



Coeur d'Alene Tribe settles with US government over trust mismanagement



Attorney General Eric Holder announces the settlement with 41 Tribes across the United States due to the mismanagement of trust lands and funds, Coeur d'Alene Tribal Chairman Chief Allan (third from left) also spoke after the agreement was reached.

In one of the largest financial settlements made to American Indian tribes, the federal government said this week that it had ended dozens of lawsuits by agreeing to pay tribes more than \$1 billion for the mismanagement of funds and natural resources that the government holds in trust.

The Justice Department announced on Wednesday that it had agreed to pay 41 tribes — many in the Western United States — a total of about \$1.023 billion because the Interior and Treasury Departments had failed to adequately oversee concessions on Indian lands from companies that exploit a wide variety of resources, including minerals, timber, oil and gas, dating back

more than 100 years in some cases.

The Interior Department, which manages about 56 million acres for Indian tribes and oversees more than 100,000 leases on those lands, has long been accused by tribes of doing a poor job of keeping track of the tribal funds it maintains and of not being diligent in collecting fees from companies that hold leases on reservations and elsewhere in Indian country. In addition to administering the land leases, the Interior Department manages about 2,500 trust accounts for more than 250 tribes.

“These settlements fairly and honorably resolve historical grievances over the accounting and management of tribal trust

funds, trust lands and other nonmonetary trust resources that, for far too long, have been a source of conflict between Indian tribes and the United States,” Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. said in a statement.

The Interior Department says it has developed better accounting systems to avoid future problems.

About 60 other similar lawsuits by tribes against the United States have not been settled, the government said.

The amount each tribe will receive is based on a formula that takes into account how much land and money the government held in trust, and the value of the concessions. Tribes holding oil and gas concessions, which

are usually of far greater value, generally will receive the most from the settlement.

The Osage tribe of Oklahoma, for example — because of its extensive oil and gas reserves — will get \$380 million. The tribe has about 16,000 members.

Among the other 41 tribes receiving money are the Minnesota Chippewa tribe, which has about 40,000 members and will get about \$2 million; the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation in Washington State, which has about 10,000 members and will get \$193 million; and the Nez Perce tribe, which has 4,000 members on its Idaho reservation, and will receive \$34 million.

Many tribes say they have not decided how to spend the money. In most cases, tribal councils — the elected governing bodies — will have the ultimate authority. Tribes are variously considering making monthly payments to members, establishing loan programs, financing social service groups, improving infrastructure on reservations and undertaking environmental initiatives.

Heather Keen, a spokeswoman for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe in Idaho, said that while the tribe was doing well economically — it generates \$309 million annually in economic activity, including at a casino resort — the \$18 million the 2,000-member tribe will receive represents an important

boost.

Large swaths of the tribe's land, she said, were damaged by clear-cutting in the 1970s and 1980s.

Some tribes will get the money as early as next week, arriving at a time when many reservations rank among the nation's poorest places. About half of the people on the Mescalero Apache reservation in New Mexico, for example, live in poverty. In the 1990s, the tribe considered storing nuclear waste on the reservation because members would have earned about \$250 million in payments over 40 years. Now the tribe, which has about 4,000 members, will get \$33 million from the settlement.

Chief James Allan, Chairman of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, said that despite longstanding tensions between tribes and the federal government, the settlement represented the fairness with which the Obama administration had treated American Indians.

“They have kept their promise to Native Americans to ensure we are heard in Washington,” Mr. Allan said. “He has not made treaties with us, but he gave us his word. And his word has been golden.”

President Obama signed legislation in December 2010 authorizing payment for a similar, though far larger, settlement for Indians. That money, totaling \$3.4 billion, has not been distributed because of several pending lawsuits.

THE COEUR D'ALENE TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT TRIBAL HEADQUARTERS IN PLUMMER, ID ON MAY 5, 2012.

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Tribe honored at humanitarian banquet in Coeur d'Alene



Tribal council members Ernie Stensgar and John Abraham accept an award for Humanitarian efforts by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

Story & Photo by Lorraina Smith

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe received a great honor and recognition for the contributions it has shared with neighboring communities. The Coeur d'Alene Tribe was recently awarded the 2011 Civil Rights Award by the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations.

Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations Annual Human Rights Banquet was held in Coeur d'Alene on April 23, 2012. Former KCTFHR President Joann Harvey

presented the award to the tribe. Harvey cited the many positive impacts the tribe has had on the region.

“Since 1992 the Coeur d'Alene Tribe has given \$17 million to the school districts in Northern Idaho and recently they have contributed to the school children in these areas in the form of nutrition back pack program in Post falls and Coeur d'Alene school districts.

“Today they have contributed over

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Coeur d'Alene Tribal Forestry: remaining dept. move completed, all offices now located in Plummer

General: As the winter season leaves and the unpredictable spring weather arrives, forestry is preparing to implement prescribed burns and continue marking on the upcoming Kopaqhn sale in the Worley area. We have moved our offices down to Plummer across from the Fisheries/Water building and next door to ECLC. With the exception of Fire Management and some of the field fuels staff, all the forestry operations are down in Plummer, stop in to visit and learn where our offices are at. Hopefully this will make it easier for the membership to discuss forestry concerns.

The building also includes the remaining Natural Resources functions that are not in the Fish/Water building which includes: Director, Air Quality, Realty and Lands, Lease Compliance, Pesticide Enforcement and Environmental Programs.

Fuels Program: The Fuels Program does not have any active hazardous fuels reductions (HFR) contracts going on at this time. The Fuels Crew has been

hired back on and prepping this year's hazardous fuels reduction treatments and prescribed burn areas with flagging, surveys, firelines and GPS. This coming field season has an estimated 800 HFR acres set aside for contract work. The fuels crew has an estimated 185 HFR acres and prescribed burn slashing work scheduled for this year.

For the anticipated prescribed burn window, the Ridge to Ridge and Mail Route Road burns are set for our priorities areas, and we plan to burn over 300 acres if weather conditions allow. Once weather conditions and accessibility are favorable there are several HFR contracts that may start up again in the Cherry Creek, Windfall/Peedee, and Little Butte areas that are currently under contract. Please be cautious near the above mentioned areas and signs are posted during active operations.

For your information, the fuels program is no longer up at the subagency. We have moved our location to Plummer between the Fish and Wildlife Department Building and the

Wellness Center. If you have any questions, contact Chuck Simpson – Fuels Specialist - at (208) 686-5030.

Timber Sales: News from Timber Sales—Sale preparation is underway on the Kopaqhn Logging Unit in the Worley area. Trees are being selected and marked with paint for harvest and cruised (measured) for timber volume information. Tribal Forestry is hoping to utilize workers from the Career Renewal Program to assist with timber sale preparation.

A sale in late summer is planned. Logging is complete on the Chadalamalqwn Logging Unit in the Plummer area. The logging contractor will be finishing slash work in the next few months. The Sachri Logging Unit north of Plummer is inactive due to wet ground conditions at this time. Operations are anticipated to start up when roads and forest ground dry up in the summer. Timber sale staff are preparing to be ready to assist with prescribed burning in the spring. It is exciting to participate in controlled burning.

The Chsp'a'aqhalqwtSn Forest Officer's Report (FOR) is continued to be worked on and is expected to be signed off by all necessary parties soon.

The sale, in the Eagle Peak area, 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 are developing rules and regulations for access through this tribal gate.

Forest Development : Tree planting season is rapidly approaching, and should be underway when the paper comes out. Most of the planting will restore marginal cropland to forest in the Lake Creek drainage. Other areas include strip seed tree cuts in the Tamiyel Logging Unit, where piles were burned last winter and some interplanting near Senkler Road to increase stocking.

The Fuels Management crew began slashing the undesirable saplings in another stand in the Tamiyel Logging Unit, and will finish this summer. The purpose of slashing is to improve the fuel bed for prescribed burning this fall, which will prepare the seedbed for planting next year and natural regeneration from the residual seed trees.

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. Funding from the Environmental Quality Incentives Program has tentatively been approved by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, pending Council approval.

Forest Management Inventory & Planning: The data analysis of Continuous Forest Inventory plots and preparation of the Inventory Analysis Report was not completed due to problems with the analysis program. Improvements have been made, but completion will have to wait until after this year's field season.

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.

Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Stimson sign cooperative agreement

“This is the first time Stimson Lumber Company has negotiated a MOU of this kind. Stimson plans to manage our lands long term. As a result, we feel it is mutually beneficial to work with our neighbors to enhance fish habitat on the streams that flow through these lands. Stimson also has an interest in sustainable forestry, which not only seeks to provide fiber and wood products on a perpetual basis, but also seeks to manage other non-timber resources to the benefit of future generations. By working as a partner with the Tribe, both the Tribe and Stimson Lumber are demonstrating that they want to do the right thing.”

