



NFL players descend on rez for charity tournament

By Jack McNeel
Courtesy Indian Country Today Media

Michael Roos, offensive tackle for the Tennessee Titans, established his own foundation in 2006 “to offer encouragement, comfort and support to children during profound emotional, physical, or mental distress.” This past June 8, for the third year in a row, Roos came to northern Idaho and Coeur d’Alene Lake, along with many of his NFL friends, to benefit Boys and Girls Clubs throughout the Inland Northwest.

The event is termed the “Fish and Chip Tournament,” referring to the 3-day event involving both fishing and golf, both of which take place at the Coeur d’Alene Casino Resort and Circling Raven golf club, plus fishing in tribal waters on Coeur d’Alene Lake.

The Casino Resort is a host sponsor, along with Cabela’s, the Odom Corporation, and the Panhandle Bass Angler’s Association as primary sponsors.

Roos has ties to this area, having played college ball at nearby Eastern Washington University. He’s originally from Estonia, part of the former Soviet Union, but moved to Vancouver, Washington in 1992.

Asked why he put on these events, Roos replied, “We try to help out the charities, the Boys and Girls Club this year, and help them

in the way they help everyone else, and support them. It’s a fun time to get all these guys to come fishing and golfing and it’s a beautiful area. This is the third year I’ve done this.”

He also spoke highly of the tribe and its facilities. “The casino and the tribe has been tremendous – all their support and involvement. They’re very nice, generous people, and have been very good to us. I love working with them. Hopefully we can keep it going.”

Cameron Foster, board member for the Foundation echoed those comments. “The Coeur d’Alene Casino Resort really embraced the event and were behind it 100%. They got their entire staff involved. They attended the events. They gave entries to the general public from contests in their casino. They jumped in with both feet.”

32 celebrities attended, including 26 active players. The Tennessee Titans and Seattle Seahawks had the largest number with another five or six teams represented.

A blessing was conducted by tribal elder Cliff SiJohn before the golf tourney commenced. SiJohn speaks eloquently and added a bit of humor to the blessing, one time interjecting, “Hear me my chiefs – and I don’t mean Kansas City either.” And then in giving thanks he gave special thanks to Dick Butkus, Hall of Fame linebacker, “for all the money he’s left at the casino.”

It is that sort of event. People come to have fun while supporting a very worthwhile cause.

During both the golf tournament and the bass fishing, NFL players were paired up with tribal members and supporting members. James Samuels, Sr., Coeur d’Alene tribal member, was looking forward to his round of golf with Dick Butkus. “It’s a great honor to be part of this function,” Samuels said. “I’ve seen a bunch of popular faces and I’m looking forward to the fishing tournament as well as the golf tournament.” Samuels also brought his own son to be part of the team playing with Butkus.

John Moffitt plays right guard for the Seattle Seahawks. “I came to support the Michael Roos Foundation. A lot of my friends on the Seahawks were coming. We have a lot of fans in Idaho. We went to the Cabela’s signing (autographs) last night and it was fun to meet the people.”

Levi Horn probably felt right at home on the Coeur d’Alene Reservation. Levi spent the last two years for the Chicago Bears but he’ll be playing right tackle for the Minnesota Vikings this coming season. He is Northern Cheyenne from Lame Deer, Montana and graduated from college at the University of Montana. “I’m glad to help the Michael Roos Foundation and the great charities

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Local team wins medal at Thorpe games



Team members Chance Williams-Colville, Kieth Matt-Colville, Anthony Smith-Colville, Eugene Lasarte-Colville, Jackson Louie-Colville, Bryce Ju-neau-Tulalip, Sonny Martin-Red Lake, Jason Holt-Spokane, Ishtay Gallegos-Soux, George Peone-CDA, Qwana Matheson-CDA, Anntoine Holmes-Kalsipel, are shown with their medals and chaperones after their win at the Jim Thorpe Games.

By Jennifer L. Fletcher

The Jim Thorpe Native American Games were an exciting week of athletic competition in Oklahoma City June 10th through the 17th. Athletes representing Indian Nations, bands and tribes from across the United States and Canada gathered to share their talents in the spirit of the “World’s Greatest Athlete” and Native American Legend...Jim Thorpe.

No athlete has ever excelled over the entire spectrum of sports like Jim Thorpe. He climbed to the top of the ladder in the Olympic Games, College Football, Major League Baseball and Professional Football.

It is in this spirit that a young basketball team made up of some local youth overcame numerous obstacles and were able to travel to

Oklahoma City to participate in the games under the tenacity of Vincent Adolph – a man whose mission is to give Native American youth a chance to venture away from the negative temptations life my offer and engage in positive activities.

Adolph is the head of the Northwest Reservation Sports organization which travels in the Pacific Northwest to tournaments and encourage youth from all over to develop of love for game and participate in physical activities. His goal is to help youth preserve their culture and promote academics through sports.

The organization has travelled throughout the area recruiting youth to their team in order to participate in the Jim Thorpe Games. They originally had a local team who wanted to play in the games, but had trouble raising money for the entry fee and individual costs; so they ventured outward looking for help from other reservation communities.

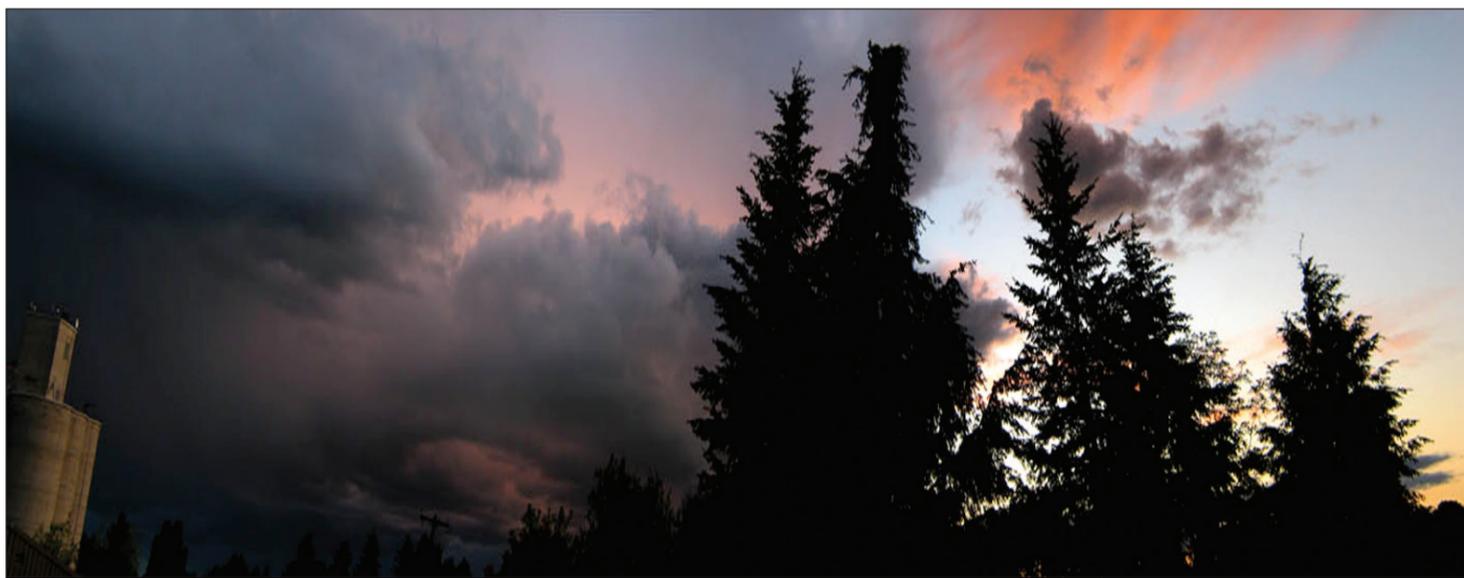
They asked the Colville Tribe for help – and succeeded in getting a donation of vehicles and gas money to make it to Oklahoma. They even had a volunteer driver whose son Raven was also participating in the games and ended up with a gold medal for his efforts.

