contract with Fulcrum; 6 for 0 against.

24(12) Approved Coeur d'Alene Tribal Housing Authority Indian Community Development Block Grant Gathering Place - Lagoon Cell 3; 6 for 0 against.

25(12) Approved CDA Early Childhood Learning Center Early Head Start/14 Slot Reduction Program DHHS 3- year Grant Revision and also approved of the funding request in the proposal to the Department of Health and

Human Services, in the amount of \$638,767 for Early Head Start with \$15,969 for training and Technical assistance in the federal funds to be matched by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe through Tribal dollars and in-kind services in the amount of \$163,684 for a total project cost of \$818,420

26(12) Approved Lake Management department Hazardous Waste Management program St. Maries Creosote Ridolfi for an amount not to exceed \$33,190 to continue to assist in the review and implementation of the Consent Decree and its supporting documents; 6 for 0 against.

27(12) Approved Lake Management department appointing representatives for the Trail of Coeur d'Alene's Trail Commission; 6 for 0 against.

28(12) Approved Law and Order and Administration

amend Tribal Code Chapter 44 Encroachments C Permit & Lease - Commercial Marinas. 1. Permit - Application shall be made for all Insert: alternations and repairs of existing and proposed Insert: new commercial marinas. 2. Application - Application Strike: shall be made for all existing and proposed commercial marinas Insert: for Commercial Marina Submerged Lands Lease is required regardless of whether the encroachment is a pre-existing encroachment, a new encroachment or the alternation or repair of an existing encroachment. 3. Lease Terms- Commercial submerged lands leases in excess of one year may be considered but shall be approved by Tribal Council. Commercial Submerged Lands Leases shall not be transferable. 4. Standardized Lease Rates- Rental rated for commercial marinas will commonly be calculated by adding the per string value and a percentage of gross receipts, however, other methods may be used as determined appropriate by the Tribal Council; 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.

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they needed help.”
Throughout this process residents identified affordable housing as a high priority. That sparked another idea in Laumatia, who was also a graduate student in a new UI bioregional planning program called the Building Sustainable Communities Initiative. Focused on intersecting teaching, research, and outreach, and bringing students and faculty members into communities to conduct engaged scholarship, Laumatia saw the potential for the reservation to become a pilot community for BSCI's first collaboration, and ultimately convinced the professors and director of the program to agree. It was perfect timing as the UI had just recently compiled its 2005-2010 strategic action plan in which the university committed to strengthening outreach and engagement by connecting all academic areas with the needs of constituents and stakeholders statewide. “We were looking for a project and a community to work with to give students experience,” said Tammi Laninga, assistant professor with the BSCI. “It was the perfect opportunity

for our planning students; having Laura was a huge bridge between us and the reservation.”
As the 18-month Horizons program was winding down in 2007, the tribe joined with the BSCI in a partnership called “Better Together”— aimed at positively affecting communities and lives of the UI students. BSCI, which also offers a graduate degree in Community Design, teamed up with UI's Department of Landscape Architecture and brought 15 students, faculty and local residents together to work on projects to help reservation communities achieve sustainable design. It was a chance for students to learn by applying classroom theory to real-world land use, building and community development issues, with the complication of multiple jurisdictions and complex history adding even more to the educational experience. “It was a perfect opportunity for planning students as they were able to interview tribal members and really find out their needs and wants, then try to figure out how to incorporate all those things into the final product,” Laninga said. Tribal members realized in their Horizons coaching that in addition



A University of Idaho student discusses concepts for new a housing building for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. Students were involved in design process, which included talking to tribal members about what they would like for housing, and also used the straw bale construction which adds to the energy efficiency.

to having housing sustainably built, they needed a commons area and ample individual space. It was also very important that residents didn't need to cross any roads to move from building to building. After students compiled the collected information, several conceptual designs were drafted for the designated 2-acre site and presented to the Horizons Steering Committee, made up of tribal residents and Horizons faculty. They also created a bioregional atlas, updated zoning ordinances, and pre-design plans for a tribal education institute. “They were really happy with the plans,” said Laninga “Students were able to take what they had told them and integrate a lot of it into their designs.” While the tribe didn't ultimately use one specific design, the final plan was a compilation of several conceptual plans. The final project also procured a \$4 million federal stimulus grant for construction. “The role of the [bioregional] planning program students was pretty instrumental in the reservation securing funding; the ability to show

actual plans creates a much more solid case for winning a grant,” said Laninga. For most students in the graduate bioregional planning program, the partnership with the Coeur d'Alene Reservation was their first experience working in a Native American community. Students learned cultural competency, humility, and patience in the process of building social and human capital. “As a student, it was a great experience,” said Laumatia. “It was so amazing being able to work on a project like this from the ground up and be able to say ‘Hey, we had a hand in this.’” The “Better Together” partnership received the Outreach Scholarship/W.K. Kellogg Foundation Engagement Award for the western U.S. region. The award, which included a \$9,500 prize, honors the partnerships of a single university that has redesigned its teaching, research and outreach functions to become more involved with communities. “Better Together” was also one of five finalists for the national C. Peter Magrath University/Community Engagement Award.

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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It seems like only a few years ago, when on the eve of the new millennium, everyone was worried about how technology might stand still, and how humanity would handle a new year of 2000.

Now twelve years later, clearly the planet marched on, and today it's amazing to think how far technology and society has come in just over a decade. But even as we celebrate iPods, electric cars and the first African American President—we still see some of the same racist and ignorant sentiments coming from folks right here in our own backyard. I guess some things take a lot longer to change.

Lately the popular attack against our Tribe has come in the form of questioning our integrity regarding our actions in distributing educational monies from our gaming proceeds. In this vein, the Coeur d'Alene Press, in addition to the St. Maries Gazette, have rampantly published stories that are filled with misnomers, and inaccuracies.

On January 4, yet another piece was published by the Coeur d'Alene Press. Written by opinion columnist Chris Carlson, he asserted that the Tribe has not been forthright or accurate in our distribution of educational resources to organizations in our region.

What I can say about these assertions is the same thing I have said all along. The Coeur d'Alene Tribe is pleased to be a generous contributor to many different educational initiatives throughout our region. Since we signed the compact with the state, we are proud to highlight that the Coeur d'Alene Tribe has distributed over \$17 million in much needed funds to various educational organizations across northern Idaho and beyond. This infusion of resources has been a lifesaver for many schools and groups, and for many people who have benefitted from the donations.

When it comes to Mr. Carlson's other points in his column, I have to offer several points of my own:

First, though he may not support gaming, I support Indian gaming. I have seen firsthand how gaming on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation has transformed this community and delivered our people from abject poverty and a century-long dearth of opportunity. I see the pride in our people that comes from the hope and opportunity that gaming provides. That is precisely the reason Indian gaming was embraced by the United States and the State of Idaho.

Second, I echo what many wonderful people in this community have already expressed; I too am tired of the hostility directed toward the Tribe based on false information and inaccurate half-truths. That type of hate-inspired rhetoric should not and cannot be tolerated any longer.

In my experience as Chairman of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and as a tribal member living in this region, I have learned most people that attack Indian gaming or other tribal issues are usually, simply misinformed. Based on the points

in Mr. Carlson's letter, he is no different.

Maybe most important to this discussion is the history behind the Tribe's 5% donations, which has been completely lost in the rhetoric. It was the Tribe that insisted on including a provision in our gaming compact that gave 5% of our net gaming revenues back to education – not the State. In fact, federal law prohibits states from taxing or assessing fees on tribal gaming. We wanted to give back to education because giving back is part of our culture. It's who we are.

Furthermore, there is a huge disparity in what Carlson claims the "law" mandates and what the gaming compact actually says. The provision we offered, and that was included in the compact states "the gaming operation shall contribute five percent (5%) of the net revenues from authorized Class III gaming for the financial support of education. The sum each year is to be divided equally between Tribal and public education in the region

on or near the Reservation." Most importantly, the final sentence of that provision makes clear that "disbursements of these funds shall be at the sole discretion of the Tribe." That means the Tribe gets to decide how we choose to define education and to which organizations and institutions we donate. This fact has been completely ignored by Carlson and others who oppose the Tribe and Indian gaming.

Our education donations have absolutely been in line with the spirit and intent of that agreement and we are proud to report that we have given over \$17 million in donations to education to date, with more on the way in 2012. Like many others, I take exception with Mr. Carlson's assertion that funding for the Kroc Center, Coaches v. Cancer and Gonzaga University does not support education.

He obviously is unaware or ignores the many educational

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~ Community Announcements ~

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CDA Public Works requesting proposals & qualifications

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Public Works Department is soliciting qualifications and proposals from firms to conduct a feasibility study for a new Tribal Justice Center. The proposed study will include a needs assessment, budget estimate, assessment of existing tribal facilities, and a preliminary design concept for a new Tribal Justice Center. Indian preference will apply in the selection of the firms in accordance with the Tribe's TERO requirements. The

deadline for submission of qualifications and proposals is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 24, 2012. Interested parties may obtain a complete copy of the RFQ/P by contacting the Coeur D'Alene Tribe's Public Works Department at (208) 686-5611.