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe and Stimson Lumber Company recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the purpose of cooperating to complete stream enhancement projects to benefit native fishes on their lands within the Reservation. The agreement was the product of many discussions taking place over nearly a year and involving many people working for both parties. Although the Fisheries Program has negotiated many other landowner agreements to complete similar work, this is an agreement that sets the stage for on the ground projects on a large scale with significant ramifications for fisheries and water resources into the future and builds on work

that was accomplished over many years.

The working relationship that has culminated in the recent agreement was fostered during several comprehensive resource assessments that were initiated by the Tribal Fisheries Program in 2007 and 2008, respectively, to describe forest road conditions, barriers to fish movement, instream habitat conditions and how wood is recruited to streams from adjacent forestlands to provide habitat for fish. Stimson as well as many other private landowners participated in these studies, allowing access to research sites for Tribal staff and providing input that helped inform and improve the work products. In turn, the cooperators in these studies received important information that described the conditions and maintenance needs of infrastructure critical to forest management (e.g., roads and culverts) and resource potentials (e.g., forest growth), as well as information about how management activities are affecting a variety of natural resources important to the Tribe. This early stage of participation was both practical and an opportunity for communicating about management goals and objectives.

As these studies were completed, the large amount of information that was generated was translated into a list of enhancement projects and this list was then prioritized, based



in part on their anticipated benefits for fish. As we began considering this list of projects and how to put the work on the ground, it became apparent that there were a few key landowners that we would need as partners to achieve our objectives for recovering cutthroat trout. Stimson was clearly one of these landowners. On their part, Stimson was in the process of negotiating to purchase forestlands from Potlatch Corporation and subsequently purchased 17,252 acres, of which 16,648 are on the Reservation. As of the beginning of this year, Stimson's total ownership on the Reservation is now 39,795 acres. Of the more than 100 projects that we have identified, almost 20 are located on Stimson lands and nearly a third of the projects we want to implement in Benewah Creek are on their lands.

When this land purchase was first made public, the Tribe once again engaged Stimson – this time with

a list of concrete projects in hand and the motivation to develop a cooperative agreement. The rest as they say is history. To the credit of both parties, the agreement that has been enacted is far reaching, in that it represents a commitment to not just implement a list of specific projects, but to work together into the future on enhancement projects across Stimson's ownership on the Reservation. It also specifies a mechanism to share the costs of this work. There is some general recognition that an effective partnership requires at least four things – communication, coordination, cooperation and collaboration. This agreement covers at least three of these bases, and we hope this leads to collaboration on a variety of management issues into the future and can serve as a model for engaging other landowners.

By Angelo Vitale, Fisheries Program Manager

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.

INFORMATION ON TRIBAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES CAN BE FOUND ON PAGES 8-10 ON THE INSIDE OF THIS ISSUE.

~ Chairman's Corner ~

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Well, I am coming back from a very memorable experience of attending and speaking at a White House press conference last week, where the Obama administration announced an agreement to pay 41 Tribes a total of about \$1.023 billion. This large settlement comes after years of litigation, with some instances dating back more than 100 years, and ultimately because the Interior and Treasury Departments failed to adequately oversee concessions on Indian lands from companies that exploited a wide variety of resources, including minerals, timber, oil and gas.

For the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, we negotiated an \$18 million payout in the settlement. In comparison to other tribes, this is actually relatively robust since payments were based significantly on the size of reservation land bases, and whether or not tribes' minerals, timber, oil and gas resources were mismanaged. Some of our neighbors, such as the Colville Tribes who have over a million-acre reservation and significant timber resources, or Oklahoma tribes who had mineral and

gas resources, received larger payments.

None the less, we are pleased to have had the ability to litigate the issue, and that we ended up with \$18 million extra for our Tribe.

For me personally, it was such an honor to participate in the press conference and to represent our Tribe in the best way that I could. It was definitely a moment that reminded me how blessed I am to be Chairman, and to serve our Tribe. Being Coeur d'Alene is something that I am deeply proud of, and I thank you for allowing me to be the voice of our community.

And though this settlement brings some closure to a long history of challenges with the federal government, I think that we all recognize that the battle isn't over. Obviously this payment doesn't erase all the pain and suffering that has occurred because of a century of federal mismanagement. But what I do appreciate is that finally after decades of litigation, President Obama settled with the Tribes. Years ago this seemed impossible, but through his leadership, we have been accorded respect and some payments for the

damages.

Now I hope that this settlement allows tribes to move forward in ways that can further enrich their communities. Make lemonade from lemons. As for our Tribe, once the money is deposited into our accounts, the Tribal Council will be the first to let the Membership know.

It also reminds me how critical it is for each and every tribe to have strong, competent leadership that allows for negotiation and navigation of complex issues like trust resource management.

For us, we are once again at that moment in time where we will head to the polls to determine three of our Tribal Council members. And I hope that as you move through the process of deciding who you want to support, that you are asking yourself, "Who is the most qualified candidate? Who should we choose?"

But more importantly, I pray that our Membership doesn't forget that we have much bigger challenges ahead of us. To be strong, and to be our best, we have to stick together to win those challenges.



Sometimes during our tribal election cycles, we don't always put our best foot forward. We get mired in details that aren't constructive and which are hurtful. I appreciate and hope that we have a good debate about who our next leaders are—this is healthy and keeps our elected leaders accountable. But again I have to ask for each and every Tribal Member to remember that we are a family, the *Schitsu'umsh*. Because I can guarantee there will bigger fights in the future over our right to manage our resources, over our right to exercise our sovereignty,

over our right to simply exist as we have now for thousands of years.

We can't forget that we are all Coeur d'Alene, and though as individuals we have our strengths and weaknesses, as a group we are bigger and better than whoever comes knocking down our door for a fight.

So, look out for each other. Respect each other. Together, we are the strongest.

Respectfully,

Chief Allan

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~ Community Announcements ~

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FIREWORKS

Applications for
Fireworks for 2012
will be due on
MAY 14, 2012
BY 4:30 PM

Lakeside adds new parking passes and advertisements to football field

Starting in the fall of 2012, a parking pass will be required for any fan who would like to remain in their vehicle and watch a Lakeside Football game. 15 parking spaces will be made available with 12 spaces in the west end zone and 3 spaces along the south sideline next to the bleachers. Also starting in the fall, advertising for local businesses and groups will be made available along the entire north sideline and behind the east end zone. There will be 35 spaces available for advertising with 10 along the east end zone and 25 along the north sideline. The following is

a summary of the parking pass and advertisement program, which was presented to, and approved by, the Plummer/Worley School Board on April 9th, 2012:

Parking spaces will go on sale June 16, 2012 at \$30/vehicle.

The entire west end zone will be marked as "Reserved" and no one without a parking pass will be allowed to park there.

Parking passes will be available free of charge (upon availability) with the purchase of a Lakeside Sports Season Pass (\$100 for the year) starting with the 2012 Fall Sports Season.

Choice of individual parking spaces will be at a first-come first-serve basis and will be available until all spaces have been filled.

The supervising of the area will be done in cooperation with Lakeside administration and local law enforcement.

Advertising will go on sale May 1st for \$200 for a 4' x 8' section. The cost of the banner is included in the purchase.

Choice of individual advertising spaces will be at a first-come first-serve basis and will be available until all spaces have been filled.

For a special price of \$250, you

can receive an advertising space, a parking space, and a 2012-2013 Lakeside Sports Season pass. These will go on sale May 1 through June 15, 2012.

Lakeside expects to raise between \$2500 and \$3000 a year through this program. The money raised will be used to offset costs for multiple clubs, including Knowledge Bowl, FCCLA, BPA, and others, and for the athletic programs at the school.

To purchase an advertising space, a parking space, or a 2012-2013 Lakeside Sports Season Pass starting May 1st, contact Lakeside High School at (208) 686-1937.

STOP program hosting workshop

The Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence in collaboration with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe STOP Program invites you to attend a FREE workshop entitled Domestic Violence Intervention. The event will be held on May 8, 2012 from 9:00 - 4:00 at the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Wellness Center, Conference Room B 1115 B Street, Plummer, Idaho.

About the Training: 9:00 - 11:00 - Navigating the Intersection of Domestic Violence and Mental Health* with LaDessa Foster, LCPC, MAC. Lunch is on your own.

From 1:00 - 4:00: Engaging Men Through Bystander Intervention with Bryan Lyda.

About the Trainers: LaDessa Foster is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and Master Addictions Counselor, with more than 20 years of experience providing services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. She is currently the Associate Director at the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence.

Bryan Lyda is a Program Specialist for the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. For the past four years, he has provided trainings on Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, Gender issues and men's role's as empowered bystanders to end violence, both

around Idaho and nationally.

Objectives: Morning session, Identify barriers that domestic violence survivors may face in seeking assistance, as well as potential solutions; Identify strategies to effectively work with domestic violence victims with mental illness, while maintaining appropriate boundaries; Understand differences in professional roles; Identify mental health and domestic violence services available to domestic violence victims in their communities.

Afternoon session: Identify bystander intervention strategies; Recognize male privileges and identify how these privileges have contributed to violence against women; Identify strategies to assist survivors of violence; Identify opportunities for positive role models within the community to interact with youth.