Even with monetary issues hanging over their heads, the team prevailed and were able to gather the funds necessary to make it to the games. It took them two days in a van to reach Oklahoma City – but make it they did; and upon their arrival they were able to watch the parade held in honor of the games.

Once there the team had other obstacles to overcome – emotional

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Stunning stormy skies entertain while locals wait for summer to take hold



While our local cool and wet spring weather has offered little in the way of relief from the drag of the winter months, it has given us spectacular stormy skies to enjoy - such as this taken two weeks ago when it gave us mostly clear skies to the north while another storm system moved in from the south during sunset.

Photo by Jennifer L. Fletcher

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~ Tribal Council Business ~

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62(12) Executive Operations approval of and authority to file joint stipulation of settlement in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia to settle breach of trust claims against the United States; 6 for 0 against.

64(12) Approved CDACasino limited waiver of sovereign immunity in lease agreement with Agricredit Acceptance, LLC; 5 for 0 against.

90(12) Approved Natural Resources department Forestry program 2012 John Point Equip TSI project; 5 for 0 against.

91(12) Approved Natural Resources department Fisheries

program Bonneville Power Administration Hangman Creek Fisheries Restoration funding request FY 2011-2012 \$300,000; 5 for 0 against.

92(12) Approved Natural Resources department Fisheries program Bonneville Power Administration Coeur D'Alene Subbasin Fisheries Restoration funding request FY 2012-2012 \$1,549,288; 5 for 0 against.

93(12) Approved Executive Operations Certification of General Tribal Council Election May 5, 2012; 6 for 0 against.

94(12) Approved Executive Operations certification of Tribal Council Officers 2012; 6 for 0 against.

95(12) Approved Executive Operations signature authorization; 6 for 0 against.

96(12) Approved Natural Resource department forestry program Revocable Road Use Permit #2012-001; 5 for 0 against 1 out.

97(12) Approved Natural Resource department Forestry program Revocable Road Use Permit #2012-002; 6 for 0 against.

98(12) Approved Natural Resource department Land Services Agricultural Lease on allotment 60; 6 for 0 against.

99(12) Approved Lake Management department approve Memorandum of agreement (MOA) with U.S. Dept. of Interior, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and the State of Idaho; 6 for 0 against.

100(12) Approved Public Works department Planning department Tekoa Airport Expansion; 6 for 0 against.

101(12) Approved Public Works department Planning Division AMWACO Road Right-of-Way Vacation; 6 for 0 against.

102(12) Approved Public Works department Planning Division Indian Reservation Roads program BIA Programmatic agreement; 6 for 0 against.

103(12) Approved Public Works department Moctelme Shepar. and Byrnes roads grant of Right-of-Way Easement; 6 for 0 against.

104(12) UNAVAILABLE

105(12) Executive Operations Per Capita May 2012; 6 for 0 against.

106(12) Approved Natural Resource department Environmental

programs office approve PPG with EPA for #330,000; 4 for 0 against.

107(12) Approved Natural Resource department Land Services- Home-site Lease Natasha Goddard; 4 for 0 against 1 abstain.

108(12) Approved Natural Resource department Forestry program Grassy Mtn./Evans Cr Gate proposal; 5 for 0 against.

109(12) Approved Natural Resource department Environmental programs office approve contract with Ourevolution for \$74,430; 5 for 0 against.

110(12) Approved Tribal Tax Commission Firework lease on allotment T-1004 Sam Lozeau; 5 for 0 against.

111(12) Approved Tribal Tax Commission Firework lease on allotment T-1004 Kathleen Payne; 5 for 0 against.

112(12) Approved Tribal Tax Commission Firework lease on allotment T-1004 for Cheryl Mokry; 5 for 0 against.

113(12) Approved CDA Early Childhood Learning Center Early Head Start/Head Start program DHHS 3 year grant for \$1,095,276; 5 for 0

against.

114(12) Approved Social Service department TANF grant renewal application total annual budget \$161,719; 5 for 0 against.

115(12) Approved Social Services department TANF Maintenance of Effort contract with the State of Idaho total annual budget \$65,800; 5 for 0 against.

116(12) Approved Tribal Court Tribal Supreme Court and Judges Pro Tem; 5 for 0 against.

117(12) Approved Executive Operations approval of contract with Idaho Legal Aid Services for Civil Attorney services; 5 for 0 against.

118(12) Approved CDA Tribe request fee to Trust U.S. Department of The Interior Bureau of Indians Affairs Mahoney property; 6 for 0 against.

119(12) Approved Executive Operations Worley Fire Protection District Fire Protection MOU; 6 for 0 against.

120(12) Approved Lake Management Dept. annual lease approval of Tribal Beds and Banks for calendar year 2012; 5 for 0 against 1 out.

Coeur d'Alene Tribe Council Fires



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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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and tired from the journey and competitions, the team had periodic moments of exhaustion resulting in breakdowns on and off the court. But they didn't let that stop them from prevailing and winning all four of their qualifying games to make it to the championship round – although the wins didn't come easy with them trailing in every game leading into the half – it prepared them for what they would face in the final.

They took a break from the intense pressure of competition to enjoy others facing the same – with the tenacity of the adults who joined them for the experience –

the entire team was able to head to the Chesapeake Energy Arena and watch the first game of the NBA finals between the OKC Thunder and Miami Heat; a once in a lifetime experience.