Preserving our Truth: Elders stories

Leslie Louie is filming local elders about their stories of growing up on the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation to share with tribal membership on and off reservation and local community members about the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's cultural ways to help preserve the history of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. Seeking elders to share their stories and youth to assist with film and editing. Please contact Leslie Louie for more info (208) 987-0264

PCAT to host chili cook off, auction

Plummer Community Action Team (PCAT) is sponsoring an annual Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction on February 21st at the Plummer Community Center. Please enter your favorite chili/lentil recipe and join us for the evening to eat and bid on silent auction items throughout the evening, from 6-8 P.M. Come join us and vote on your favorite chili.

There will be cash prizes. Besides the various chili and corn bread we will serve hot dogs and for dessert huckleberry ice cream. Our members will be calling upon our local businesses for auction items and will appreciate participation and contributions as this is our major fund raising event and we invite our community for a fun evening out on the town.

NIC to host civil rights activist Bellecourt

Clyde Bellecourt, civil rights organizer and co-founder of the America Indian Movement (AIM), will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2 at North Idaho College. The Oyate Drum Group will perform before the presentation along with singing by students in the NIC American Indian Student Alliance.



Clyde Bellecourt

Bellecourt co-founded AIM in 1968 in Minneapolis and was elected as its first chairman. He was a negotiator in the AIM-led occupation at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and a leader of the Trail of Broken Treaties march on Washington, D.C., in 1972. Bellecourt has devoted his life to dealing with issues such as discrimination, self-determination, education and civil rights issues.

The event is sponsored by NIC Diversity Events and the NIC American Indian Student Alliance. It is free and open to the public.

Information: (208) 769-3365 or www.nic.edu/events.

Coeur d'Alene Tribal School's BabyFACE program

The emphasis is on health, development and school readiness through culturally responsive parenting education, family support, and linkages with community resources. Parents As Teachers trained and certified parent educators provide the following model components:

PERSONAL VISITS

Families receive a visit in their home every week or every other week. Home-based educators partner with parents, and other caregivers, and help them to be the first and most important teachers of their children. Each visit includes: age-specific information about parenting topics and child development, and an educational activity between the parent and the child that is often adapted to emphasize the local culture and language.

FAMILY CIRCLES

Families are invited to a group connection at least once a month. Families hear speakers; make books and toys for their children that include the local culture and language; and do parent-child activities.

SCREENING

Children's developmental progress is checked at least two times a year. Parents are included in this look at their child's development, because they know their child best. Once a year each child's hearing and vision is checked. The parent educator also makes sure that parents have gotten all of the necessary immunizations for their child.

RESOURCE NETWORK

If learning or health concerns are found, parent educators help the family get additional services so the child will be able to reach their full potential. They work closely with Tribal, health, State and other community agencies and organizations to support families.

The program is still seeking families who had a baby in 2011 or is pregnant and due before March 31, 2012.

For more information contact:

Susie Howard-Parent Educator showard@tribalschool.org 208-686-8911 direct line	Camille Wynecoop-Parent Educator cwynecoop@tribalschool.org 208-686-5138 direct line
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Coeur d'Alene Tribal Housing Authority

Homebuyer Education Course

February 13, 14, & 15, 2012

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Must attend all three days!

FREE OFFER

Do you dream of Homeownership? The Coeur d'Alene Tribal Housing Authority can help! Pathways Home: A Native Homeownership Guide developed to teach our Tribal communities the step-by-step process and benefits of purchasing and maintaining a home

Please note: The HBE class is mandatory for all interested applicants for the CDTHA Low Rent Program and upon completion is valid for 6 months. All classes are held at the CDTHA office.

SUBJECTS COVERED IN THIS COURSE INCLUDE:

- Evaluating a Credit Report
- Credit Repair
- Money Planning & Budgets
- Purchasing Power: Affordability
- Exploring Homeownership
- Trust Land
- The Mortgage Loan Process
- Maintenance: Protect Your Investment

For more information please call 208-686-1927 and speak with Barbara Stout, Housing Counselor

ATTENTION: CDA TRIBAL MEMBERS ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ATTENDING COLLEGE?

If you are planning on attending college during the Academic Year 2012/2013 (Fall 2012 - Spring 2013) it is time to get started on your application.

Our HED Application can be found on the Coeur d'Alene Tribal website www.cdatribe-nsn.gov / Departments/Education. Please be aware of our deadline, your application must be submitted

NO LATER THAN APRIL 25th 2012

It is also a good idea to begin the process of applying to the college of your choice, and seeking out additional financial aid resources. (Grants/ Scholarships outside the Tribe, we have some grants and scholarships on our web page as well).

If you have any questions please call the Department of Education and speak to

Stacey Parr - HED Manager (208) 686-5152,
or Norma Peone - HED Academic Manager (208) 686-5114.

BMC will discontinue after hours appointment line

Gary Leva, CEO

As we continue to streamline our operations by making our system more user friendly and efficient, opportunities arise that will make it easier for you to make appointments.

Since we have transitioned into pre-appointments for medical and dental services, we now are prepared to eliminate the after hours phone service that we have had these past couple of years. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, this service will be discontinued.

To provide our patients the best service, we invite you to call 208-686-1931 during normal business hours (Monday – Friday 8:00am until 5:30pm) to speak with a staff member who will be happy to assist with your scheduling needs. *If you are not able to call during normal business hours, please feel free to call 208-686-1931 and leave a message on our voicemail and we will return your call the next business day. When leaving a message, please state your name, date of birth and reason for the call, so we may be better prepared to assist you. Date of birth is very important due to the number of similar names in our patient base. Our voicemail will remind you of the information that will be helpful to us in determining the most appropriate way to assist you.*

BMWC will continue to make every attempt to meet your scheduling needs. We encourage you to provide feedback on

our patient comment cards or in person as to whether the scheduling system and our service have been helpful and how we can continually improve our service to you.

We want to re-emphasize a new policy that is now in effect. For health safety reasons and uninterrupted attention to our patients, food and drink in the exam rooms and clinic hallways as well as cell phone use in these areas are prohibited. There have been multiple situations that have impacted our ability to provide proper care and treatment because of food, drink and cell phone use during clinic visits. Signage in our waiting area noting this policy will soon be displayed.

With many newly registered patients the past few months we thought it would be helpful to update everyone on our transportation services. Transportation is available to all BMWC registered patients 55 years and older and/or on disability. Patients are transported to medical, dental and vision appointments throughout the Spokane, Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls and St. Maries/Plummer areas. BMWC recognized a need for our patients who were being scheduled out of the area for services but unable to find means of transportation. We currently have two full time drivers with additional support from Community Health employees during periods of strong demand and emergencies. The program

currently is able to transport our dialysis patients to their appointments three times a week. With these kinds of long term appointments, please remember that times and availability are based on a first-come first-serve basis. Please contact the Community Health Transportation program at 686-1767 with any questions or to schedule a transport.

Mother Nature has really blessed us this winter in regards to the new facility construction. What you can now begin to see is the placement of green colored exterior siding (sheathing) attached to the frame on the lower level. The lower level is now enclosed in heavy plastic so framing can continue inside which contains large propane heaters. The steel beams continue to be placed on the upper level; the circular lobby steel is now visible from Hwy 95. As another reminder we have site cameras in two different locations so anyone can view the progress from our website 24/7. Please go to the BMC website, www.bmcwc.com and click on the 'Future Home of BMC' link that will take you to the dedicated expansion site or go to: www.expansion.benewahmedicalcenter.com. Once you get to that site, click the 'Progress' button and that will take you to the camera links. We will soon adjust the cameras as the building takes on greater shape.

Please contact us if we can answer any questions or resolve concerns. Safe travels to everyone.

“An Old Time Indian Story” - Camas in the 1930's



Camas flowers mixed with clovers

From the Coeur d'Alene Teepee, December 1939

The sme'yem digs and digs the camas for several days till she gets enough. Two or three of her relatives join together to bake the camas, how it's done. A pit is dug into the ground about three feet deep; about six feet in diameter. A fire is made. Plenty of rocks are placed on the fire till they get red hot.

With a long forked pole, the red hot rocks are rolled into the pit. Wide leaves are placed over the rocks. Soft wet mud is spread over the leaves. Then again wide leaves spread over the soft mud. Then moss from the pine trees is spread over the top leaves. Moss is used repeatedly over many times.

At top, wide leaves are spread over the camas. Soft wet mud is spread over the top, as soft wet mud used at the bottom and top to prevent camas from burning. Finishing work, a fire is built over the top about three times. The immense heat from the bottom

and top bakes or steams the camas.

When finished, it forms a large cake about 16 inches thick, about six feet in diameter, its flavor is delicious. It makes the people smack their lips when eating. The camas is one of the most precious foods of the people. The good Mother Earth gives it to the Coeur d'Alene Indians.

At a place about three miles from DeSmet, at a point of a small hill, three little mounds of dirt and little rocks which have been used to bake the camas extending many hundred years ago. The Coeur d'Alenes would remain at Ni'lokhwalqw (Cut in the Woods) during the summer season, then they journeyed back to Chatcolet, head of the canoe navigation; then scatter to their main camps well supplied with camas. Ni'lokhwalqw camas always has good delicious flavor.