If you have any questions Contact Bernie LaSarte at blasarte@cdatribe-nsn.gov

Two Continuing Education Units are available to counselors attending the morning session.

The Idaho Coalitional Against Sexual & Domestic Violence is an NBCC-Approved Continuing Education Provider (ACEP™) and may offer NBCC-approved clock hours for events that meet NBCC requirements. The ACEP solely is responsible for all aspects of the program.

Kindergarten registration begins at Plummer-Worley

Plummer/Worley Jt. School District announces Kindergarten Pre-Registration for the 2012-2013 School Year.

We will be registering kindergarten children for next year from April 16 through May 11, 2012 for Lakeside Elementary in Plummer

The child must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2012.

Please bring with you: The child's certified birth certificate and Immunization records which should include: 5 doses of DTP, DT, or Td; 2 doses of Measles, Mumps, Rubella; 4 doses of polio vaccine; 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine; 2 doses of Hepatitis A and 2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox).

If you have any questions, please contact Bettie at Lakeside Elementary at 686-1651

Program offers job opportunity for Veterans

For military veterans, finding meaningful, gainful employment when they return to their communities can be a difficult challenge. With soaring veteran unemployment rates and troop draw downs, the need to find ways to "Put Boots on the Ground" is becoming ever more critical.

Veterans for Green Jobs, a national Denver-based nonprofit organization, has launched Veterans Green Force (VGF), an outreach, recruitment and placement program exclusively designed for military veterans. VGF provides veterans with training in areas such as construction and building for energy efficiency and conservation; renewable and clean energy; natural resources and conservation; environmental remediation

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WHEN: May 5th: 12:00pm - 5:00pm

WHERE: Benewah Wellness Center

WHO: EVERYONE IS INVITED!

WHY: It's a fiesta!

QUESTIONS: Contact Tiffany @ ext. 463

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Admission is FREE! Wellness Center membership not required, but please sign the waiver at the front desk. We will have water and snacks available as well.

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12:00 - 1:00pm - Aqua Zumba®

1:00 - 2:00pm - Food

2:00 - 2:30pm - Games

2:30 - 3:30pm - Zumba®/Zumba Toning

4:00 - 5:00pm - Dance party!

Attention High School & College Graduates

The Council Fires paper will be featuring pictures and short descriptions of High School and College graduates in the next issue. If you would like to be featured please submit a photo to us and request a graduation information from for inclusion.

We will be accepting younger students who are moving up in grade level but please note that they will be featured in a separate section of the issue.

Please submit via email or stop by our office at Cd'A Tribal Headquarters by MAY 21, 2012 BY 4:00



The legacy of Tribal member Lavinia Felsman



Lavinia is taken to her final resting place. Photo by Donna Matheson

By Raymond Brinkman

With the passing of our colleague, teacher, co-worker, and friend Lavinia Felsman (1923-2012), it's a good time to reflect upon her contributions to the documentation, preservation, and teaching of her native *Coeur d'Alene* language.

During her services Ernie Stensgar reported her family's recollection that she had translated as a young girl in the Mission school for the nuns, on behalf of the elders who visited the Mission to speak with the fathers. This is an anecdote that I had occasion to discuss with her as well. It tells us about her own language skills and the faith that those elders had in her ability to convey personal information, accurately and discretely, at least. It also places her historically in a period of transition. The remaining native speakers of *Coeur d'Alene* were few by then and mostly aged. Within a few short years it would no longer be necessary for a translator to be present at public events and speeches, for instance, as remarks in English would generally be understood by all. During Vinnie's younger years, however, she retained the language of her grandparents, a skill generally known to others.

It was only in later years that she revisited that part of her youth. It is widely known that Lawrence Nicodemus was authoritative and best suited to produce a dictionary and beginning language lessons in *Coeur d'Alene* for the tribe in the 1970s. He is rightly credited for developing the writing system used then and later adopted officially by the Tribal Council for all teaching materials and representation of the language. Vinnie, however, was self-taught in utilizing Lawrence's writing system and used it to great

advantage in that same decade.

For the sake of younger readers, let's be clear that many middle aged adults or those soon to enter that phase of their lives, who know *Coeur d'Alene* in any fashion likely learned it as a student of Lavinia Felsman at the Tribal School in the 1970s. Her work there was important enough to be documented by tribal Historical Testimony projects in slides or video. Following some publicity for language classes offered in the mid 1990s, a Spokane television producer contacted me to recall that he had attended Vinnie's classes then as a fourth grader. His family had moved to the vicinity of DeSmet from out of state and he attended the Tribal School. Twenty-five years later his mother had kept all of his homework from Vinnie's classes. If some have the impression that her classes were less-than-rigorous or simplified, or mostly about repetition drills or a limited vocabulary, I can attest that the evidence is that students were expected to make complicated sentences in *Coeur d'Alene*. And yes, fourth-graders had challenging homework.

During the mid 1980s the tribe got two significant grants from the Idaho Humanities Council, one to collect family names in *Coeur d'Alene* from baptismal and historical records; a second to compile all of the geographical place names from living and print sources, also in *Coeur d'Alene*.

In recent years many community members will know that the geographical knowledge has been updated and amplified by Felix Aripa and John Hartman under funding for The Names Places Project, including digitalization and the addition of photo and video documentation. Felix Aripa has spoken publicly about the significance of that geographic knowledge to the

tribe's successful claim before the Indian Lands Claim Commission in an earlier era (1953-58). Some of the initial data was recounted for the anthropologist Verne Ray by Morris Antelope in the early 1940s. Most recently we have successfully changed the names of eighteen areas within the aboriginal territory from "squaw" terms to official place names designating historical tribal members, ancient terms, or women's work.

However it was Vinnie Felsman who proved most useful to the 1980s project director Gary Palmer, when all of that information was compiled and published for all time. It was Vinnie who interviewed and transcribed testimony from the remaining elders who could recall the significance of many of those traditional and historical tribal places and territories. It was Vinnie who completed much of the analysis of the *Coeur d'Alene* terms and allowed Palmer to finish the project while holding a full-time teaching position at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, because of her diligence in finishing the work through correspondence. It's no accident that the resulting publication, *Khwi' Khwe Hntmikhw'lumkhw: This Is My Land*, lists her as a co-author with Palmer and Nicodemus (1987).

In that period the tribe's department of education also supported an historical testimony project and Vinnie was often the lead interviewer for those elder tribal members who were known to have any knowledge of *Coeur d'Alene*. At the end of the 1990s we in the Language Program had funding to transcribe some of those interviews, many of which had been completed by Vinnie years earlier. I recall two, especially. There's Vinnie in conversation with her uncle Bill Meshell, setting out by asking him questions in English, to which he responds, *schinttsinmsh*! ("Talk Indian!"). We're happy to use the phrase on T-shirts, now. There's also a conversation among Vinnie, Sarah Tonasket, and Margaret Stensgar, in which Sarah recounts her World War II-era job in a laboratory, where she separated whole blood into plasma, to be dehydrated and sent to Europe to be used in battlefield hospitals. Margaret asks Sarah, in *Coeur d'Alene*, essentially, "How long did you have this boring-ass job?" (The rest of the interview is

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Roadtrip Nation asks local students to look toward their future



By Lorraina Smith

The students at Lakeside High school received an inspirational boost when they were visited by the Road Trip Nation. Preparing themselves for the SAT testing, Road Trip Nation and the College Board teamed up to share why this testing is so important to these young students's future.

Road Trip Nation was founded approximately 10 years ago, by college graduates that were still uncertain about their futures. After buying a recreational vehicle and painting it green; they took to the road in search of answers of what inspired the people they looked up to.

This became such a success, the project continued to grow. It then became more about what inspires everyday people, what gives them the motivation to be who they are. They began documenting their experience and now they are on their seventh documentary.

Approximately 3 years ago, they found their way through the Coeur d'Alene reservation and interviewed Chairman Chief Allan. He explained his inspiration to rise above his influences surrounding him in reservation life and wanting to give more to those who have helped him along his path.

In a powerful reflection Allan explained, "I was afraid the reservation would swallow me up. Education was the key to help my people and my family."

It was this interview that grabbed Angela Maria Garcia's attention.

She is the Executive Director SAT Program for College Board. Because of the longstanding relationship College Board has with Road Trip Nation she was able to utilize their team work to visit the reservation that inspired her many years before.

As soon as it was decided that they would be passing through Idaho they built their entire Idaho experience around the Coeur d'Alene Reservation which happened to be their first stop where Chairman Allan once again shared his experience, but this time with the audience of the high school.

"I really encourage you guys to go out and grab your future," said Allan. "We don't only want to see the tribal members succeed but we want to see the whole community succeed. Give it 110% in whatever we do in life, we not only owe it to ourselves but we owe it to our families. Everything I do, I am not doing it for me, and I am doing it for everyone who helped me out."