Late Friday morning – a day after the original championship game was scheduled – the tip off began the fight for the gold. It was a hard fought battle, straight out of a movie, where the team struggled with the physical demands of the game and the emotional turmoil of a potential loss.

With two minutes left in the fourth quarter the team was down by 8 points – spirits falling with foul problems and the inevitable toll the game was taking on their

bodies. Adolph pulled the boys in for a moment – he didn't have a pep talk prepared for them, instead he simply told them that they came there to win and that's what should be done.

They played hard with lots of heart and were tied with 10 seconds left – the buzzer sounded with no other points on the board and the team was sent into overtime.

More foul problems saw two of their players benched before OT ran out – and once again the team was down with only 40 seconds left to play. They made their move and tied the game up – the buzzer sounded again and they boys faced double overtime.

Thirsty for the win and eager for

the games to be over so they could head home, the players honed in on what their coach said; Light a fire, start something – the heart of the champion does not quit!

They persevered – Q'wna Matheson made a crucial assist – and the team emerged victorious in spite of the struggle it took them to make it there. They were gold medal champions against the local team who desperately wanted to keep the Jim Thorpe trophy in Oklahoma City.

They rode the high of their win all the way back home – bringing with them a sense of pride and accomplishment – not to mention boosted self-esteem that winning inevitably creates.

Monthly deadlines for Council Fires

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

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

Our final deadline is the 20th of every month.

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

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he supports," Levi said. "He does great non-profit work and I hope the Northern Cheyenne (one day) will have a charity event like this for the tribe."

Even though weather conditions didn't cooperate well for either event with abnormally cool temperatures and frequent rains, the turnout was good for both fishing and chipping. Larry Nugate, a member of the Panhandle Bass Anglers, has donated his time and bass boat for the event each of

the three years. "You take people out to show them a good time on Coeur d'Alene Lake. We'll have fun regardless of whether we catch fish. A lot of people have never been on a bass boat and when they get to come out on a bass boat they love it! It's awesome Michael Ross will come to Coeur d'Alene Lake."

But the real purpose is to raise money for Boys and Girls Clubs. Total profits have not yet been announced but will be significant. "The event grossed \$125, 000," Foster said. "I don't know all our expenses yet."

~ Chairman's Corner ~

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Dear Tribal Membership, Well, what can I say? It's always good news to be able to announce to the Membership that soon a big windfall will be coming their way.

By the time you read this, we will have received our trust settlement monies, and it will be distributed to our Tribal Members.

As leaders, we do the best we can to gather input, and then act in the best interest of our constituents. I appreciate the lively discussion regarding the trust settlement, and know that it will be a benefit for many families struggling during these tough economic times.

This cash was hard-fought

for, and it represents many years of unjust behavior at the hands of the federal government who failed in their honesty, ethics and management of precious resources that we hold dear. Many generations before us sacrificed and experienced a lot of heartache because of these actions. Today our community benefits from the strength and tenacity that never failed even when the chips were down for our ancestors.

When I reflect on the significant changes in my own short lifetime, I am amazed at how much has changed for our community regarding the financial situation of our Tribe.

We are blessed. And once again, as always, it's damn good to be Coeur d'Alene.

As you go out and about, traveling to powwows, visiting friends, enjoying the lake-- remember to be safe and have fun. If only we could just turn up the heat on the weather! Eventually though it will get warm and we will be in good shape. Until then, enjoy the beauties and bounties of the season in some of God's most special places, otherwise known as Coeur d'Alene country.

Best regards,

Chief Allan



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15 WSU Leadership Camp	16	17	18 Law & Order agenda requests are due @ 4pm	19	20 FINAL DEADLINE July'amsh pow wow and encampment	21  July'amsh pow wow and encampment
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~ Community Announcements ~

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The STOP Violence Program would like to hear from the community so that we can better serve victims and their children. We ask everyone to take a short survey so that we can evaluate our Program's effectiveness and plan for the future. Please use the link to enter the survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WMQBQ97>

“Intersection of Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence” Training June 27th has been postponed to a later date.

ATTENTION PLAYERS

Northwest Reservation Sports is looking for youth to play in basketball tournaments!

High School boys and girls for July 12-14 tournament

HS boys and girls and 5th-8th grade boys for July 26-28.

OPEN TRYOUTS JULY 7TH AT NOON

All events to be held at the HUB Warehouse
For more info search northwestreservationsports on Facebook



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Saturday July 21 2012

Late registration is from 8:00-8:25a.m.

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Free Event

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5k- starts at 8:45 a.m. 1-mile-starts at 9:00 a.m. Awards Ceremony – 10:15 a.m.

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cdcasino.com or drop off at Community Health Office

LEGAL NOTICES

David J. Matheson, has been appointed Representative for the Estate of Donald M. Matheson by the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Court of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation, Plummer, Idaho.

All creditors having claims against the deceased, Donald M. Matheson, 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 May 31, 2012.

The Personal Representative may be served by mailing copies of the claims to him/her at: David J. Matheson - 19092 W. Elder Rd. - Worley, Idaho 83876

Copies of the claims may be filed with the court by mailing copies to: Clerk of the Court - Coeur d'Alene Justice Center - 29 Route 22 - Plummer ID 83851. Date of Publishing June 29, 2012

In the tribal court of the Spokane tribe of indians of the Spokane indian reservation of Washington - PO box 225 Wellpinit, WA. 99040 case names: Spokane indian housing authority vs. Sierra Stearns tort & debt: case no.: ut-2012-0002447-cv Spokane Indian Housing Authority to: Sierra Stearns

Notice of hearing: You are given notice that a Civil Complaint has been filed with this court on or about the 18th day of APRIL, 2012.

A hearing will be held on June 27, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. At: Spokane Tribal Court, Spokane Indian Reservation, 6209 Agency Square Loop Rd., P.O. Box 225, Wellpinit, WA. 99040 (509)-258-7717

The Purpose of this hearing is to hear and consider evidence presented by the complaint.

II. SUMMONS TO APPEAR

2.1 You are SUMMONED TO APPEAR at the hearing at the time and place indicated. If you fail to appear a default judgment may be granted on behalf of the complainant.

Dated this 16th day of May, 2012. Lorrie Ellsworth, Executive Director, Spokane Indian Housing Authority

Carol J. Deno, has been appointed Personal Representative for the Estate of Lynn Alvin Deno by the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Court of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation, Plummer, Idaho.

All creditors having claims against the deceased, Lynn Alvin Deno 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 June 29, 2012.

The Personal Representative may be served by mailing copies of the claims to her at: Carol Deno - 44751 S. Hwy 95 - Worley, Idaho 83876.