The leaves were gathered from around Indian Creek; rocks placed around the bottom, camas put on leaves; you can put as many sacks as you want in; tiny fire for three days on the top; must be a slow

fire; camas dug with Piyc'e' (iron digging stick). Camas was dug by a few families at Chetche'mch'm (grasping handfuls) around July 4, near Sanders.

Also camas digging took place on the flat below the DeSmet Mission. When preparing to bake camas the wide leaves were picked before hand, got pine cones, cleaned the camas, put into gunny sacks, sprinkled with water. It was put in a hole three feet deep, covered with leaves, then pine cones, and then more leaves. A fire was made over it for three days, but no fire was put in the pit first. Black moss was made the same way; but did not mix the moss and camas.

The camas and moss could be cooked at the same time but in different sacks. Afterwards the camas is put in bags to dry and the moss was made into patties like cookies.

After baking, camas and cous were mashed and kneaded into flat cakes, camas and black moss were sometimes cooked to a paste, cooled and cut into cakes which were dried on frames of slats woven with bark. Such cakes could later be boiled for soup.

Roots were available in many meadows, large and small. Perhaps the most productive grounds for camas and wild onions were near the town of DeSmet in the prairie called Ni'lokhwalqw. The very same place documented in 1860 of parties of several tribes including Nez Perce and Coeur d'Alenes digging roots. Camas and wild onions were also dug in the neighboring localities of Tekoa, Sawmill, Sheep Creek, Sanders, Emida, Potlatch, and with the Spokanes on the west side of Water Lily Lake.

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2012 to be a celebrity year for Circling Raven, Resort



CIRCLING RAVEN GOLF CLUB

By Bob Bostwick

Just as most of us expected when Circling Raven opened 8 ½ years ago, television and film celebrities, star athletes and a good number of notables in various fields have shown up here. With the quality of this stunning golf course and the beauty and amenities of this expanded resort, we can expect plenty of big names walking through our doors.

And 2012 will be the year for the most celebrated arrivals yet. The A-list of celebrities begins in June with the Michael Roos Fish & Chip Tournament, a combination of 18 holes on Circling Raven and a day of competitive fishing in Lake Coeur d'Alene.

Roos, a former football All-America at Eastern Washington and now an All-Pro tackle for the NFL Tennessee Titans, has moved his benefit tournament here from the Coeur d'Alene Resort and the Coeur

d'Alene Resort Golf Course. In the move, he brings some 30 current NFL stars to us, along with a few retired NFL Hall of Fame members.

The NFL stars will be joined by players from all over the U.S. as the tournament raises funds for Boys and Girls Clubs in the region. In all, some 150 will take part on June 7-9 this year. The Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort is a major sponsor along with Cabella sporting goods, the North Idaho Bass Fishers Association and probably a sponsor to be named later.

For employees, it's certainly a chance to meet and maybe rub shoulders with the likes of Roos, Dick Butkus of Chicago Bears fame and Ken Easley, another Hall of Famer and former Seattle Seahawk. But, it's much more when we consider the opportunity to show off not only the resort and its amenities, but the unique nature of our tribal hospitality.

"This is a tremendous opportunity

to shine," said Chief Executive Officer Dave Matheson. "It's also a tremendous challenge. We will be hosting celebrities and participants who have experienced top resorts and who are paying high prices to be part of this significant event. Many will visit Indian Country and a tribal resort for the first time and our staff will certainly make it special for all who come."

Cameron Foster, Roos' agent and the man in charge of organizing and marketing the tournament, is already working closely with professionals in our public relations, marketing and golf course staff. Food and Beverage, Hosting, Banquets, Hotel and more of our staff will be involved as the tournament draws near.

It's also expected that NFL stars will offer time for autographs and some meeting and greeting here at the resort. They're already set for autograph sessions at Cabella in Post Falls.

With expectations of the fishing competition to be in tribal waters, the tribe's Fish and Wildlife Department has been invited to ensure proper licensing, tallies and weigh-ins. All fish caught will be released.

"This will, without a doubt, be our most successful event so far," said Foster. "The generosity and commitment by the resort and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe have guaranteed that. But we are also very proud to share in the tribal tradition of committing resources to worthy groups in the region, particularly those that aid children. The Boys and Girls Clubs will certainly gain tremendously from this."

Palmer steps in as Glessner recovers

For those who don't know, James Glessner will be out on medical leave for about five weeks. Along with his busy schedule of orientation for new employees and other duties in Human Resources, Glessner does the pagination and layout for the Camp Crier, a task he's held true to for about 11 years.

Upon learning of his absence, tribal member Brenda Palmer stepped up and offered her assistance in the Camp Crier development. Palmer has years of experience in similar work stemming from her role as the former managing editor of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Council

Fires newspaper.

Her role with the Crier is another example of an employee offering to fill in and get a job done, regardless of existing duties. Palmer works the 2 p.m.-10 p.m. shift in the main cage. She and Bob Bostwick will work together to ensure the Crier "hits the streets" on time every week, which means she'll be coming in on her own time at 9 a.m. every Thursday for a while.

We all wish Glessner a swift recovery and return to work. We also can be thankful that a fellow employee is willing to sacrifice some time for the benefit of all here.

Nathan Belt shines in "Elvis" portrayal

By Diana Henry

VIP Host. Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort

The Coeur d'Alene Casino headlined Nathan Belt as "Elvis" for two weekend shows in January and "The King" was a huge hit.

The VIP Host department booked over 300 guests. Their invitation included a room and an exclusive dinner show, consisting of a wonderful Italian dinner. There was plenty of food and the banquet staff did an outstanding job getting everything ready for the guests. When the doors opened the guests were in a hurry to be checked in so that they could grab seats as close to the stage as possible. As we all know, there isn't a bad seat in the house.

As the show started, we watched as Nathan got into his act. He really did an awesome job portraying Elvis. He worked the crowd, singing and stopping to serenade our guests, along with an occasional peck on the cheek.

The crowd went crazy, joining the fun. I think that it brought back a lot of fond memories for those who were lucky enough to have seen Elvis Presley. And for those of us who never did, it enlightened us to the how big of a presence "The King" was.

The show that Sunday was pretty much sold out. Many guests who saw Elvis Saturday came back to see him again on Sunday. As I spoke to our many guest they all agreed "The King lives on."

Circling Raven offers great deals

Circling Raven Golf Club – Crated one of the top public or resort courses in the country by GOLF, Golfweek and Golf Digest magazines– today its 2012 rates, including a Stay-and-Play package offering substantial savings.

For just \$199 (April through May 17), golfers receive one night lodging (double occupancy) in the Spa Tower of the newly expanded Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort and 18 holes of golf for two, plus cart with GPS and use of the expansive practice facility. Rates begin at \$249 after May 17.

"Circling Raven and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe are committed to providing a high-quality experience at affordable rates," said Circling Raven Director of Golf Tom Davidson, PGA America Merchandiser of the Year in 2011. "The new resort expansion has enabled us to further enhance value and options for our guests and

golfers."

Last spring, the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort – set in the scenic Idaho Panhandle, just a short ride from eastern Washington's Spokane Airport – opened 98 new upscale hotel rooms in two towers overlooking the golf course. Other new amenities include a gourmet steakhouse, a 15,000-square-foot, full-service spa, a sports bar and café, and a 10-acre "Front Yard" that serves as an outdoor amphitheater for concerts and other outdoor events.

Daily rates at Circling Raven Golf Club – a Gene Bates design that meanders through 620 acres, with only 100 representing cultivated ground – are \$65 (Monday – Thursday) and \$75 (Friday – Sunday) from April through May 17. After May 17, the daily rate is \$80 on weekdays and \$95 on weekends. Same day replay rates are \$45.

Hosted Guest Loves Hotel

I would like to say what a wonderful experience I had being a guest at your hotel. I have had many "free hotel" offers in the newsletter and have not had the opportunity to stay until last evening (Jan 11).

My room was gorgeous and as always, the employees at the casino/hotel always make you feel as you're a guest in their home. Thank you again for the complimentary room and I hope to stay with you again soon.

Juanita (Nita) Perez

Extra effort by casino employees proves extraordinary

By Shaina Nomee

Cultural Awareness Assistant.

On behalf of Cliff SiJohn and myself, I would like to thank two employees who went above and beyond the call of duty on Wednesday January 18th.

On her departure from the casino,

Security Officer Mary McCaffrey, noticed that my windshield wipers were covered in ice. She then took the liberty of de-icing my windshield wipers and placing them up for me. I can't tell her enough how much I appreciate the kind gesture.

Then, later on that same afternoon,

Security Officer John Sam shoveled paths on the passenger and driver's side door of my vehicle so that it would be more convenient for Cliff and I to get into the car.

These two employees have shown true kindness and deserve recognition. Thank you again, Mary & John!

Pacific Northwest PGA chooses CRGC for championship

By Bob Bostwick

It's been a while, but the Pacific Northwest PGA is finally coming back to Circling Raven Golf Club, choosing the highly acclaimed club here for its 2012 championship tournament. The 54-hole competition will be played Sept. 18-20.

The tournament was last held at Circling Raven in 2006, the field including CRGC Director of Golf Tom Davidson, but when he was still the general manager and head professional at the Coeur d'Alene Public Golf Course.