Upon arriving to Lakeside the Students were given a blank canvas and asked "What Inspires You" the students combined their thoughts and talents together and designed a beautiful mural that will be entered into a competition. After much testimony of the importance of education the students continued to prepare for the SAT's, and hopefully plan their college careers.

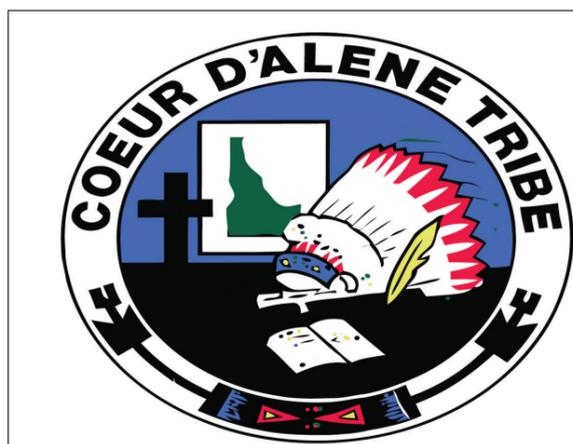
If you would like to learn more about Roadtrip Nation you can find them at <http://roadtripnation.com/>.

Benewah County delegates chosen

Cheryl Halverson, Democratic Chair for Benewah County announced the names of those persons chosen to represent that County at the 2012 State Democratic Convention.

These 2 delegates and 2 alternates were chosen at the County Caucus held April 14, 2012 at 10:00am. at the St. Maries Fire Station. Delegates chosen: Paulette Jordan, Plummer, ID 83851 and Crys Harpole, 1305 Mutch Creek RD, St. Maries, ID 83861.

Alternates chosen: Marilyn Barker 10205 Benewah Creek RD, St. Maries, ID 83861, James Stivers, 1435 DeSmet RD, DeSmet, ID 83824.

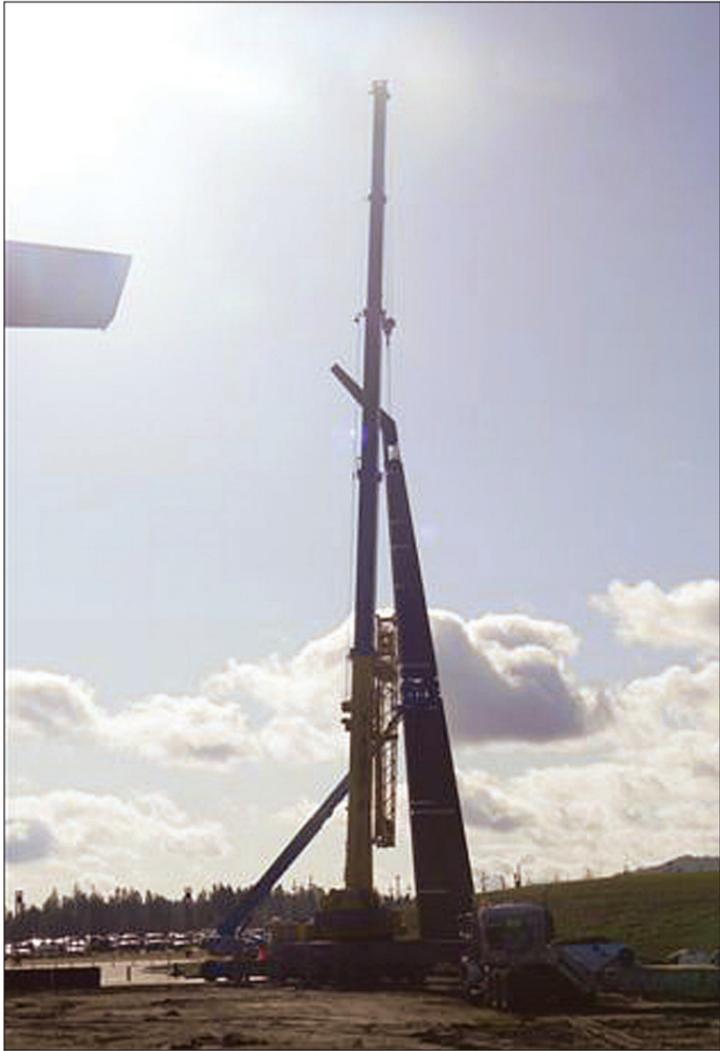


Coeur d'Alene Tribal Elections
 will be held on
SATURDAY - MAY 5, 2012
 at Tribal Headquarters from
8:00 am - 8:00 pm

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Front Yard face lift expands parking lot, improves access



Coming down...the Eagle Staff that has dominated the look outside is being removed to make way for parking lot expansion. The overall project will last almost all summer. Photo by Bob Bostwick

By Bob Bostwick

It's often hard to tell whether we're remodeling or simply evolving. Maybe the answer is a good deal of both. Once again, great change is coming to our look, both indoors and out.

As heavy equipment moves in and across the front yard, massive dirt moving is already underway. About six acres of lawn has been rolled up and hauled off, grass making way for pavement as construction of a new parking lot

complained almost en masse over the distances they've had to walk in order to reach the casino floor, among other sites on the property.

"The grass, the hillsides and the view were all very nice," said Chief Executive Officer Dave Matheson. "But that space represents almost the entire front of the resort, and a long line of doorways that aren't being used. We'll include beauty in what we're doing out there, but we must make it practical and simple for our guests, especially those who are elderly or infirm. The new lot and the access it allows will accomplish what we need."

The iconic eagle staff, an 80 ft. structure that has dominated the resort's skyline, came down and the steel will be recycled. Removal of the massive piece will make way for a new road that will connect each end of the complex, parking throughout the middle area in front.

Much of the new parking will be marked for handicapped.

Hillsides will be pushed back to make more room. Although new paths will come for vehicles, the upper road spanning the hillside will remain. Areas now used for shuttle and Citylink pickup/drop off will remain almost the same.

"It's plain and simple, these changes will better serve our customers," Matheson said. "When customers are better served and happy with the facilities, it's good business for the resort and it's good for all of us who work here."

As most here know, the outside changes are coming in concert with changes also underway indoors. The Sweetgrass Café remodel is now about halfway through a 15-day construction schedule. When the Sweetgrass is completed and re-opened, a remodel of the Gathering Place will be underway. The Gathering Place remodel will take about four weeks.

nears.

Further, the entrance to the resort property will have a new road and signage in a different location. The new entry will come in a straighter line off the overpass, eliminating the steepness and, hopefully, the problems that come with slick roads in winter.

Parking in the new lot will be possible by July 4th, but the overall completion will not come until the end of August.

The front yard was very nice to look at. Customers, however,

Sweetgrass completion is near



Out with the old. Construction workers bring in the new features and systems as the Sweetgrass Café remodel remains on schedule. The restaurant should be ready for business by the end of the month. (Photo by Bob Bostwick)

We are in for a strikingly different look and atmosphere at the Sweetgrass Café, evolving now from a sidewalk type décor into a venue more in concert with our Mountain Lodge hotel wings.

Workmen have been busy at the Sweetgrass since mid-April. The project includes raising the floor some 18 inches, creating a place not only for casual dining, but for people watching among the passersby on the casino floor.

If all is on schedule, the remodel will be complete and the restaurant open for customers on or about May 1st. When the

Sweetgrass re-opens, a project begins to completely re-design the Gathering Place restaurant, also in a style consistent with the Mountain Lodge.

"What we're looking for is a more inviting atmosphere at the Sweetgrass," said Chief Executive Officer Dave Matheson. "It's very different, to be sure, but the café will offer considerably more comfort and a warmer feel."

The new floor plan will include both tables and booths. Overall seating will decline slightly, some tables giving way to other amenities on the restaurant floor.

Cultural affairs; culinary affairs



By Shaina Nomee
Cultural Awareness Assistant

Cultural Awareness Director Cliff SiJohn, and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Language Department are discussing the power of food within the Coeur d'Alene Tribal culture. In this ongoing orientation, Cliff will teach employees how to say certain food names in the Coeur d'Alene language. Employees will also learn about the traditional foods, seasons and basic food preparation of some of the items to be discussed.

Classes began in early spring, open to all employees at the resort.

The study of our natural foods

is not only culturally important, but growingly significant for Executive Chef Adam Hegsted, who strives to incorporate many of these natural foods into our menus.

Common Name: Camas. Latin Name: Camassia quamash. Coeur d'Alene Name: etqhwé', sqha'wlutqhwe.

A staple food in the Plateau Indian diet is a beautiful, small lily-like flower that grows in damp places across the Pacific Northwest.

The camas bulbs were harvested at the seed pod stage. They were peeled and eaten fresh or dried in the sun for year-round use.

Camas is high in Vitamin C and is a very good source of iron.

Easter Sunday big for buffet

By Debbie Wilmarth
Food and Beverage Manager

We enjoyed another great Easter Sunday in the High Mountain Buffet. Staff at both the front and back of the house did awesome work. We served almost 900 guests.