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

Date of Publication June 29, 2012

Che'nshish Scramble held in September

In the fall of 2009 the Kootenai Tribe donated an amount of \$2,000 to the American Indian Student Alliance (AISA) of North Idaho College with the intent to sponsor the club. In April of 2010, AISA club members decided to start a scholarship with the money received from the tribe. Club president Tim Clark and club member Ryan Carden suggested to create a self-funding scholarship and began brainstorming ideas. The ending result was the Che'nshish Golf Scramble. Ryan Carden had suggested naming the scholarship "given" and with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's permission, the scholarship was named "Che'nshish." The word "che'nshish" is the Coeur d'Alene expression meaning to assist, provide for and to give to others.

Proceeds from the first annual Golf Scramble were \$4,183 and the second scramble, held on September 30, 2011, came to \$7,310.

Che'nshish Golf Scramble: Circling Raven Golf Club - 37914 South Nukwalqw Road - Worley, ID 83876 on Friday, September 28, 2012.

Payment deadline: August 31, 2012. Please return completed form, along with check(s) or credit card information to: Circling Raven

Golf Club - ATTN: Tom Davidson - P.O. Box 236 - Worley, ID 83876.

All proceeds benefit the Che'nshish Scholarship for American Indian Students and descendants of North Idaho College

AISA is also looking for sponsors for the Che'nshish Golf Scramble. Major Sponsor - \$1,000: Benefits include two teams in the tournament (four players), recognition on banner at tournament in the Stensgar Pavilion and Program.

Corporate Sponsor - \$500: Benefits include one team in the tournament (four players), recognition on banner at tournament and program

Hole Sponsor - \$100: Benefits include tee signage, option to buy one team in the tournament (four players) for an additional \$300.

Make this an exciting event by donating something special for the silent auction or raffle!

Contact information: Evanlene Melting Tallow - American Indian Student Alliance Advisor of North Idaho College - 1000 W Garden Ave - Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814; Tel: (208) 769 - 3365 - Fax: (208) 769 - 3292 - E-mail: efmeltingtallow@nic.edu

Proceeds benefit the Che'nshish Scholarship Fund for American Indian Students & descendants attending North Idaho College.

~ Health News ~ snqhesst'ishnet

BMC explains policies that frustrate some patients

By Gary Leva, CEO
Benewah Medical & Wellness Center

Ah, qhest! Last month we thanked all of you who attended our community information and listening sessions. We truly appreciated the feedback and will use several of the suggestions on our path to improving your facility. We also made a commitment to provide a summary of those meetings which is included in another article in this issue of Council Fires. Please keep the input coming by either contacting us directly or through our comment and suggestion boxes located in dental, counseling services hallway, community health and the Wellness Center.

A question that has repeatedly surfaced is the frequency of pharmacy refills. Patients often ask why they cannot have a 60 or 90 day supply of their meds. If a patient has insurance, sometimes the insurance company may not allow more than a 30 day supply even if the patient has been on the same medication for a long period of time. This is one of those instances where we are obligated to comply with the insurance requirements in order for us to be reimbursed for that medication. We certainly are

sensitive to and understand the frustration associated with this situation but it's very important for us to capture the revenue so we can continue to provide the level of services expected at BMWC. If a patient has insurance and doesn't use it at BMWC, it hurts the organization and tribe. Please know you can discuss this with your provider or anyone in the pharmacy should you have further questions.

The Medical Center is open Monday-Friday, 8am - 6pm. There may be some confusion regarding the specific hours for medical and dental patient care. Our last appointment for the day is scheduled at 5:00 pm for both services. This allows time to process patients through our system and gives enough time to access other services such as pharmacy, lab and x-ray prior to closing at 6:00 pm. Urgent care is open 8:30 - 5:00 pm M-F, so if a patient needs to be seen in urgent care we ask that you present yourself prior to 5:00 pm.

In the next couple of months we are making some changes to our no-show policy. You will be informed of those changes and the effective date once the Health Board has had an opportunity to review and approve the policy.

Just a reminder on July 13 we

will have our annual "Block Party" with a variety of health related vendors and activities throughout the day. We invite you to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the day with us. This event will again be located in the corner lawn between BMC and the Wellness Center from 11:00am - 3:00pm. Please remember that dates, times, additional information and other events are posted on our website, www.bmcwc.com/happenings or please feel free to call us at 686-1931.

The new facility continues down the final stretch. We are now only a little over three months toward completion! These next months will be extremely intense both internally and externally. We are still projecting an October grand opening with more specifics by August 1. We continue to invite you to track the construction progress via the BMC/WC website, www.bmcwc.com; 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. The cameras will permanently remain after the building completion.

Best wishes to everyone for an enjoyable summer!

Health Board plans to apply ideas

On behalf of the Benewah Medical Center Health Board, I would like to thank the community members who attended the Community Meetings hosted by BMC/Wellness Center. The meetings were held on May 17th Evan Abraham Long House, May 30th Rose Creek Long House and May 31st at the Wellness Center.

BMC/Wellness Center provided the ground work necessary for productive meetings:

Location (DeSmet, Worley and Plummer), Open to staff - Health Board Member attendance - Food.

All three meetings were started off with a prayer and dinner. After dinner, our CEO, Gary Leva gave a slideshow presentation of current BMC expansion currently in progress.

The meeting was then turned over to LoVina Louie and Laura Laumatia (Worley meeting only) who received training from the Native Wellness institute on how to effectively involve inform and gather information from community as a whole. The Health Board was introduced to this type of meeting format a year ago

and received some very positive results and decided to implement this process as part of our annual strategic planning for BMC/Wellness Center. It is a great tool and on behalf of the Health Board we would highly recommend it to other Tribal Departments.

The information that we received from the three meetings will all be organized, documented and internally processed by BMC/Wellness Center staff and brought back to the Health Board with a plan to include in this upcoming years strategic plan to better meet the needs of our community.

On behalf of the Health Board I would also like to thank the staff from BMC/Wellness Center for a job well done. I also want to thank Drs. Gonzalez and Aragundi for their interest and attendance at one of the meetings as well.

Thank you, for providing us with your input, concerns and questions.

Matthew W. Stensgar,
Chairperson
Coeur d'Alene Tribal Health Board

Diabetes not something to ignore

By Wilma Bob

Diabetes often goes undiagnosed because many of its symptoms seem so harmless. Recent studies indicate that the early detection of diabetes symptoms and treatment can decrease the chance of developing the complications of diabetes.

Type 1 Diabetes can cause: Frequent urination, Unusual thirst, Extreme hunger, Unusual weight loss, Extreme fatigue and Irritability

Type 2 Diabetes can cause: Any

of the type 1 symptoms in addition to Frequent infections, Blurred vision, Cuts/bruises that are slow to heal, Tingling/numbness in the hands/feet, Recurring skin, gum, or bladder infections

Often people with type 2 diabetes have no symptoms.