The PNW PGA includes North Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Alaska and western Montana. About 130 PGA club pros are expected to compete.

"When the tournament was held here in 2006, many of the pro's wanted it here permanently," Davidson said. "We had a large field that year because so many of the

professionals wanted to play Circling Raven and, as could be expected, the hosting of the tournament by staff here was exceptional."

Davidson will play in the tournament again, this time as co-host with head pro Tony Cuchessi. Assistant head pro Mark Nelson will also be eligible, having earned his Class A card this past year.

In 2006, Montanan Ryan Malby took the title, firing a 13 under par 203. Players here in 2006 enjoyed perfect conditions all three days. Tim Feenstra of Broadmoor Golf Club in Portland is the defending champion. The 2011 tournament was held at Illahe Hills Golf Club in Salem, OR.

The top seven finishers will qualify for the national PGA Professional Championship. Top finishers there will play in the PGA Championship, one of the four major events for the regular PGA Tour.

Club Car golf cars, Mercedes-Benz and Omega timepieces will

join Circling Raven and the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort as major sponsors of the 2012 event. Players will be here as early as Sept. 16th and will have a practice round on the 17th of that month. Supporting sponsors include Titleist, FootJoy, Callaway Golf, Nike Golf, TaylorMade-Adidas-Ashworth, PGA Tour and the PGA of America.

"We know the golf course will be in terrific condition and the staff everywhere here at the resort will make a great impression," Davidson said. "It's certainly an honor to have this event here. Just as importantly, the head professionals who have an experience at Circling Raven will continue spreading the word about the course and the resort."

PNW PGA is headquartered in Tumwater, WA. Staff from the section headquarters will arrive several days prior to the tournament as part of the process of making the course ready for play.

Forestry update: take caution driving on open dirt roads, continuing logging work

By Kurt Mettler

General: Due to the relative lack of snow to this point in the winter, many areas are still open for vehicle access. Please be mindful of road conditions and try not to drive on dirt roads that can become rutted easily. This makes it harder to access areas later when conditions are dry and also causes extra erosion that quite often winds up in the creeks.

Timber Sales: The Chsp'a'qhalqwtsn Forest Officer's Report (FOR) continues to be worked on and is expected to be signed off by all necessary parties soon. The sale is expected to be advertised this summer and continue for 2+ years. There are six harvest units involved comprising of an estimated 3.3 million board feet to be removed. A gate is expected to be installed as well that will limit the general public from entering Eagle Peak Management Unit. The Natural Resources Committee are developing and reviewing the policy for locking of this gate.

Work continues on the Chadalamalqwn and Sachri Logging units around Plummer. Cold weather has kept the ground firm enough to allow logging operations, and contractors are busy moving logs to local mills. Timber stand prescriptions for the next timber sale in the Worley area are nearly complete, and field work should commence after owner consent is received.

Fuels Program: The Fuels Program does not have any active hazardous fuels reductions (HFR)

contracts going on at this time. The Fuels Crew has completed the A316 HFR treatment area with a thin, prune, and combination of hand and machine pile and mastication treatment. They have moved to Minaloosa Road's T360C and A360D and are treating the area with a thin, prune and combination of hand and machine pile and mastication. Also, the fuels crew has been working on a slashing project to thin and cut brush on A353 to remove undesirable saplings for a planned burn to create suitable planting sites. The fuels crew takes into consideration forest road accessibility and to minimize unnecessary damage to them when they are not frozen. In addition, the crew will be flagging property boundaries and posting property signs for next year's fuels projects, areas will be located in the south half of the reservation.

We are working on approvals for next year fuels projects on 13 Tribal and Allotted parcels for a total of 1054 acres for HFR treatments and prescribed burning located on Old Sanders, Mail Route, and Mowry Roads. The Natural Resource Committee has approved these lands, and we are working toward routing the project for Tribal Council approval. We are also working on prescribed fire burn plans that restores fire back into the ecosystem to reduce: treated and accumulated fuels, wildfire potential, and fire intensity and severity on this year's and previous year's HFR projects, which is estimated

at over 2000 acres. These are more than likely to be broken up into several burn plans. Please be cautious near the above mentioned areas and signs are posted during active operations. If you have any questions, contact Chuck Simpson – Fuels Specialist - at (208) 686-5030.

Forest Development: The only field activities scheduled this winter relate to site preparation for tree planting. Strip seed tree cuts in the Tamiyel Logging Unit will be planted to include western larch and white pine with the ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir that will seed in naturally. If we can burn the piles this winter, we will be able to plant them this spring. A prescribed burn in another stand on that allotment will be facilitated by slashing undesirable saplings to provide a better fuel bed to carry the fire next fall. The area will then be planted in spring 2013 in case natural regeneration from residual seed trees does not adequately reforest the site. The Fuels Management crew is graciously planning to complete this work. Office work includes building GIS layers of past plantations and timber stand improvement (thinning and/or pruning) blocks and updating the stand layer to reflect recent timber harvesting.

Forest Management Inventory & Planning: The data analysis of Continuous Forest Inventory plots and preparation of the Inventory Analysis Report will be the major winter project this year. We expect to start the analysis in January and complete the report

by March.

Forest Roads: The program is continuing removal of timber slash processed and converted for hog fuel sold to the Stimson mill in Plummer and future fire wood to the community. Most of the processed cord wood has been sold but we can provide cut and split cords and bundled wood if requested ahead of time. Due to the winter season pit operations are shut down, but we still have stockpiles of base rock, drain rock and garden materials for this coming spring, i.e. screened manure, blended topsoil, wood mulch, wood chips and river rock.

Fire Management: Fire Management has been busy getting started on all of our annual operating plans updated, finishing up a reservation wide pre-attack plan, putting the finishing touches on a building proposal for funding from BIA, finalizing burn plans for T-1082 sub-agency and Tamiyel sale area planned for the next burn season, and we are looking at training needed for the whole forestry, fire, and fuels staff.

It is the end of the work season for seasonal staff they will be taking their seasonal lay off. So Tom and Dan will be the only fire staff around till they come back next spring to start preparing for prescribed burning planned for next burn season and get ready for another fire season. If you have any questions feel free to call us at 686-1199.

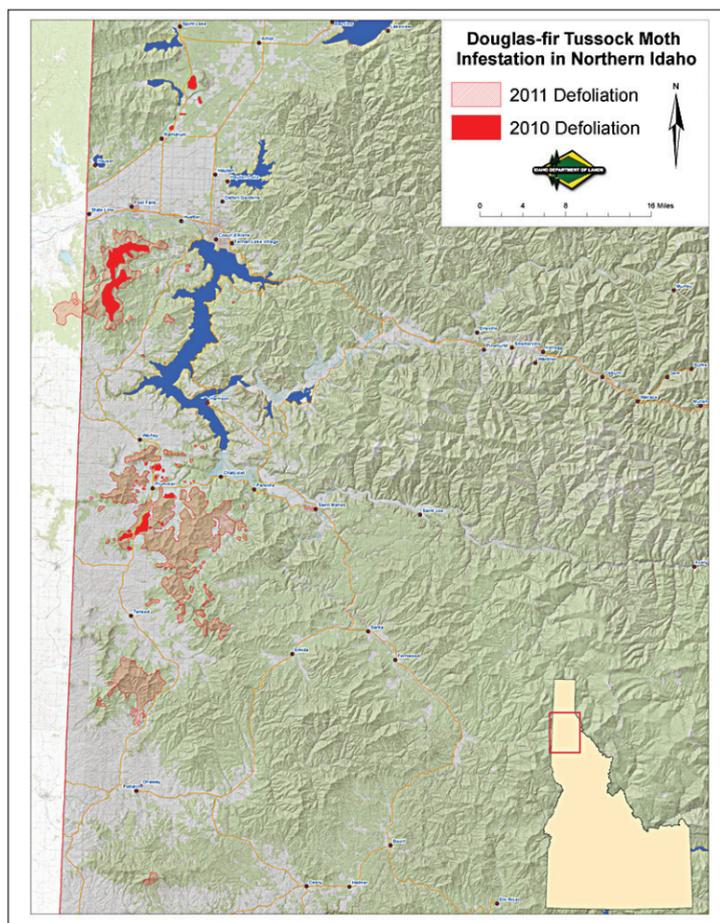
We would like to end with a helpful fire safety tip on smoke detectors

Basic Smoke Detector Information

Smoke detectors over ten years old should be replaced, according to fire safety experts. They also recommend that you test your smoke detector on a regular basis – say every Friday night or Saturday morning, or whatever works for you, and is easy to remember. Testing them is very simple. Most smoke detectors have a button marked TEST, and you simply push it in. If the alarm sounds, it's fine. If it doesn't, either the detector has gone bad, or the battery is worn out. In either case, you'll need to fix it right away. Because it's easy to forget about batteries in smoke detectors, it's become something of a national institution in America to replace the batteries twice a year, when we switch to and from Daylight Savings Time.

That's a good idea, and you should adopt the habit. Many people have been lulled into a false sense of safety because "I've got a smoke detector". But if the batteries are dead, it will do you no good. Fire experts estimate that about a third of all detectors in this country have dead batteries in them. Don't let this happen to you. One situation that needs to be addressed is what happens if the smoke detector keeps going off for no reason? Usually this happens because it's too close to a stove, and steam and light smoke are setting it off. In that case, you'll need to move it. Don't just take the batteries out to get rid of the annoyance. That can be a deadly mistake.