I'd offer some special thanks to Lance Babbitt for the outstanding decorating he did for the buffet. We had many compliments from guests for great food and service. Thank you again for being such a great staff.

Dishwashers and bakery staff were great, too. The new cupcakes for the buffet were a great hit. Thank you for helping me, as always.

Are you RAD?

By Rosalie Taylor

In the next few weeks, the Employee morale committee will be rolling out a new employee awards program, Random Acts of Distinction, or RAD for short.

The program is designed for your fellow employees to recognize you for extraordinary acts of customer service, not just for being an exemplary employee, but for something that goes beyond your traditional job duties and exemplifies traditional tribal hospitality.

All employees are eligible to participate in this program and all employees may nominate another employee for one of the monthly awards. Nomination forms and a box for entries will be available in the employee lounge.

Managers look out for the good ones

By Chuck Matheson
Manager on Duty

Recently, Cage Manager Rhonda Stiffarm asked me to sit in with her during a meeting with one of her employees. I assumed it was for disciplinary purposes. Boy! Was I ever wrong! This employee had already turned in his resignation. Rhonda, in a direct and to the point manner, let this employee know how important he is to her, their department and to the casino. She asked him to tear up his resignation.

After some discussion, the resignation was torn up.

It is very comforting and makes me proud to know that the casino is in the hands of Managers like Rhonda Stiffarm. We should all let our employees know how they important they are. Thanks!

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\$5 million dollars in transportation services; including Citilink in Kootenai and Benewah counties in this effect they are helping most people they are helping children, the elderly who are not able to drive in this economic time. Over the last six years the tribe has contributed between \$2 and \$3 million dollars towards lake management, the tribe has donated \$1 million dollars to the new Croc Center that serves over 17 thousand members, including low income families.

“The Tribe donates over \$500 thousand to local charities in our communities, the Coeur d’Alene Tribe employees over 2 thousand people. And according to University of Idaho study in 2009 the annual economic impact by the Tribes enterprises in Northern Idaho come to over \$309 million dollars each year.”

Along with the many achievements mentioned, the fiber optic project and Tribal IT department was acknowledged. Graciously receiving the award on behalf of the Coeur d’Alene Tribe was Vice Chairman Ernie Stensgar and Council Member John Abraham.

“We are so honored and somewhat surprised by this honor, with all humbleness we don’t feel like we deserve this,” explained Stensgar.

“We think that it is you and the leadership with the Kootenai

County Task Force that have brought human rights up and have made it an issue, and have made education a priority especially here in Northern Idaho but also in the Northwest and reached out across the Nation.

“I think it is with mutual respect that we stand here today. We are so grateful that we are in a position to give back to all of our communities. We do this with love and understanding to the people to all of the people we live with.”

Although not present at the banquet Chairman Allan offered his gratitude. “We would like to acknowledge and thank the Kootenai Task Force on Human Relations for the many years of hard work they have put into the advancement of human rights in Kootenai County. The impacts of their efforts have had a ripple effect that has touched the lives of many in north Idaho. We are truly fortunate to call them our friends and our allies and we are honored to receive this award,” said Coeur d’Alene Tribal Chairman Chief Allan.

Also introduced at the award ceremony was Coeur d’Alene Tribal member Jesse LaSarte, who was one of four students who received full ride scholarships to North Idaho College. The scholarships are made possible through a partnership between the Human Rights Education Institute and the North Idaho College Foundation.

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and response; and sustainable agriculture, and connects them with green sector employers.

VGF relies on strategic partnerships with private businesses, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, professional associations and educational institutions that offer jobs or training programs to military veterans. With key startup funding from the Call of Duty Endowment and Walmart, VGF aims to connect with 1,000 veterans and place at least 30 percent of them into full-time green sector jobs by mid-2013. VGF provides a path for young Native American military veterans to continue to serve their country and communities by working in areas that provide long-term economic, social and environmental benefits.

A sub-program, Veterans Fire Corps (VFC), may be of particular interest to returning tribal veterans because of the long history of Native American involvement in fire crews. VFC is a collaborative initiative that is targeted at training veterans to protect our public lands from the threat of wildfire. Veterans work as part of a crew, receive training, certificates, and a small living stipend. Initial project work generally includes introductory fuels reduction, work, leadership

training and minimum exposure to fire suppression. The experience and training provided through VFC are designed to prepare program participants for positions as wildland firefighters, allowing them to earn certifications and compete for federal jobs leveraging their veteran hiring preference. Opportunities to participate in VFC are available either for tribes interested in forming crews or individuals.

For information on training opportunities or requirements for participation, training and work experience, please contact the individuals listed below.

Tribes seeking assistance in establishing VFC crews with all or many veterans should contact John Toth, Director of Veterans Programs, Veterans Green Jobs at 720-236-1316 or john.toth@veteransgreenjobs.org.

Individual Tribal veterans interested in learning more about VFC should contact Mr. Garrett Reppenhagen at 719-235-7030. Garrett can tell you about openings on currently established crews in your part of the country or some place you long to visit. Advertisements for established crews will come out about two weeks prior to the starting date. Interested individuals should express their intentions early.

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mostly laughter.)

In later years Vinnie’s health did not allow her to participate as fully in the current elders meetings where the language has been discussed at length. However, when she could attend her language skills were as sharp as ever, and her occasional input into grammatical matters was second only to Nicodemus. She was genuinely one of the last of the speakers of *Coeur d’Alene*, despite the fact that her more vigorous contributions were made as long ago as thirty years.

That, however, would be my point.

Nowadays it is common to hear about native language revitalization programs throughout Indian Country. I am fortunate enough to be a regular consultant for the Administration for Native Americans and routinely get to read grant applications for funding for such programs throughout the country, Alaska, and in the Pacific Islands. Many applicants propose to find a capable elder to teach a heritage language and to devise a school curriculum, perhaps in a community school. The Coeur d’Alenes *had that*, four decades



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Classes are subject to change.

Pre-registration required. Payment or purchase order must be received 1 week prior to class or slot may be forfeited and/or class cancelled.

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- ❖ APPLICATIONS CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE T.E.R.O. OFFICE AND ARE DUE BACK MAY 18th, NO LATER THAN 4:00PM (WE WILL NOT TAKE ANY APPLICATIONS AFTER THE DEADLINE)
- ❖ **MAKE SURE YOU FILL OUT THE PROPER APPLICATION LABELED SUMMER YOUTH.**
- ❖ INDIAN PREFERNECE HIRING PROCEDURES WILL BE ADHERED TO ACCORDING TO CDA TRIBAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
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ago. Many applicant organizations propose now to collect historical testimony from their remaining speakers, to provide an enduring record for those to come. The Coeur d’Alenes *did that*, at the end of the 1980s. Some language programs propose to gather and record significant cultural data in the language, in vital domains like tribal knowledge of ancestral territory. The Coeur d’Alenes *did that* twenty-five years ago, and that particular body of information continues to yield invaluable and precious knowledge that will never be re-created.

More so, some new language

programs propose to put the burden on youngsters, to make them the sole target of heritage language revitalization efforts. However, I learned long ago from Lavinia Felsman that it’s unrealistic to expect our younger people to do all of the learning, and send them home to families or out into the community where no one else actively speaks the native language. As complicated as the homework gets for grade schoolers, they need encouragement and helpful adults and a community that values the language of their ancestors, in order to help them be successful.

They need to see the language in signage, in jobs, in homes, in media, throughout the community.

Vinnie worked on *Coeur d’Alene* at every level, from the younger, capable students of the middle grades in primary school, to the transcription of her elders, to the more high-profile charged arena of geographic place names; terms that even the most casual learner of *Coeur d’Alene* or any community member can learn. Her work was impeccable. Her contributions are permanent. Her advice was timely and continues to guide the activities of the tribe’s language program.

Candidates for the 2012 Coeur d'Alene



Incumbent - Chief J. Allan

Growing up on the reservation, I learned about simple blessings, like getting together with family and friends, and being grateful for the beautiful land we call our reservation. I also learned about hardships, the reality of substance abuse and poverty. In college, I learned the value of an education and in meeting people of all shapes and backgrounds. Working for my Tribe, I have learned that as individuals, we struggle. But when we come together, we accomplish many things, like winning back our lake and the right to determine our future whether through gaming or other ways. Because I can guarantee there will be bigger fights in the future over our right to manage our resources, over our right to exercise our sovereignty, over our right to simply exist as we have now for thousands of years.

We can't forget that we are

all Coeur d'Alene, and though as individuals we have our strengths and weaknesses, as a group we are bigger and better than whoever comes knocking down our door for a fight.

My focus has always and will always be unity in our membership as a whole. Our past Tribal leaders and people fought too hard to keep us strong and we cannot let that fall apart now. More work and sacrifice still remains ahead for us so that all our members and families can win the struggles they face. I see that we are a very diverse people, we have many different last names, different traditional ways and skills. But we all have the same blood that runs through our veins as Coeur d'Alene Tribal people, and we have a shared vision to see our Tribe persevere.