If you've recently been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, enroll in the FREE Living With Type 2 Diabetes program to get more information and support.

Diabetes is a disability if it causes barriers to employment, getting or keeping a job.

REMEMBER
WHEN THE KIDS FIRST GOT ME ?

I'd fly through the air, they'd bounce me all the way from the house to the school, I would hear their shouts of joy as they played with the other kids. Sometimes we would all play together at the courts!! I miss that... Heck, Dad, all I need is a little air for 60 minutes of play each day. Please ?? I heard basketball is BIG in Indian Country.

P.S. Get ideas. Get involved. Get going at letsmove.gov/indiancountry.

Ad Council, USDA, LET'S MOVE! INDIAN COUNTRY

**Benewah Medical Center
Community Health Block Party**

Making Healthy Tracks
JULY 13, 2012
FRIDAY
11:00 am to 3:00 pm
COMMUNITY HEALTH PARK

Follow the Tracks to Healthy Snacks, Information and More!

Bring **"YOUR OWN"** picnic lunch
Healthy snacks will be provided

- Teddy Bear & Doll First Aid Station
- Native American Drumming
- Washington State University Live Bird Show

Come Enjoy Music and Friends
Drawing for prizes will begin at 2:30pm

~Casino Corner~

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Red Tail Grill opens with new look and new menu



Off Hours Chat. Designer and Contractor Pat Jepson (left) talks over the Red Tail Bar and Grill amenities with Zeke Domebo and Diana Henry during a quiet moment and slightly before lunchtime opening this week. A few touch ups are still underway. Photo by Bob Bostwick

By Dustin Brouse
Area Food & Beverage Manager

The new Red Tail Bar and Grill opened on Friday June 15th. The walls were down and the doors were open for guests to view and enjoy the newest addition to the Coeur d'Alene Casino's beauty.

This could never have been accomplished without the unselfish assistance from all departments at the Coeur d'Alene Casino, and an eager construction crew.

The Red Tail cranked out \$3,400 dollars in revenue in the first seven hours it was open, with sales of

food and beverages equaling each other. The Red Tail staff, eager to return to their nest, worked a very long and productive day to make the 5 p.m. opening time and provide a "Welcome Home" level of hospitality to the guests who visited.

The Red Tail is still getting a variety of finishing touches, which adds to its majestic feel. The side room is still be constructed and if it's anything like the rest of Red Tail, our guests are in for a treat. Once again, thank you all who pitched in during the final innings of this opening process, we

couldn't of done it without you.

This weekend we will extend the Red Tail into the Skycatcher area of the casino, from west of the soon to be new grand entry to the entrance of the Red Tail itself. There will be live music on Friday night with a tribute to the Beatles. On Saturday, our Music, Micros & BBQ returns back to its home venue with great beer from Ninkasi Brewing Company and local entertainment from Sandpoint's very own Shook Twins.

Food and drinks for that event start at 5 p.m. Friday with music kicking off at 8:00.

Exceptional employees honored with RAD award

The latest of our monthly Random Acts of Distinction Award recognitions was held in the employee lounge area Friday, June 15th.

The RAD award winners received their certificate, t-shirt, and any other prizes in the employee lounge for going above and beyond their normal job duties and exemplifying excellent customer service.

May award winners were Tsheena Marquez, Maintenance; Zeke

Domebo, Video Gaming; Lisa Williams, C-Store; Russell Barton, Sweetgrass Café and Mike Lingo, Sweetgrass cook.

There were a good number of honorable mentions.

The RAD awards were discussed, designed and implemented in the spring as executives and managers agreed that so many here have shown exceptional effort toward customer service. In all areas of management, it was believed that

the awards were certainly a morale booster, but beyond that, well-deserved.

It's expected that the awards ceremonies will take place on or about the middle of the month, usually coinciding with the monthly birthday cake presented to all in the Employees Lounge.

T-shirts may be worn by winners while on the job through the month of June. Congratulations to our May winners!

CEO scores high after ESI survey

Employees say, and in no uncertain terms, they believe Chief Executive Officer Dave Matheson is leading the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort in the right direction. And, they give directors and managers high marks in the same category following the Employee Satisfaction Index, a survey taken of employees for their ratings of managers, directors and various aspects of our operations.

But directors and managers took some mild hits over regular meetings and sharing information, their positions scoring lowest in those categories.

Results showing scores from the 10 highest scoring and 10 lowest scoring categories were handed out to management Wednesday.

The index allowed for scores from one to five, with five being "all the time" and one "none of the time." It is a product of Operation New Beginning, a project designed to address a circumspective list of issues in this workplace.

The single question regarding Matheson came back with the single highest mean score, 4.58. That result showed 67 percent of employees feel he is taking the resort in the right direction "all of the time." One percent responded with "none of the time."

Directors and managers scored 4.28 and 4.26, respectively, on the same question. Managers also scored high, 4.26, for how they place guests and their needs first. The lowest score, 3.16, came with whether "My department has

regular department meetings." The next lowest result, 3.19, was a response to whether we have opportunities for advancement.

"The idea behind the three questions was to get honest feedback," said Surveillance Director Debbie Louie-McGee, who helped organize the survey. "We want employees to have a voice, and allow employees the opportunity to express their concerns, suggestions and ideas."

Questions addressed a wide variety of work-related issues, including safety, benefits, wages, morale, uniforms and even the how we value free food in the employee lounge.

A similar study was done here in 2004. The resort had less than half the number of employees then as now.

Managers and directors will also receive survey results specific to them and their jobs, including comments from employees.

"We need to see what we're doing well and what we're not doing so well," Matheson said. "And we need to address problems and come up with solutions. People here do a good job and we're currently hitting on all cylinders, but we must keep that momentum."

Matheson called for managers and directors to begin working immediately on their responses to the survey, along with plans for addressing issues. He also directed that the responses should be ready for revue within two weeks.

Anton Galietti on board as Hospitality Director

Kathy Anton-Galietti arrived this week as the new Director of Hospitality here at the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort. She has worked in the hospitality business for more than 20 years.

Her experience began in 1989 while employed by a general contractor/developer responsible for a project on Kauai, Hawaii.

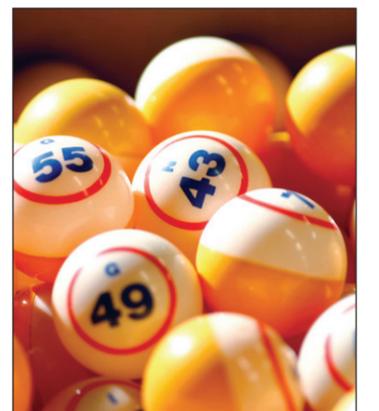
Kathy enhanced her career by spending 15 years with Marriott in a corporate capacity and on property. Her site experience includes Guest Service, Sales Administration, Operational expertise as well as the creation and subsequent facilitation of leadership development programs used to create bench-strength for the organization.