Problematic Tussock Moth still destroying forested lands on and near reservation



Through aerial surveys, the agencies mapped defoliated forests across approximately 68,000 acres in northern Idaho, more than 1,600 acres in eastern Spokane County, and 7,800 acres in Columbia and Garfield counties.

The defoliated area in northern Idaho has increased significantly from the 8,500 acres mapped in 2010, and the affected area in Spokane County has more than doubled since 2010.

Specific areas affected in Washington are Mica Peak, Tekoa Mountain, and Gelbert Mountain in Spokane County and light defoliation in the Umatilla National Forest wilderness area of the Blue Mountains.

Areas with defoliation in Idaho include the Signal Point area south of Post Falls, much of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation in the vicinity of Plummer and Worley, and the McCroskey State Park area of Benewah and Latah Counties.

Ground surveys for new egg masses in Benewah County, the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation, and the McCroskey State Park areas indicate that defoliation in those areas may spread and increase in severity in the summer of 2012.

In Spokane County and the Signal Point areas, however, low numbers of new egg masses and evidence of virus-killed caterpillars suggest the outbreak in these areas is likely to collapse in 2012.

In the spring of 2012, the agencies will analyze egg masses collected throughout the affected areas in both states to identify

locations where there may be enough virus to cause a collapse of the caterpillar population.

Douglas-fir tussock moth populations run in cycles, dropping for a period of years between major outbreaks. The last outbreak in the northern Idaho-Washington State border area was 2000 to 2002. Outbreaks typically collapse within two to four years due to a buildup of natural enemies, such as a viral disease and parasites.

During winter and spring, new tussock moth egg masses and old cocoons can be found on the underside of tree branches and structures such as building overhangs and fences. New defoliation damage becomes most noticeable in July and is often worst in the tops of trees.

Effects of Douglas-fir tussock moth caterpillar outbreak

The damage primarily affects grand fir, Douglas-fir, and some subalpine fir. The agencies outlined some important information about the issue:

Recreation may be affected in areas with tussock moth because the hairs found on caterpillars, cocoons, and egg masses are a skin irritant to many people.

Defoliation damage can reduce growth, cause top-kill, and may predispose some trees to attack by bark beetles.

Caterpillars feed on both new and old foliage.

Repeated defoliation is most damaging to trees.

Defoliated trees observed in the summer and fall are not necessarily dead.

If a tree is able to form buds that survive the winter, needles will develop in the spring.

Management options and landowner assistance

IDL is planning two public meetings in Plummer, Idaho, in late February to provide information and assistance options to Idaho landowners. Details about the meetings will be provided at a later date.

A combination of careful tree thinning and, where appropriate, the application of labeled insecticides can reduce tree damage and may prevent an outbreak's spread.

To help forest and woodlot property owners evaluate management options, DNR and IDL staff members can provide assistance to property owners in the affected areas who observe Douglas-fir tussock moth egg masses or tree damage.

Detailed information about how to recognize Douglas-fir tussock moth damage are available at the DNR and IDL Web sites, along with maps and images:

Washington State: <http://1.usa.gov/2z8nkG>

Idaho: <http://1.usa.gov/yyCKDb>

To report tussock moth damage or to obtain more information, landowners are encouraged to contact their state's forest entomologist:

Washington: Glenn Kohler (DNR forest entomologist), 360-902-1342, glenn.kohler@dnr.wa.gov

Idaho: Tom Eckberg (IDL forest entomologist), 208-666-8625, teckberg@idl.idaho.gov

For the past two years, forest landowners in Washington and Idaho have experienced an outbreak of native Douglas-fir tussock moth caterpillars, affecting overall forest health in areas of the two states and potentially impacting activities occurring on those forested lands.

The states of Washington and Idaho today released a status update on the outbreak.

Outcome of agency surveys

In the summer of 2011, the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL), the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the U.S. Forest Service detected new areas with defoliation in Idaho and Washington. Kootenai, Benewah, and Latah counties in Idaho and Spokane, Columbia, and Garfield counties in Washington are affected.

~ People in the News ~

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Mildred Bailey, Coeur d'Alene member with soul



Mildred Bailey circa 1930's

Mildred Bailey, the "Rockin' Chair Lady," began her singing profession demonstrating sheet music songs for individual customers in Seattle, Washington, when she was 17 years old. She would then go on to spend her entire career singing in the same intimate, person-to-person manner.

Rather than shouting, scating, or employing gimmicks, Bailey honored a wide variety of lyrics and melodies with her perfect diction and delicate voice, enchanting each listener who came under her spell. Some critics have questioned whether Bailey was truly a jazz singer or simply an exceptional pop singer. Nonetheless, her influence on generations of jazz vocalists who followed is unquestioned. Considered the first female microphone singer, Bailey taught the next generation how to use this new technology.

Born Mildred Rinker on February 27, 1907 in Tekoa, WA Bailey grew up in a musical family. Her Irish father played the violin, and her mother Josephine was an accomplished pianist who was also a member of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

Bailey's brother Alton would later team up with Bing Crosby and Harry Barris to form the famous Rhythm Boys singing group. When her mother died in 1917, Mildred moved to Seattle to live with an aunt. While she was struggling early in her career, Mildred was married to Ed Bailey, and though the union was short-lived, the name became permanent. As Mildred Bailey, she played piano for silent movies, sang in clubs of various kinds, and moved to Los Angeles, where her brother and Crosby joined her, penniless and jobless. She helped them form

a vaudeville act that landed them a job in 1927 with Paul Whiteman, perhaps the hottest name in music

When the Whiteman troupe visited Los Angeles in 1929, Crosby and Al Rinker urged Whiteman to visit Mildred's home for dinner--and an audition. Greatly impressed, Whiteman added Mildred Bailey to his traveling group, and she was soon singing on his popular radio program. In his Handbook of Jazz, Barry Ulanov asserted, "Mildred Bailey set the standards for band singing, first with Paul Whiteman and then with the orchestra that she and Red Norvo led; she was generously gifted with preciseness of intonation and tenderness of phrase; she could sing with lilt or a larruping good humor, as the song required; she had rhythmic and tonal instincts that could do justice to every one of the able lyrics and better tunes with which a few song writers were providing jazz singers."

Thus Bailey became the first jazz singer--indeed, the first "girl" singer--to perform regularly with a band. In succeeding years, and throughout the swing and big band era, virtually every band would have a female vocalist; many of those singers were influenced by or would try to pattern themselves after the original.

Emulating Bailey was not an easy task. She brought a unique blend of qualities to her singing, beginning with a gossamer soprano voice, which darkened slightly in its later years, and an ever-present, almost too-fast vibrato. Bailey sang simply, without pretense or adornment. Rarely substituting notes for the written melody, she relied on sure pitch and perfect diction throughout her career. The vocalist's sense of time--without which a jazz musician sinks--was

elegant.

To her exquisite phrasing of even the most common lyric, she brought a feeling, an accent that imparted new light and meaning to the words. She would often sing slightly ahead of the beat, creating an urgency; at other times she employed a slight pause, a dragging of the beat, a stretching of a word, a shaded intonation, or a glissando to deliver the message. All of this seemed effortless and natural for Bailey.

Throughout her recording career, which stretched from October 5, 1929, with guitarist Eddie Lang, to an April 25, 1950, session accompanied by Vic Schoen's orchestra, Bailey sang the entire range of songs: popular novelty tunes, torch songs, blues, popular love songs, spirituals, and especially the great American classical music of the 1930s and 1940s. Believing that every song deserved her best effort, Bailey never sang down to a tune. In his *In Quest of Music*, Irving Kolodin remarked, "A special wing belongs to the Baileys of jazz, those of the quieter but no less insinuating persuasion, whose art is in the chamber music category."

While Bailey's exposure to national audiences began with the outsized Whiteman orchestra, and while much of her radio and recorded legacy is with full-sized orchestras, some of her most appealing work was done with smaller, more intimate, "chamber-sized" groups. Even while singing with Whiteman for about five years, Bailey made recordings with other groups, many composed of other Whiteman musicians. Among the noted jazz musicians with whom Bailey recorded were trumpeters Bunny Berigan, Roy Eldridge, and Ziggy Elam; saxophonists Chu Berry, Coleman Hawkins, and Johnny Hodges; the Dorsey Brothers; clarinetist Benny Goodman; drummer Gene Krupa; guitarists Eddie Lang and Dick McDonough; and pianists Mary Lou Williams and Teddy Wilson. Included on any list of the most brilliant Bailey recordings are those with her Alley Cats (Berigan, Hodges, Wilson and bassist Grachan Monchur), those with her Swing Band (Norvo, Berry, Wilson, McDonough, and others), and those made with variations on the Norvo orchestra.