The will of our people will always be to not settle for less, to strive for solutions and change. I

feel grateful and blessed to be a part of it – the good and not so good, because I have learned so much. But above all else, I am grateful to be a part of our will to govern ourselves and decide our own destiny, instead of it being in the hands of others who don't know our ways, our culture and our needs. That is a blessing given to us by the Creator that can't be taken away by anyone.

As before, I don't make promises on this issue or that because I've been around the block and have seen so many promises fail. Instead, I promise to continue to love my Tribe, to work hard, and give the best that I am able to give.

I thank you and again ask for your support and vote on May 5th. I look forward to serving you, God-willing, day-in, day-out for another three years.

*God Bless,
Chief Allan*

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you the past nine years. I have had the greatest job in the world representing you the membership. It has been a truly blessing and as this third

term comes to a close, I still feel strongly about serving my Tribe and the people and I ask for your support for another term.

I have learned and observed many things on my journey so far.

Incumbent - Norma "Jeanie" Louie

Ahhh! Hello Friends and Relatives

Hoping this note finds you all well! Respectfully, I am asking for your vote and support in this election. I am running for my seat on Council. The love for our Coeur d'Alene Reservation, our members, our natural resources, our very being are foremost in my heart and that gives me the strength and spirit to do all that I can to protect our sovereignty

and our rights.

I serve on several committees and chair Gaming, Culture and Enrollment and also serve as an officer on the Board for the Healing Lodge of Seven Nations and on the Board for Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians to further our present goals and commitment to our future generations.

As I mentioned in my mail out, we are excited about the Settlement dollars and

the consensus for 100% distribution to you, our Tribal members! This will definitely help our families.

In closing, it has been an honor to serve you these past years and hope you will give me the opportunity to serve you again. Your vote will be appreciated. If you have any questions, please call me (208) 568-1121. Lim Lemtsh!

Norma "Jeanie" Louie



Incumbent - Paulette E. Jordan

of government and corporate operations. Together, I believe we will continue to establish ourselves in a respectable manner to serve every aspect of our communities and economy.

I do not take my position as councilwoman lightly, and I realize my strengths with education, experience and a deep sense of purpose will help me to face the many challenges ahead. By learning from our mistakes and battles we've faced, we become stronger and more capable of resolving such matters with better understanding. I am proud of what we have accomplished over the many years, by developing strong relationships with neighboring communities and other entities relative to transportation, education and our natural resources. We want our future generations to see our beautiful lands we have today, and experience clean waters as well as breathe fresh air, but without key partnerships, we are fighting against the river. Such relationships are important for us to maintain and build for sake of everyone.

Our ancestors would be proud to

see us continue as good stewards of the land they fought to protect for us to practice our sovereign rights upon today! Let's continue to function as stewards of the waters, air, lands and wildlife for balance. We want to sustain ourselves for sake of our values in culture and means of a people by way of those traditional teachings. As our elders and great leaders have said, "we must remember who we are to know where we are going." I will continue to fight to sustain our sovereignty, and promise to work hard for our people. Our aim is for complete self-sufficiency, while still keeping the federal government accountable for our Executive Order rights to provide for our healthcare, education and resources that should benefit our social needs.

Our ancestors have sacrificed much for freedom and peace, to hunt, fish and live our way of life as Indian people. We must uphold such relationships as it is in the name of upholding our sovereign status and keeping in mind our rightful place upon these lands of the Coeur d'Alene Reservation!

Our work never ends, and I know

much work needs to be done and I look forward to working together with others on projects that will improve our quality of life to build upon our safety, educational services, youth developments, and community initiatives that our families can benefit from.

I make no promises in campaigns, but I will promise to continue to give you my all. Our people are very prayerful and that prayer keeps us united. Let's continue to work together to sustain what works and look for better solutions to those concerns we need to improve upon.

The love in my heart extends to all of you, for my sense of purpose increases with my two children. I want a better future for them and all of us. Our children deserve all the goodness in the world and a positive environment to develop. I will continue to give my best and represent everyone equally within our Tribe!

Lim'lemtsh for this opportunity to serve you and for your continued support!

*Paulette E. Jordan
Coeur d'Alene Tribal Member*

Thank you for this opportunity to represent you and serve our people for the past three years! I hope to retain your support and work to gain the confidence of others for unity and tribal strength. It is a blessing in more ways than one to be able to serve others in such a capacity. I have learned a great deal from my fellow councilmen and women locally, regionally and nationally, and

feel those lessons will be of great service for any challenges that lie ahead for us as Schitsu'umsh.

I hope to benefit others by way of example, and will continue to seek new avenues of leadership and social development for our communities. Our people have a great deal to offer in resources of thought, economics, education and healthcare. We have a right to be represented at all levels

Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council Elections

Candidate - Mike "Buck" Allen

Before I get started I want you to know I will not be running with anyone nor have I discussed any campaign strategy with any of the candidates. The contents of this letter are my views only. When our leaders are elected, they swear an oath to protect and serve the people, not the other way around. I have read all the minutes of all the council meetings since October of 2010.

I happened to come across the resolution on Tribal Council Compensation. I cannot believe the Council voted to make them a paid council. I remember at one of the General Meetings, the membership voted against a paid council. The resolution contains words I don't agree with, like "compensation," "burden," and "cost of living."

The word compensation means making up for a loss. With all the travel our council takes, it's not surprising they miss a lot of work from their full-time jobs. Who is doing their job while on travel? I always believed it is not possible

to do both jobs well. There should be checks and balances put in place to make all council members accountable for their time served for both jobs. With the rigors of being a council member and full time employees, maybe they should choose one or the other. I will devote all my time to being a council member. I know I am very capable of doing this job. I'm sure there will be a learning curve but I will be diligent in my learning of this job. I will not work 2 jobs.

The resolution contains the word "burden." I will consider it to be an honor to serve this tribe as a leader and not a burden. When you run for council you do not expect it to be easy. I would be humbled to get the opportunity to fight for this tribe at every level of government. Here at home I will not pick and choose who might need help. I will fight for all tribal members locally & nationally.

At the same time council got raises, Casino revenues dropped and according to our Finance Director, Federal Grant monies

decreased. Times were tough and budget cuts were necessary. Per Capitas were lower than ever. Our leaders should have been austere. Instead they gave themselves a 150% cost of living raise (our chairman was excluded from the resolution). As a leader, I would have been the first to take a cut. I would lead by example and I would do it in a way where I am shoulder to shoulder with all the people of the tribe.

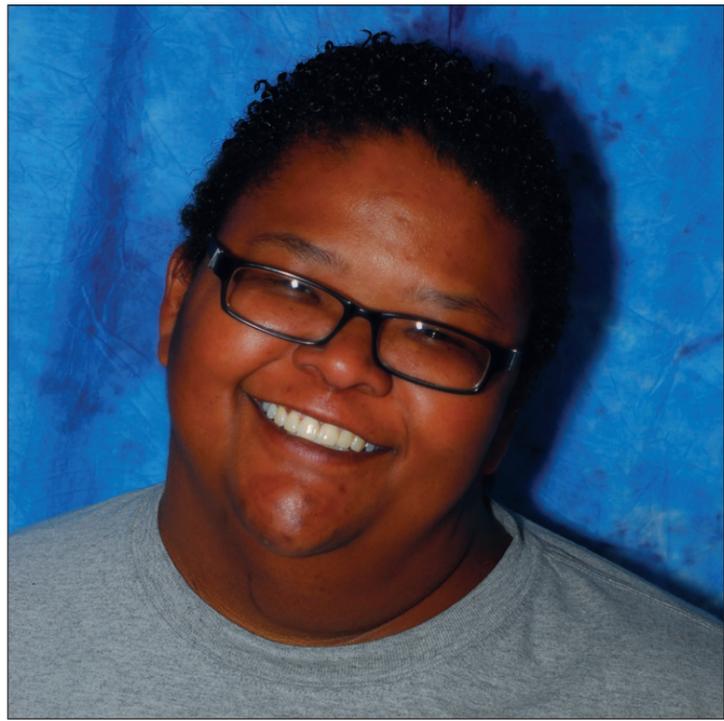
I am co-owner of Native Education solutions. I guess you can call me the Finance Officer. I make all the purchases and I negotiate and sign all our contracts. We have worked with tribes all across American. We conducted workshops in Santa Fe, Anaheim, Phoenix, Oklahoma City, and Seattle. I am negotiating with Oneida Nation Casino/Hotels in the states of New York and Wisconsin. The other will be in Las Vegas in February 2013. I have requested an RFP from the Luxor. With the budget cuts in education programs everywhere we feel the pinch as well.



I will bring to council my commitment to be honest and to conduct myself with integrity. I committed my life to God several years ago. My wife of 32 years and I both hoped our business

would free us up to do ministry work. We made 3 ministry trips to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. We also help people

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Candidate - Treva Callahan

Greetings! My name is Treva Callahan and I am running for Tribal Council. Our current and previous council have made monumental strides and achievements towards the progression of our Tribe and should be applauded for all they have done to help make certain our Tribe remains strong and viable. However, I believe that our membership is ready for change.