Her responsibilities here will include hotel, catering, spa and outside sales.

On a personal side, she was born and raised in Spokane and is a graduate of Central Valley High School and Eastern Washington University, but has lived in Southern California for the past 20+ years.

She is returning to her roots with her husband, Tom and their two sons, Gianni and Giacobbe.

Bingo announces specials, hands out trolls



Saturday June 23rd promotion was Troll Doll Day. We gave away Troll daubers to customers on the Matinee session. Then customers received a Red/White/Blue troll doll for the evening session. Yes they are back and customers love them!

We have a special \$1,199 Pre-Fourth of July Blowout on July 1st. Buy-in is paper \$39 (2 six-ons) and \$49 Electronic (3 six-ons). Then join us July 7th for Bargain Day Bingo. Crystal Ball P8's and Bonanzas are just \$.50 each with payout of \$2500 each.

In July and August we will be adding Monday evening bingo sessions. Please check intranet site for dates or call bingo department.

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THE LARGEST OUTDOOR POWWOW IN THE NORTHWEST!

July 20th-22nd

Greyhound Park, Post Falls, Idaho

CAMPER'S NIGHT Thurs 6 pm

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~ Editorials ~ sne'kunmn

Bob: beadwork for casino should be proudly displayed

My concern, as a beader that was commissioned to work on the beaded pieces for the Casino project.

To show the local area through the talent of our beaders past down to us from our Mothers and Grandmothers, which is rarely if ever seen.

We completed the Plains Wall which is on display in the Casino 2nd floor, and I may say admired by all who have seen it, the big comment is why it is hidden. Well, we were on the second segment and made mountain pieces to be seen on the Wall in the Casino.

Since the change in leadership this was one of the projects that were ended. I am asking to not let those pieces that each artist did with love and out of our hearts describing our reservation and our views of our surroundings,

from our eye as an artist; each artist did a unique piece of work, Now it lays somewhere out of sight.

Not so, please either put it up in headquarters walls or the New BMC but please let it see the daylight it was intended for. and not to be lost to just a change of the guard so to speak.

We have a right to be heard, if you don't want it let us find a way for the Arts Council to buy it back and put it somewhere in a place we can show our children and grandchildren the beauty of our mountains. If nothing else let me buy my own piece for my grandchildren's viewing.

We have grieved this denial and recognition of our work. We were very saddened, we watch one of our elders as she cried, she put her heart into her work and was so proud to be honored in this

manner.

We worked hard to complete this according to the schedule and supplies given to us.

The supplies gathered for all this project, the beads and supplies left over what is to be done with this, please hear us out.

We had 3 more projects the water project, the horse, the gambling floor, the stick game and Wal luks section. This is a sad thing for us that bead, but we have not been heard to the full extent. By the new CEO and now Council and I ask you not to let our work be lost or taken home with someone never to be seen again.

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"WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG WE WILL BE HERE, SO LETS DANCE."

Wilma Bob

Schoolcraft Family: thank you for your prayers and support

The family of Thomas Richard Schoolcraft would like to thank all those who sent condolences, prayers, food, and assistance with arrangements following the recent death of our loved one. A special thank you to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Cody SiJohn, Sam Abrahamson, Father Connally, Ron Hodge, the Curley Family, Marlene Sproul, Tammy & Leonard Tomaskin, Anna Tian, Rose Davison, Camille Wynecoop,

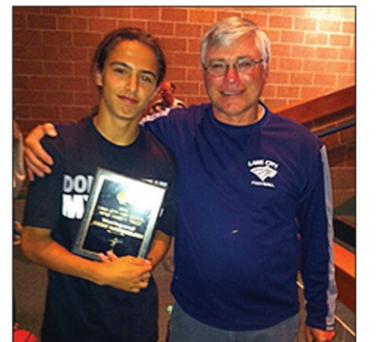
Hazel Arthur, Margaret Coffey, facilities, the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, Seattle friends and Aunt Margie & Vernie. I'm terribly sorry if I've left anyone out. Thank you for all the kindness and concern during this painful, painful time.

Bernie LaSarte, Tommy Schoolcraft, Annie LaSarte and Lanie Nomee

McGee: congratulations to our son on his accomplishments



The Lake City 4x400 relay team from left to right – Nate Gosselin, Ricki McCaw , Coach Troxel, Jerry Louie-McGee and Kalob Mitchell.



Jerry with Coach Troxel after receiving his Varsity Track "Most Improved" award for the 2012 Track Season.

We would like to congratulate our son Jerry Louie-McGee on a great track season. Qualified for 5A State as a Freshman for Lake City High School in the Open 400 and the 4 x 400 relay. He was awarded "Most Improved" on the Varsity Track team for the 2012 track season. Qualifying as a freshman at the 5A level is very rare and we are so proud of our boy. He started the season running a 55.6 open 400 time and ended the season running a 51.7 second 400 time. We must include that Jerry's GPA is a 3.4 as well.

Coach Troxel (Pictured in upper left with Jerry and in

the middle of the 4x400 team on the right), Lake City Head Football and Sprint coach said, "Jerry is the fastest freshman I have ever timed in over 30 years of coaching track."

We are so proud of you son. You have set your goals and your expectations high and you are putting in the work to get it done. Extra time in the weight room, studying and all out effort! Keep working hard and all your dreams are going to come true. Great Job son.

You are making your Ancestors proud and you are an "11."

From Dad, Mom, Tucker, Kenny, Ya-Ya and Papa.

Stanley: native business - honesty to approval



approved for financing. If a lender does not understand a borrower's request or gets the feeling (s)he is being misled and/or information is omitted then it is unlikely a credit approval will be obtained.

A lender walks the line between borrower and credit officer working to satisfy both parties and should be viewed as a borrower's advocate. In applying for credit or renewing an existing facility, the job of the borrower is to educate the lender on how the borrower's business functions and how they will be able to make payments on time and in full.

The speed at which a lender can comprehend the mechanics of a borrower's business determines the speed of a decision. Said another way, if the lender does not understand a borrower's business they move more slowly; collecting information in batches until they are able to explain to their institution why a borrower is a good risk and would be a good relationship to keep.

A lending institution needs enough loans to amass a portfolio large enough to generate income to pay for the overhead and salaries of the institution. If profitability is not achieved which can be

hampered by making bad loans, over time a lending institution will cease to exist. A lender fulfills the role of production and is on the front lines of their institution whereby it is their role to find lending opportunities and bring good borrowers forward to a credit officer and explain why the loan should be made.