One of the musicians Bailey met through Paul Whiteman was Red Norvo, the great xylophonist and vibraharpist. Bailey and Norvo were married for 12 years beginning in 1931, but their musical marriage proved far smoother than their personal relationship, which was marked by monumental and often well-publicized fights and arguments. Between 1936 and 1939 Norvo and Bailey performed and recorded regularly together as "Mr. and Mrs. Swing" with Red's band of various sizes. This group,

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Member Bohlman takes the plunge



BRRR! Joey Bohlman, a Cd'A Tribal member and employee at the Wellness Center in Plummer, Idaho took part in Coeur d'Alene city's annual Polar Plunge into the lake. With outside temperatures in the low 30's on New Year's Day 2012. This was the 32nd annual Plunge hosted on the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene.

LHS senior organizes famine event to raise awareness of world hunger



Sitting, from top to bottom: Kayla Myrick, Kassie Lotze, Shayla Myrick; Standing, starting at the front: Kaityln Rhea, Sierra Shamburg. 2nd row: Brook Chick, Tah-wy-ah Davis, Michelle Whaley, Sheyene Shamburg, Sydney Wakan, Christina Nilson. 3rd row: Shay-oo Bonnell-Hall, Emma Rykowski. Back: Anthony Nash-Campbell, Jordan Harmon, Jazzman Torpey, Jake Brown, Zach DeLorme.

Story & photo by Lorraine Smith

Being locked up in the school all night, with no food, nothing to drink but small sips may sound like a nightmare to most people. But for a modest size group of high school students; this was a small sacrifice to help children with a much bigger problem.

Each day it is estimated that 11,000 children all under the age of 5 will lose their lives to hunger, the students at Lakeside High school found a way to help. Sydney Wakan is in her junior year, after being approached with the idea of the 30 hour famine she

was intrigued. Sydney began her crusade to encourage others to step up and participate.

"We take things for granted more than we should" explained Wakan. "Especially food, we really don't know how much other people go through, we eat everyday like nothing, and other barely eat in a day and even skip some days."

According to the world vision site, "A child dies from hunger-related causes every 8 to 12 seconds. And hunger is only one threat facing kids. In all, more than 22,000 die every day — almost all of them from simple causes with

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First Battle on the Trail yields big donations and victories for all Lakeside teams



Lakeside post Ruth Haynes goes up against a Kootenai player to block a shot and catch the rebound during the first ever Battle on the Trail, a charity tournament held between the Lakeside and Kootenai JV and Varsity teams on January 21, 2012.

Story & photos by J.L. Fletcher

Lakeside High School hosted the first (and hopefully not last) Battle on the Trail, an all-encompassing spirit and sportsmanship competition between the students of Plummer and Kootenai on January 21, 2012. Lakeside Senior Michelle Whaley was the chairperson of the event and used this to complete the requirements of her senior project. Michelle has always found herself in leadership roles, attending the Leadership Camp held annually at Washington State University and being a youth leader for the Tribe's Rock'n the Rez program and wanted to do something to reflect those experiences.

"I thought if I could use those skills I've learned and put an event together like this then it has all been worth it," she said.

The event was suggested last year by the LHS Associated Student Body government but never came to realization; as last year's secretary, Michelle wanted to pull it together this year as a chance to bring the two small schools together.

"I wanted to be able to show that we can do big things like this even though we are small schools," she said. "If our school can do it, so can others."

The main events of the Battle on the Trail were 4 back-to-back basketball games between the schools' JV and Varsity teams. Both the boys and girls took to the court and put in there all. Lakeside came out on top of all four games.

But the games weren't the only focus of the event. The Battle on the Trail wasn't just about basketball,

it was a competition between the two schools in various categories: school spirit, sportsmanship and charity. Each school was awarded points during various times of the competition including the lip synching competition, a cheer battle, the inclusion of their overall themes and a charity portion.

The Kootenai Warriors held a canned food drive for their charity points while Lakeside raised money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. When the points were tallied, Lakeside won by just 25 at 855 points total; they were also able to raise \$398.00 for the Foundation, mostly through smaller events held in the 10 days prior to the Battle.

Michelle admits that kids are her soft spot and the Make-A-Wish Foundation seemed like the perfect charity; stating that if they did something it needed to be something everyone could all get into because, as she said "the kids are the future."

The school spirit displayed during the games was an exciting moment for not only Michelle, who also played in the games, but the entire school whose crowds have dwindled over the years at sporting events. The excitement was palpable as the crowds jumped and their cheers echoed off the walls, making casual conversation difficult without yelling.

"The excitement from the crowd motivated me," she commented. "Having the whole place cheer us on was great!"

Although no plans have been made as of yet, Michelle hopes that the school spirit the Battle evoked and the charitable contribution made will encourage other students to continue on after her graduation this June.

"I hope it will continue because I can't wait to see how it will turn out!"



The Lakeside student cheer section gets into the spirit during a time-out during the Girls JV game.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Gerald Ignace, has been appointed Personal Representative for the Estate of Raymond J. Ignace by the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Court of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation, Plummer, Idaho.

All creditors having claims against the deceased, Raymond J. Ignace, 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 January 30, 2012.

The Personal Representative may be served by mailing copies of the claims to him at:

Gerald Ignace 15825 Pomona Rd Brookfield, Wis. 53005
Copies of the claims may be filed with the court by mailing copies to:

Clerk of the Court Coeur d'Alene Justice Center 29 Route 22 Plummer, ID. 83851
Date of Posting: January 19, 2012

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Charlene M. Matheson has been appointed Personal Representative for the Estate of Pauline E. Camille by the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Court of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation, Plummer, Idaho.

All creditors having claims against the deceased, Pauline E. Camille, 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 December 30, 2011

The Personal Representative may be served by mailing copies of the claims to her at:

Charlene M. Matheson - 6322 Agnes Rd. N.E. - Tacoma, WA 98422
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,

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existing cures: diarrhea, malaria, pneumonia, hunger, and more. That's the real injustice — that the vast majority of these deaths are 100% preventable." Every year thousands of students participate in a 30 hour famine, where they elect to go without good to raise money to go to families in need. With every \$30 raised it will help feed and care for children all around the world, help assist families to rise above extreme poverty.

After being presented with a selection of projects provided by Julie Miller; this one stood out the most. Originally Sydney was going to have an assistant but as

time went on she orchestrated the famine on her own. Initially there were about 40 students who signed up but 19 followed through. Because of sports restrictions not all of the students were able to dedicate the full 30 hours. However, based on an honor system all 19 students were believed to have finished.

Sydney hopes that more people will continue this project. This will become an annual event, and more students and donations will continue to help fight against world hunger. The night was not just filled with grumbling stomachs. Activities were set up to keep their minds off their appetite.

There were different stations set up throughout the evening,

board games, and team building exercises. Before the famine began the Benewah Market donated \$50 worth of groceries to feed the students to prepare for the long night.

This was not only a project that helped those less fortunate, but gave these students a lifelong memory. When asked what stood out the most to them or had the greatest impact student and participant Shay-oo Bonnell-Hall replied, "The video of the children who really had no future because their fight for survival is a never ending reality of them. I wanted to do what little I could for those in need."

Part of the project was community service, so on empty

stomachs and very sleep deprived these young leaders took to the streets and began to clean. Much to their surprise it was a snowy morning, but braved the weather and gave back to a great cause.

After a very long 30 hour project they were rewarded with a warm breakfast from what was left over from the markets donation.

When asked what she would have changed about the 30 hour famine Emma Rykowski replied "Nothing, it was one of my best memories."

The total amount of donations received has not been determined, but this experience will hopefully encourage other young leaders to continue with this much needed battle against world hunger.



Happy Valentine's Day, My love!

Love, The Boss! (hahaha)

~ Editorials ~

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Zumba Committee: thank you for attending fundraiser

We would like to thank everyone who attended the ZUMBA Fundraiser for Tiffany Korver, ZUMBA Instructor. We raised \$543.00 and a round trip airline ticket, donated generously by the Tribal Council. Our next ZUMBA Fundraiser will be February 14, 2012, at the Wellness Center at 11am to 2pm (please bring your appetite!).

We would like to take this time to give special thanks to Vice-Chairman Ernie Stensgar for his prayer and gift he presented to Tiffany from the CDA Tribal Council. As well as, special thanks to both Cheryl Weixel and Councilwoman Paulette Jordan for their inspiring words of encouragement and support.

Also thank you to all the ZUMBA family that helped with set-up,

prepping the food, and managing the entry. A special thank you to Tammy Tomaskin, Colette Currier and our little helpers: Skyler (Asqit) Jordan, LeeAnn Fanning, Taylor Currier, Devon Tomaskin, Freeman Matheson.

We thank the ZUMBA FAMILY for all the food donations, we thank the Wellness Center Staff for allowing us to use the building for our event.

We especially thank all those whom donated items for the drawing: Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council, Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel, Benewah Market, Brickwall Spa & Espresso, Tiffany Korver, Julie SiJohn, Tim Williams, Jeff & Cindy Jordan.

Again, thank you all for the support

for this special young lady who continues to encourage us to live a better and healthy life through her passion and tremendous energy to dance!!

Sincerely,
ZUMBA Committee
Becky Brown
Camille Wynecoop
Hazel Henry
Cindy Jordan

Spotted Blanket: thank you for helping us get to see son

Hello Everyone, I have a son Hname Silas Moses who lives down in the Yakima valley. A few weeks ago he had kidney failure. We were able to go spend a few days at the hospital with him.