There are many of us who are not a part of Tribal Council's inner circle of friends and family and do not have a privileged last name. During my 5 years of experience working at CDA Tribal Housing, many tribal

members have shared their frustrations and desires with me. I am asking for your vote so that I can represent the general membership and bring these frustrations and desires to the table. Back in 2010 when I went through my two brain surgeries, the CDA Tribal community pulled together and gave me and my family immense support. I would be honored to be able to do my part to help ensure the liveliness of our Tribe's future.

It is not my goal or wish to make being on Council a career; it is simply to bring new ideas and perspectives to the table. Our survival depends on a healthy mixture of all

generations; it's time for new blood to be introduced to the Tribal Council. I am not here to make empty promises on what I will do if elected, but I am here to say that every tribal member deserves to be heard. I know that seeking a position on Council is a huge responsibility and I am prepared to listen, learn, and most importantly, share the struggles and concerns that tribal members face on a day to day basis. I may be of the younger generation, but I am eager to serve you. We need new beginnings!

*Live, Laugh, Love,
Treva Callahan
Coeur d'Alene Tribal Member*

Candidate - Leta Campbell

I am happy to announce my candidacy for tribal council. Respectfully, I would like to ask your support Saturday May 5, 2012.

As elected tribal leaders the seven sitting at the council table should make decisions that support established policies and procedures, follow the law and order code, membership initiative's, enforce enrollment requirements, zoning ordinances, building codes and all rules developed to benefit the health and welfare of all tribal members. Our council should be accountable to the people they serve. Not one person or family should hold special rank or higher status.

Our tribe faces many serious challenges on the national level such as Trust reform and the upcoming settlement payment. It took years of hard work by our previous and current councils, in addition to tribes

across the nation, to reach this settlement. Our families will receive a small benefit from this settlement in the near future.

On a local level, our young working families need quality child care; TERO should support small business loans for qualified tribal members. Tribal council can communicate with the membership through secure technology. The membership should receive real time information about tribal issues that affect our lives and our government. I believe we should have monthly meetings for the people held in council chambers from 7pm to 9pm. Meetings should be held the same day and time each month. Any council member available can attend and answer questions. All paid board chairpersons should be available to answer questions, too. Council needs to oversee

tribal enterprises without micromanaging.

Our tribe has experienced many successful ventures along with some stumbling blocks. It is a good day to be a Coeur d'Alene Tribal member. During this campaign I will listen to your concerns, but I also plan to have fun as I visit with as many people as possible. On Election Day May 5, 2012 many events are planned. I hope tribal members living off the reservation will take this opportunity to come home to vote and participate in the activities, such as golfing at Circling Raven Golf Course. Our Casino has a new hotel, spa and many new renovations. Tribal members have discounts. Bloomsday, the largest timed road race in the country, is the day after elections. Of course we have yard sales, dinners and parties so that people can visit and



make their predictions on the tribal elections. It really is an exciting time of the year. I live and work in this community so I plan to celebrate our community and celebrate our

people's right to vote. I hope you will honor me with your vote Saturday May 5, 2012.

*Sincerely
Leta Campbell*

Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council Candidates



Candidate - Ida "JR" Gustin

Let me introduce myself to those of you who do not know me and explain why at this time I chose to be a candidate for the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council.

I am the 3rd eldest child of Domnick and Ida Curley. My siblings include 3 sisters, Boom George, Marie Torosian, and Joanna Curley, 3 brothers, Antoine "Stoney" Curley (deceased), Clifford Curley, and Robert Curley. I am married to Donald Gustin, and I have one daughter, Sunni Jo Mullen.

This coming July will mark my 19th anniversary working for in the field of Early Childhood, where I hold the position of Disability Coordinator for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Early Childhood Learning Center. A side note: I am now working with the children of the children who

were in one of the first graduating class when I started working for Head Start.

I am involved in numerous community activities. I have been on the Booster Club for the past eight years. I am the captain of the Relay for Life Team of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. I have also been involved in the Get out the Vote program for the CDA tribe. I am currently on the Plummer / Worley School board representing zone 3, since September 2007. I am also a member of the Benewah Medical Center Health Board. In March of 2005, Governor Kempthorne appointment me to the Infant Toddler Coordinating Council (ICC) (Idaho Code Title 16, Chapter 1), now called the Early Childhood Coordinating Council, for a three year term, I held that

position until July of 2011.

Because I have been involved in Early Childhood for as long as I have been, I have a passion for children and their wellbeing. We need to put our children first. Funding has been a problem in the Early Childhood Programs, we need to focus on making sure that OUR children are taken care of first before we offer assistance elsewhere.

I think being involved in your community is very important, and I always seem to find myself volunteering for one thing or another. I believe that in order to make a difference a person needs to stand up and be heard instead of sitting back and waiting for someone else to speak. I also believe that you need to own your actions and opinions. Being on the School Board I have had to make some tough decision, these decisions were made based on what was best for the School as a whole and not for an individual. I am honest and speak my mind, which at times does seem to get me in a bit of conflict, but as stated before, I own up to my actions and decisions. My dad told me once that if you are talking to just be talking then you need to shut up, but if you are talking to make a difference then speak up, state your point.

So, at this time if given the opportunity I believe that I can help make a difference for the People of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

I would appreciate your vote of confidence on May 5, 2012.

**Thank You,
Ida J. Gustin
P.O. Box 191
318 Pete Silas
Worley, ID 83876**



Candidate - Ronald George Torpey

My mother and father are Lydia 'Buggs' Nomee and Ron Torpey Sr, I was 'spoiled' by my grandparents, Tillie and Bill Nomee. But I would rather not exclude anyone and say all my family was and are a part of my life and have helped create the way I feel about Indian people, I love you all.

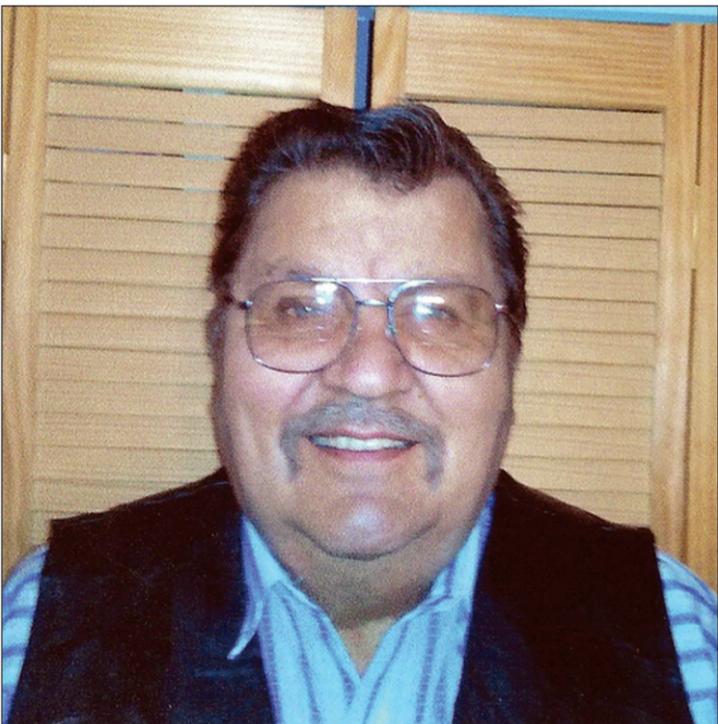
I grew up both here and on the Kalispel reservation with Milton and Dena Nomee, I graduated from Plummer and then joined the U.S. Navy SeaBee's for 8 years to do roadway and airstrip construction around the world. The military is where I met Veronica and we have been married 25 years, three kids, one grandson and one more on the way. Many other friends and relatives and most important, Elders, from the reservations around us have been an influence in my life, and a thank you to everyone.

The reason I have put in for tribal council is because of 19 years of working for the tribe, for you, and because of monetary decisions made by others, rather than what is provided to Indian people, I am no longer working. So here I am. Through those 19 years I have always kept things in perspective of who and what we are supposed to be doing as a tribal organization, service and loyalty to the tribal membership.

I feel that attitude of service and loyalty is being lost or not emphasized enough to people working for the tribal organization who want to run the tribe like it is a big business. I know we are not the same "communal" tribe from the old days, but neither are we the same as a "for-profit" corporation. We still are an "Indian tribe", with both 'people goals' and 'profit

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Candidate - Don Sczenski



Hi my name is Don Sczenski. Here it is election time again. I am really excited to run for one of the seats on council.