A business owner can help a lender be an effective advocate for their loan through proactive communication in sharing "the full story." In addition to sharing financials to determine debt service coverage ratio, liquidity, and collateral coverage, a borrower helps themselves by working to identify key risk points to their business such as customer concentration or controlling costs in a declining market or growth management. Furthermore, isolating sources of repayment is a powerful tool a business owner can utilize to help themselves gain an approval.

Three standard sources of loan repayment are: Primary - Net income from business; Secondary - Borrower's personal liquidity; Tertiary - Liquidation of collateral.

Jim Stanley

Trahant: getting out the native vote

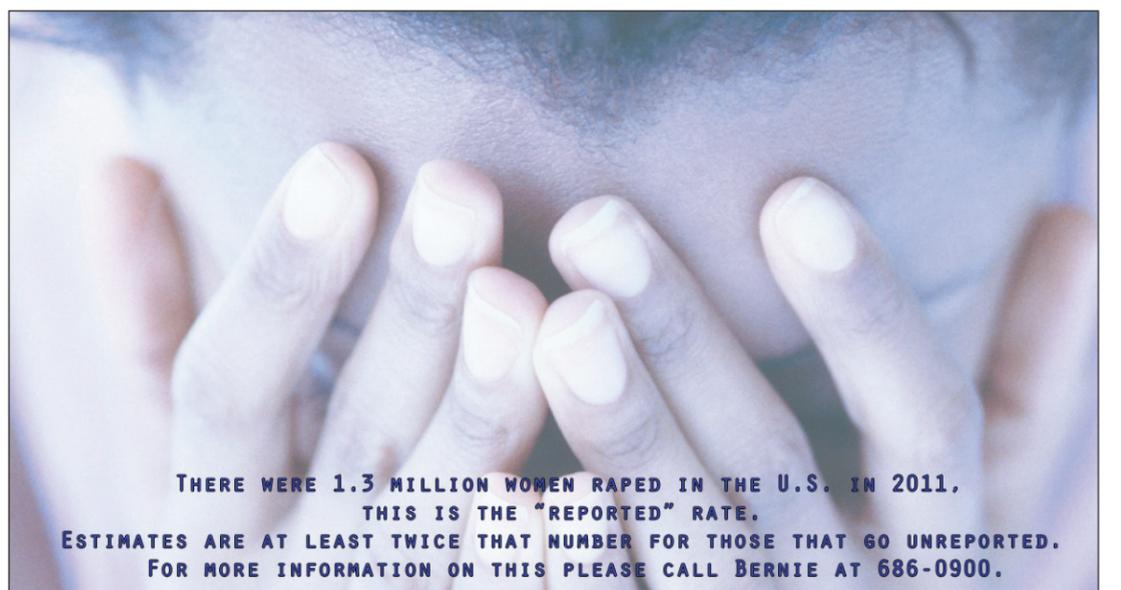
Voting should be easy, almost routine. If it's Election Day ... we should vote. It's that simple because it's the very foundation of democracy. It is only when "we" have a say in what happens next, in our future, that governance meets the basic test of a democracy.

But, too often, that's not the case for American Indians and Alaska Natives. This week the National Congress of American Indians called the problem of access to voting a "civic emergency" requiring an immediate fix.

"Native people have remained one of the most disenfranchised group of voters in the United

States. Today as a result, only two out of every five eligible American Indian and Alaska Native voters are not registered to vote, in 2008 over 1 million eligible Native voters were unregistered," said Jefferson Keel, president of NCAI, the nation's oldest and most representative tribal advocacy organization. Keel said that starting this week, "we all must be unified we all must be unified by one mission – we must mobilize like never before – register tens of thousands of people, and turn out the largest native vote in history."

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**THERE WERE 1.3 MILLION WOMEN RAPED IN THE U.S. IN 2011,
THIS IS THE "REPORTED" RATE.
ESTIMATES ARE AT LEAST TWICE THAT NUMBER FOR THOSE THAT GO UNREPORTED.
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS PLEASE CALL BERNIE AT 686-0900.**

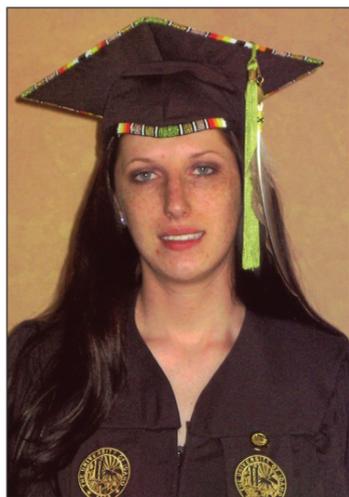
~Cradleboard News~

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Laylena Ann Thomas was born at 4:35 p.m. on April 25th, 2012 in Riverbend, Sacred Heart Medical Center Springfield, Oregon to Annette Daniels and Michael Thomas. At birth Laylena weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 19 ¾ in length, maternal grandparents: Mary and Frank Brown of DeSmet, Idaho, maternal great-grandparents: John Daniels of Plummer, Idaho and Patricia Brown of Warm Springs, Oregon, paternal grandparents: Millie Lunsford of St. Maries, Idaho and the late James Thomas, paternal great-grandparents: the late Roy and Frances Thomas. The family resides in Springfield, Oregon.

Eli Skye Harrison Kager was born on May 23, 2012 at Deaconess Medical Center in Spokane, WA to parents Aillia Wilson and Nicholas Kager. At birth Eli was 7 lbs 9oz and 19 1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Roxanne Pierre and Maynard Wilson II of Lapwai ID; maternal great grandparents the late David and Jane Harrison Late Maynard Wilson and Lucille Redheart Wilson. Eli's paternal grandparents are Robert Kager of Worley And Cindy Robbins of Clearlake CA; paternal Great Grandparents- Robert and Barbara Kager of Mount Vernon WA and the late Patricia and Richard Robbins. Eli joins siblings Amaris Kager 3 and Dominick Kager 2.



Kara Lynn Howard graduated from the University of Idaho with a BS in Education, Sports Medicine on May 12, 2012.

She hopes to work in a major sports facility or with a professional team in the future. She would also like to teach volleyball at the High School level or higher.

Kara's parents are Kevin and Susie Howard. Her grandparents are the late John and Lila Kitt; Billie Howard and Caro-

lyn Howard.

I would like to thank Heidi Howard for beading my cap. The employees of the Casino's Sweet Grass Cafe for encouragement and letting me study when I needed to; and to all who encouraged me to stay with it when I was ready to give up.