Silas was diagnosed with Lupus. My family and his mom's family will be going to Seattle in a few weeks to see if I match up with him so I can give him one of my kidneys so it will make him better; I hope and pray.

I am writing this to thank a few people what made it possible for my family to be there with him. Eileen Matt Social Services, Henrietta Brown and Philomena Nomee Enrollment, Millhorn Farms & Calvin Nomee, and my sister Aliene Torpey, thank you all for helping me be there for a few [days] for my son Silas. This is a life changing situation for my family.

*Thank you all very much,
Willard Spotted Blanket and
family.*

Miller family: deep felt gratitude

On behalf of Chuggy Joe "Ceejay" Miller's family and companion we would like to give thanks and appreciation to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe for the help that was given to him and our family.

And a special thanks to those who traveled to be with us to help him along his last journey.

Ceejay will be greatly missed and we thank you for helping him along his way.

*On behalf of Chuggy
Joe's Family*

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spiced by the subtle, swinging arrangements of Eddie Sauter, produced what is considered to be some of the most sophisticated jazz of any era.

Bailey and Norvo's home was a regular gathering place for the elite of New York's jazz and show world. During one party the famous Benny Goodman trio was born. Goodman and pianist Teddy Wilson, aided by a guest who was an amateur drummer, spontaneously began playing together. Within months, on July 13, 1935, the first Goodman trio recording surfaced with Gene Krupa on drums. This group, with the later addition of Lionel Hampton on vibraphone, became the nucleus of what was probably the first integrated band to appear in public.

Bailey first recorded the famous song "Rockin' Chair" in 1932 with a Whiteman splinter group led by Matt Malneck and recut it several times thereafter. The song was written for her by Hoagy Carmichael, and Bailey became permanently associated with it as the "Rockin' Chair Lady." Bailey, with her light, airy voice, was a study in contrasts. Extremely sensitive, Bailey could sometimes explode into temper displays, but her generosity was equally renowned. Friends and audiences enjoyed her ready wit and outgoing, sometimes boisterous manner. Though she never achieved the commercial success she coveted, Bailey was hailed by fellow musicians and singers.

Bailey sought perfection in her performances and expected the same from her accompanists. Toronto trumpeter Paul Grosney, sitting in with a Norvo group in New York in the mid-1940s, received one order from the leader: "Don't step on her lyrics!" Bailey was confident of her ability, but retained a modesty that bordered on self-doubt. She had listened early and often to the great jazz and blues singers who preceded her, especially Bessie Smith. Their styles were vastly different, however: Bessie's was raucous and mesmerizing, while Bailey's was understated and captivating. Smith's only appearance on New York City's 52nd Street, at the Famous Door in February of

1936, caused a sensation and was attended by Bailey. After the "Empress of the Blues" sang, Bailey refused to follow her.

Commenting on Bailey's style, critic Nat Hentoff wrote in the Progressive, "Mildred Bailey may have been the first white female singer to understand what black singers and horns were about and to apply that knowledge to her own work without trying to mimic black ways of music.... That is, she used her natural, white, rather small voice.... But what she did with time, with the inner dynamics of phrasing, and with her clear, deep feeling for the stories she sang made her work unfailingly absorbing."

Surprisingly, Bailey's style and basic sound changed little from her earliest to her latest recordings, except for the added self-confidence and sophistication that came with experience. Her radio program of 1944 to 1945 was followed by several years of irregular appearances--often labeled "comebacks"--in clubs and recording studios. When she died in 1951, Bailey left a legacy of recordings for contemporary and succeeding singers. Among those who heard and understood Bailey's message were Irene Daye, Helen Humes, Ella Fitzgerald, Helen Forrest, Peggy Lee, and Kay Starr.

In 1962 John Hammond and Frank Driggs produced a memorial set of Bailey's Columbia recordings spanning from 1929 to 1946; complete with an informative booklet, the collection was re-released in 1981. This and other albums attest to Bailey's vocal strengths and help explain why jazz historian and critic Stanley Dance, writing in his World of Swing, called Bailey "one of the greatest jazz singers, a legend in her own time, and a witty woman of taste, temperament, and keen appetites." Bailey's important place in jazz history was recognized in 1994 when, along with other jazz and blues greats, she was featured on her own U.S. Postal Service stamp.

Efforts have begun to have Bailey inducted into the Jazz Hall of Fame by Nez Perce Tribal member Julia Keefe, who revives Mildred's music in special performances. More on her and her efforts in next month's issue.

Memorial Dinner



& Giveaway

LEILA MARTIN-DANIELS
(August 02, 1955 - February 02, 2011)

When: Saturday February 11, 2012

Time: Headstone Setting @ 10:00am (St. Michaels Cemetery)

Dinner & Giveaway to follow

Where: Worley Longhouse

For additional information please contact: Mona Daniels 208-659-7583(cell), mona.dee85@gmail.com(E-mail)

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programs offered and successfully implemented by the Kroc Center. We are proud to be a major donor to the Kroc Center, just as we are proud to be major sponsors of Gonzaga University. Our tribe's deepest roots to modern education are tied to Catholicism through the Jesuits and Gonzaga University. Again, Mr. Carlson either is oblivious or chooses to ignore the direct and unquestionable connection that a donation to Gonzaga University through their athletic program still directly benefits the entire university.

I am still puzzled that Carlson singled out Coaches v. Cancer as not worthy of constituting education. Like most of you reading this, we have lost far too many of our family members to cancer. It is an evil disease that doesn't care about what ethnicity you are, what gender you may be or how much money you have. We are proud to be the title sponsor of Coaches v. Cancer. The millions of dollars raised by this event allow the American Cancer Society to provide much needed research grants to local universities racing to find a cure to this horrible disease. If that doesn't support

education, I don't know what does.

Because we believe in educating the whole person - mind, body and spirit - a good portion of our donations goes to support scholarships, professional-technical education, colleges and universities, and other educational projects and programs in the region other than traditional school districts. That being said, we are proud to report that out of the \$17.5 million dollars distributed to date, the significant majority of those funds have gone directly to school districts in the region. Most of these school districts greatly appreciate the financial support we give and respect the Tribe's decision where to invest the education dollars.

Mr. Carlson may not approve of gaming in any form. Mr. Carlson may disapprove of the Compact negotiated by a Governor and business partner he has worked with for nearly a quarter of a century. Hopefully, he is not advocating that the State of Idaho disavow or dishonor agreements voluntarily entered into, in good faith, with tribal governments in Idaho. We have seen too much of that unfortunate behavior in the past and it should not happen again.

People often fear the unknown. That fear can lead to hatred and anger, and I thought we, as a community, had moved beyond that. My experience has also shown that once the lies, the myths and the half-truths are laid to rest, those same folks tend to sing a different tune.

I invite Mr. Carlson to visit our community, and see what we are about. I also invite Mr. Carlson to join me when we deliver an unexpected check to a school or an organization in dire financial need and be there to see the smiles and tears of true appreciation. That is why we do this. Ask around a little Chris, soon enough you will get it too.

Until that time though—I wish everyone a happy new year filled with quality family time, friendship and progress.

Let's hope that in twelve more years from now, we will be able to reflect back on sentiments, such as Chris Carlson's, and say that some of this kind of ignorance and rhetoric simply doesn't exist anymore.

Warm regards,

Chief Allan

Be aware of glaucoma, affects many

As you and your loved ones watch the dawning of 2012, everyone is hopeful of what the New Year will bring—reunions, graduations, marriages, and other fun family occasions. January was Glaucoma Awareness Month. Make seeing your best a part of your new beginning by doing what you can to make sure your eyes are healthy. If you are American age 40 or older, have diabetes, or have a family history of glaucoma, put learning more about this disease on your resolution list for the New Year.

Glaucoma is a group of diseases that can damage the optic nerve of the eye and result in vision loss and blindness. Primary open-angle glaucoma is the most common form. In this condition, fluid builds up in the front chamber of the eye, and the optic nerve is damaged by the resulting increase in eye pressure.

“Glaucoma affects more than 2 million people nationwide and is a leading cause of vision loss and blindness in African Americans, American Indians/Alaska Natives, Hispanics/Latinos. In fact, African Americans are at risk of developing it at an earlier age. Glaucoma has no early warning signs or symptoms, and most people don’t know this,” said Dr. James Tsai, chair of the Glaucoma Subcommittee for the National Eye Institute (NEI) National Eye Health Education Program. “It’s very important that people don’t wait until they notice a problem with their vision to have an eye exam.”

There is no pain associated with glaucoma. As the disease progresses, a person may

eventually notice his or her side vision decreasing. If the disease is left untreated, the field of vision narrows and vision loss may result. “Most studies show that at least half of all persons with glaucoma don’t know they have this potentially blinding disease,” said Dr. Paul Sieving, director of NEI, National Institutes of Health. “Glaucoma can be detected through a comprehensive dilated eye exam. NEI encourages all people at higher risk of glaucoma—African Americans age 40 and older; everyone age 60, especially Mexican Americans; and those with a family history—to get a dilated eye exam every one to two years, because early detection and treatment may save your sight.”