Also to my brothers Darryl and Jeremy for their confidence in my: "You mean you are going to graduate this year?"

rate before re-implementation" of that voting registration law. That's exactly the kind of boost that would be needed to register a million American Indian and Alaska Native voters. This process would also be cost-effective voter registration, the Congressional Budget Office estimates the total cost at less than \$500,000 over a four-year period.

"The Native community in the United States is increasingly making its voice heard in state and national elections," the Demos report said. "Unfortunately, most of our history has been one of state mistreatment and exclusion of indigenous peoples. There are still problems and tensions ... Making voter registration easier and more accessible through designation of Indian Health Service facilities as voter registration agencies will not solve all the problems that are causing low rates of participation among American Indians and Alaska Natives or fully address the ongoing mistrust. Nonetheless,

it would be an important step that would have a significant positive impact on the voting rights of thousands of Americans."

The good thing about this plan is that it builds on the successful voter efforts that are already out there, such as Native Votes. The impact of native voting has already impacted elections in Alaska, Montana and beyond. But that success has been limited by a smaller voter pool than what could be. Imagine if the numbers were increased by one million.

This next election at the local, state and federal level, is all about austerity and the nature of government.

NCAI has already called for the biggest turnout of Indian Country voters in history -- and that's exactly right because there's no better time for American Indians and Alaska Native voters to have a say. Especially when that means tens of thousands of new voters. Then, given the chance, those voters will make elections routine.

Forestry updates on summer activities

General: This summer figures to be a busy time as we are preparing a number of fuels contracts for advertisement in the next two months, as well as finalizing work on two timber sales. The timber sales are planned to be advertised in June or July pending completion of field work and acceptable prices from mills. At this time, market conditions have fallen slightly over the spring as the dry weather allowed many sales to continue to deliver logs to local mills. The expectation is for market conditions to improve during the summer months and be above last year's prices but they continue to be below prices from 4-5 years ago.

Timber Sales: The Chsp'a'aqhalqwtsn Forest Officer's Report (FOR) is expected to be signed off by all necessary parties as soon as an agreement can be made between the Tribe and the State of Idaho Department of Lands regarding Road Use. The sale is expected to start 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 has approved rules and regulations for all tribal gates.

Upcoming timber sales include the Moses Mountain area. Moses is currently being reconned for potential harvest units. After recon is complete the Environmental Assessment is started.

Field work is just about completed on the Kopaqhn sale in and around Worley. After the field work is completed, the contract and other documents will be developed for a planned advertisement in June/July. We have hired Robert Janson Jr to help as a summer youth worker this summer. We will keep him busy helping with timber sale preparation as well as other areas within Forestry.

Forest Development: The tree planting contract was completed by Worman Forest Management on May 24, and spot spraying was completed on June 3. There are still small areas to be planted by Forestry staff and potential negotiation to interplant an area planted last fall, where browse damage over the winter was severe. Two areas harvested last fall will be prepared for planting by mechanical scarification this summer and a larger planting area will be prescribed burned this fall.

The John Point timber stand improvement project will be advertised in June to suppress white pine blister rust, thin and weed areas planted in 1989. A similar project will be prepared in the Eagle Peak area this summer for advertisement in the fall. Smaller precommercial thinning projects are also planned in cooperation with Fuels Management.

Fuels Program: The Fuels Program has 3 active hazardous fuels reductions (HFR) contracts going on at this time. Empire L & C has completed an estimated 100 acres on Timber Agriculture Interface Fuel Break Project 7's A310 in the Little Butte Area. Empire L & C will be treating areas on the Windfall/Peedee contract off of Coon Creek after they complete A310. The Cherry Creek contract is under contract with Native Timber Services, and they have treated the area, and the plantations are being assessed for residual damage from slash pile burning. A

contract is being developed for an estimated 364 acres near the rest area to the south of Plummer. Two more contracts are being planned near Lovell Valley Road and Old Sanders Road. The Fuels Crew has been treating trust lands near the Minaloosa Road and a slashing treatment for a planned prescribed burn on the Tamiyel Logging Unit to prepare it for tree planting.

Our spring prescribed burning accomplished an estimated total of 111 acres on Ridge to Ridge in natural fuels and an estimated 50 acres on Mail Route Road in activity fuels. Please be cautious near the above mentioned areas and signs are posted during active operations. We would like to welcome Chris Luke back to the fuels crew who finished his school year. We would also like to welcome aboard Willard Spottedblanket as a Fuels Equipment Operator and Leroy Arroyo as a summer youth worker helping with monitoring. If you have any questions, contact Chuck Simpson - Fuels Specialist - at (208) 686-5030.

Fire Management: Summer is here and we are getting ready for fire season to begin. We have been getting all of our annual operating plans updated, our equipment ready and our required annual training finished up so we will be ready if called upon. Along with getting ready for fire season we have been busy finishing up a bunch of small projects for forestry.

Our fire season is still not here as we are transitioning out of a wet spring our fuels are abundant and have had a good growing season so I would caution everyone to start thinking about what you can do to protect your home if you live out in a rural area.

Fireproof Your Home: Check your roof. Flammable wood roof shingles are asking for trouble. Tile is better. Consider a Class A fire retardant roof coating.

Replace flammable siding with nonflammable.

Maintain your hose in good working condition and check it for leaks, dry rot, etc.

Cover vents with one-eighth inch mesh. You want to keep any embers from entering your home via the ventilation system.

Clean out your gutters. Dry leaves in gutters are a ready source of fuel - perilously close to your roof. Get up there with a ladder and some gloves and keep your gutters clear.

Install a "gutter cover," to help keep leaves and other debris out of your gutters.

Install dual-pane windows, rather than single-pane windows.

Use tempered glass. Tempered glass is much less susceptible to breaking during the high heat conditions of a wildfire than standard glass panes.

Prepare window covers in advance. These are similar to hurricane shutters, but designed to keep out embers, rather than winds and rain. You can even make them out of plywood. Treat the wood with a fire-resistant coating, and eliminate brush and other fuel sources near the windows. You can install the covers quickly before evacuating.

Separate flammable fences from your house. You may install a five to 10 foot section of nonflammable fencing material at the point where your home connects with a fence.

If you have any concerns or want somebody to come and look at your property give us a call at 208-686-1199 and somebody from our staff will set up a time.

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One way that can happen is to increase the velocity of voter registration by going to places where Native Americans already gather. One such magnet is the local clinic. A new report from Demos explains why the Indian health clinic is ideal: "Appropriate IHS facilities should be designated as official voter registration agencies along the same lines as state based public assistance agencies are now designated under the National Voter Registration Act."

This basic idea has worked in other places where low-income voters register at public assistance agencies. Demos found that when the law was implemented tens of thousands of new voters were added in North Carolina, Virginia, Missouri, Ohio and Illinois. "In Illinois, the number of public agency registration applications is now at levels 18 times the