A comprehensive dilated eye exam is a painless procedure. Drops are placed in your eyes to dilate, or widen, the pupils. This allows your eye care professional to see inside your eye and examine the optic nerve for signs of glaucoma and other vision problems.

If you have Medicare, are African American age 50 or older, and have diabetes or a family history of glaucoma, you may be eligible for a low-cost, comprehensive dilated eye exam through the glaucoma benefit. Call 1-800-MEDICARE or visit www.medicare.gov for more information. To find out about other possible financial assistance for eye care, visit www.nei.nih.gov/health/financialaid.asp.

It’s a New Year, so make sure you and your family start it off right. Keep vision in your future. For more information about glaucoma, visit www.nei.nih.gov/glaucoma or call NEI at 301-496-5248.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pamela Balbas has been appointed personal representative for the estate of George Joe by the Coeur d’Alene Tribal Court of the Coeur d’Alene Indian reservation in Plummer, Idaho.

All creditors having claims against the deceased are to such claims upon the Representative and file them with the Clerk of the Tribal court within two months of the date of this first publication of January 31, 2012.

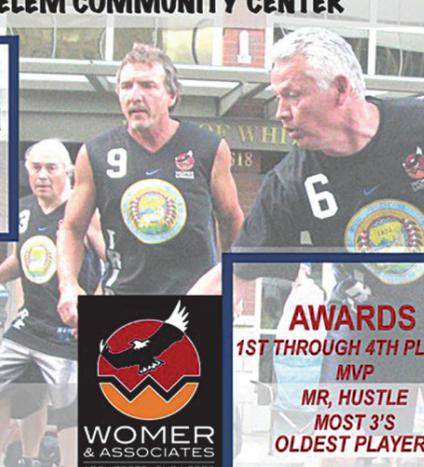
The personal representative can be served by mailing copies of claims to her at:

Pamela Balbas – 206 S. Sunset Dr. – Post Falls, Idaho – 83854.
Copy of the claims may be filed at the court by mailing to:
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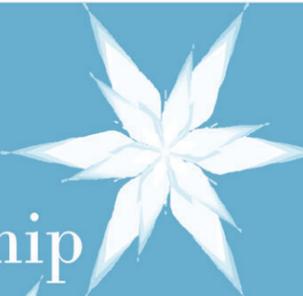
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2012 Annual Membership Outreach Reception

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

From 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Mandalay Bay, Mix Lounge (on the rooftop)

Please join us the Native American Contractors Association (NACA) as we celebrate our 3rd Annual Membership Outreach Reception, held during RES2012 – the Reservation Economic Summit & American Indian Business Trade Fair. We are excited to see all of our NACA members and look forward to meeting Native business leaders from across the Nation.

Attendees will meet the NACA staff and Board of Directors and learn more about our organization, government contracting and Native 8(a). There will be over 200 Indian Country business leaders from various Tribes, Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs) and Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs).

Feel free to forward this to all Tribes, ANCs and NHOs interested in attending our spectacular event. Please RSVP to NACA’s Administrative Assistant, Erica at erica@nativecontractors.org.



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~ Cradleboard News ~

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Aaliyah Gladys Jean Jordan born to Sarah LaSarte and Carl Jordan on December 29, 2011 at Deaconess Hospital Spokane, Washington, weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces and was twenty inches in length, joins siblings; Carl Jordan II 19, Eric Jordan 15, Xavier LaSarte 11, and Avery "Gus" Jordan 5, maternal grandparents; Ramona (Fry) LaSarte and Victor LaSarte of Spokane, Washington, maternal great-grandparents; the late Gladys (Bonamache) LaSarte and David Luke LaSarte, paternal grandparents; Jeane (Himes) Jordan of Spokane, Washington and the late L.C. Jordan, Aaliyah is welcomed by her huge loving extended family. The family resides in Spokane, Washington.



Rowdy David Long was born on November 4, 2011 at Littleton Hospital in Littleton, Colorado to Kristi Daniels (Coeur d'Alene) and Adrian Long (Navajo) of Highlands Ranch, Colorado. At birth Rowdy was 5lb 6oz.

His Maternal grandparents are Dave Daniels of Spokane Washington. Delrene Daniels of Bonners Ferry, Idaho. Paternal grandparents are Herb and Jean Long of Rock Springs, New Mexico.

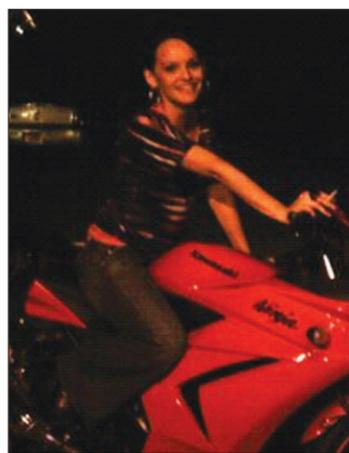
Rowdy joins Big Brother Travis and Big sisters Maddison and Olivia. She is also welcomed by Uncle TJ, Aunt Shawna and cousins Taidyn and Spencer.



Lakiyah Nicole Wolfe was born to proud parents Kirsten Carden and Edward Wolfe III of Omak, Washington. Lakiyah was born November 27, 2011 at Mid Valley Hospital Omak, Washington, weighed 9 pounds 4 ounces 21 inches in length. Siblings; Zaedyn Wolfe age 1 of Omak, Washington, maternal grandparents; Daniel Brudevold Jr. of Omak, Darla Carden of Nespelem, Washington, maternal great-grandparents; The late Matilda Seymour and Russell Carden, Hazel Sorimpt, and Daniel Brudevold, paternal grandparents; Edward Wolfe Jr, Coulee Dam, Washington, Stefanie and Lance Lelone of Nespelem, Washington, paternal great-grandparents; Enid Wippel of Nespelem, Washington, Deb Louie, Edward Wolfe Sr. of Worley, Idaho, Lynn Lowley of Plummer, Idaho, paternal great-great grandparents; Irene Lowley of Worley, Idaho and Pearl Perry of Worley, Idaho, God parents; Sevren Carden and Shawnae Carden of Omak, Washington.

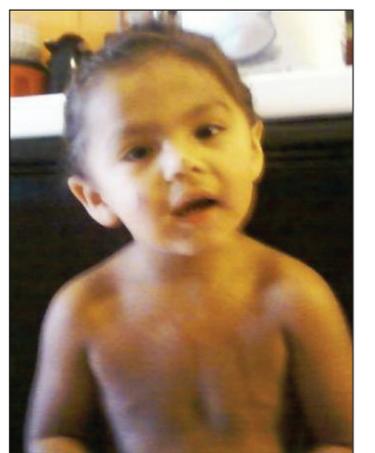


Sy Liam Brode Montague was welcomed to the world by his big brother Stockton R.L. Montague and parents Lincoln and Tribal employee Misti Montague on July 2, 2011. At birth Sy weighed 8 pounds and 1 ounce and was 20.5 inches in length. His maternal grandparents are Joseph B. Johnston and Delores M. Johnston of Plummer, Idaho; his paternal grandparents are Daniel Montague of Worley and the late Susan Montague. Stockton's paternal great-grandparents are Ted and Pat Clark of Boise, Idaho. Sy joins his family at their residence on Cave Bay near Worley, Idaho.



Happy 21st Birthday Corky...again!!! We love you!!!!

Love, The Louie Fam!! (Jack, Les and their Tribe)



Happy belated 3rd Birthday Furyus Louie!! We love you!!!!

Mom, Dad, Charlie, Jaz, Taylor, Jay, Isaiah, Francis & Champs

MI. Piper (instructor, one of many), Kusem Simpson and Skyler (Asqit) Jordan, 2011 Karate Belt Graduation Bing Crosby Theater, Spokane WA.

Skyler (Asqit) Jordan and Kusem Simpson have been taken karate lessons for the past year and half. Since they have been in the karate class they have grown and instill the values of respect, trust, responsibility within themselves. We thank the "Warhorse Karate-Jiu Jitsu" staff for reiterating the values that we as grandparents want to instill in our grandchildren and reinforcing social values from their perspective.

We are proud of our grandchildren as they have advanced again to the next belt level and continue to grow within themselves and the program. "You Rock", Asqit and Kusem!

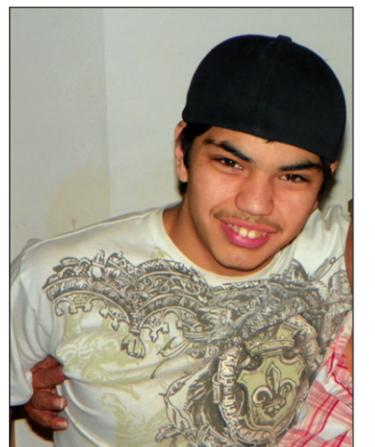
An acknowledgement practice within the karate program stated with a double hand clap, pointing and the statement of you rock directed at those to acknowledge actions worth noting.

**With Love
Jeff & Cindy Jordan, Proud Grandparents**



Happy Birthday to our little Zumba Queen, Kamryn!

Love, Mom, Dad, Liam, and Loudon.



We want to wish our son, Leroy Arroyo a VERY Happy Birthday!!

Love Always, Mom, Dad, Sisters, Brothers, Grandma, and Grandpa