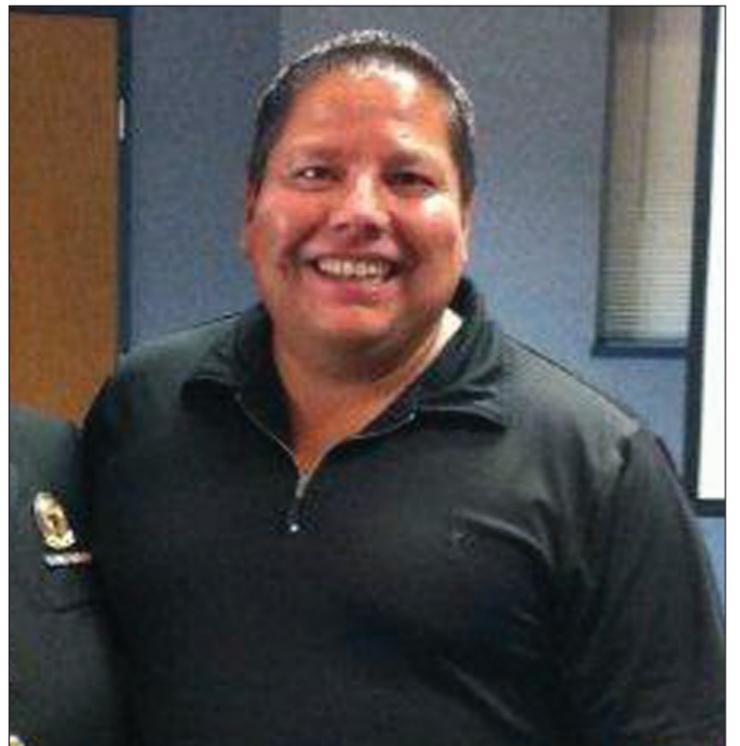
I am not going to make endless promises that are never kept. We have issues within the Tribe. We don't have a perfect council nor will you find one anywhere else. Even our government isn't perfect. That is one reason why we have elections. Is it kind of like growing a garden, you have to weed it once in a while and replace it with

stronger and more productive plants.

I would really appreciate the opportunity to represent the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. So I say with a strong voice that my thoughts and opinions will be in the best interest of our people, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. Make sure that you vote. No matter who it's for. See you at the polls!

**Thank you,
Don Sczenski**

Candidate - Matthew Stensgar



It's time. It's time, for me to represent and give back to our tribe as your councilman.

I am proud to say that I am Coeur d'Alene. My name is Matthew Walking Deer Stensgar; I was born and raised here. My mother is the late Alberta Garrick Stensgar, my father is Ernie Stensgar, and my grandmother is the late Margaret Joseph Falcon Stensgar.

I am a family man. My wife Ladonna and I are raising four beautiful children. I pray each day to be a good father and husband; provide strength, stability and good teachings that have been taught and passed on to me.

I have seen and experienced the toil and stress that it takes to represent you. It is an important and revered position with great responsibility. I am humbled by the fact that this position provides a cause and effect on our generations to come.

Growing up here on our reservation, I've been taught to enjoy our mountains, streams, and fields; hunting, fishing and picking berries. It was also ingrained that I only take what I need. To respect Mother Earth and to give thanks. There is a precious balance of our land and its wildlife. We must protect and monitor our natural resources.

I feel that it is time for me to do the best that I can to protect all

that we have as tribal people. It has been instilled in me at an early age that it is important to learn, to contribute and give back. I have been blessed to work for our Tribe for twenty years. During this time, I have also been appointed to various boards and committees. I currently chair the Health Board and Lake Board, these two boards are intricate and controversial at times, however, there have been some positive gains and changes and a great learning opportunity.

I currently hold the position as your Gaming Director for our Tribal Gaming Board. My job is to ensure and protect the integrity of our gaming resources and its practices.

So it is time that I humbly request your vote to allow me to serve and protect your rights and our children's rights to ensure a better tomorrow for all.

**Lim lemtsh,
Matthew Stensgar**

TRIBAL PER CAPITA NOTICES

Direct Deposit

To: all adult Coeur d'Alene Tribal members if you want to set up, change, or cancel Direct Deposit for Tribal per capita payments, please do so by no later than May 10th, 2012. If you are satisfied with your current information, there is no action necessary.

Contact Jonathan Isenberg in the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Finance Office at (208) 686-5503 or jdisenberg@cdatribe-nsn.gov.

Enrollment Department needs the following members to update thier addresses

The following Coeur d'Alene Tribal members have no address on file with the Tribal Enrollment office. If addresses are not updated with the department, and you do not come to headquarters to pick up your per capita checks, they **WILL NOT** be mailed out.

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| <i>Christina Abrahamson</i> | <i>Marie Aripa</i> |
| <i>Austin Binder</i> | <i>Marcus Bob</i> |
| <i>Harold Boutellier</i> | <i>Leo Boutellier</i> |
| <i>Shantel Carlson</i> | <i>June Castaneda</i> |
| <i>Fredrick Coffey</i> | <i>Leonard Davison</i> |
| <i>Clyde Fanning</i> | <i>Eli Gardapie</i> |
| <i>Judy Gaze</i> | <i>Teddy Gaze</i> |
| <i>Alfonso George</i> | <i>Joseph George</i> |
| <i>Starr Gonzales</i> | <i>Katrina Haines</i> |
| <i>Yvonne Hameline</i> | <i>Stephani Harroun</i> |
| <i>Anthony Harroun</i> | <i>Michael Holt</i> |
| <i>Tawnee Holt</i> | <i>Tracey James</i> |
| <i>Lloyd Kee</i> | <i>Brian Lopez</i> |
| <i>Jessica Ludlam</i> | <i>Michael Madison</i> |
| <i>Jean Moffitt</i> | <i>Charles Newman</i> |
| <i>Edward Nicodemus</i> | <i>Danielle Omans</i> |
| <i>Lance Payne</i> | <i>Dennis Pierce</i> |
| <i>Kenneth Pierce</i> | <i>Ryan Reidner</i> |
| <i>James Samuels Sr.</i> | <i>James Samuels Jr.</i> |
| <i>Ernestine Seyler</i> | <i>Francis SiJohn</i> |
| <i>Keisha Stensgar</i> | <i>Krista Weems</i> |
| <i>Deanna Williams</i> | <i>Eugene Williams</i> |
| <i>Charlotte Wilson</i> | <i>Tiffany Wilson</i> |

There are also numerous minor children whose addresses are not updated with Enrollment, if you do not receive a check for your minor child, this is likely the reason why.

Please contact Tribal Enrollment at 208-686-0800 to find out what you have to do to update this information.

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goals' so we have to blend both goals together and we have the tools to do it by identifying our needs and meeting the demand with our own resources and, most important OUR OWN PEOPLE. So we have to see constant compromise, to try for the best of both opposing goals, and find a medium. We need a more participative democracy in our tribal government so the people are included in the decision making and everything is open to discussion for all the people to see.

Also our sovereignty as individual Indian people, we are a free people and we need to emphasize this more. We need to empower ourselves to say "no" we want to see more and hear more of what is going on and how we are going to be a part of the decision

making for the sake of our kids. Another topic to think about is respect, every time I have talked to Elders in the community that is what I hear from them. "Where is the respect for our people?" Elders should have a special seat to have say so in anything we do. They have the right do this as Elders and I respect that. Where are those elders today? At one time we all had a common goal when there were traditional elders involved because they reminded and guided us for the benefit of people, the land, and our natural life.

One of my dreams is to go out to the nearest stream, creek or river and take a big drink of water like our ancestors did and put my sweathouse by the creek. This is not possible today unless you like mud. We are going to need clean water in the future so we need to strengthen our water rights and walk the talk about protecting

U.S. DOL proposes tribal consultation policy

The U.S. Department of Labor today published in the Federal Register a proposed tribal consultation policy, creating a formal process through which the department will engage in consultation with federally recognized tribes on actions or policies that will have a significant impact on tribal nations. This policy would apply to any department action that affects federally recognized Indian tribes and requires that the department's government-to-government consultation involve both appropriate tribal and department officials.

"The development of the Labor Department's tribal consultation policy honors the

relationship between the Native American community and the U.S. government, thanks to the president's leadership calling for ongoing engagement with tribal nations and communities," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "This policy aims to strengthen the U.S. government's interactions with sovereign tribal nations. We look forward to receiving feedback and implementing the policy."

On Nov. 9, 2009, President Obama cited Executive Order 13175, which was issued by President Clinton, tasking executive branch departments and agencies with engaging tribal nations to formalize federal programs that impact tribal communities.

Following the president's

charge, the Department of Labor began devising a plan. A series of consultative listening sessions, including meetings with representatives of the Native American community, the department's Native American Employment and Training Council, and the National Congress of American Indians, preceded the finalization of the tribal consultation policy proposed today.

A public comment period will end June 18. Following the comment period, the department will evaluate comments for prospective changes to the proposed policy. To view the proposal and submit comments, visit <http://www.federalregister.gov/a/2012-09372>.

If you are doing any planting around your house, the Success Center would like to take the nursery pots off your hands.

We will be doing individual container gardens for each of the kids during the summer program.



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Happy 47th Birthday
Dad! Joseph
"Charging Bear"
Matt Sr.

Love your son,
Joseph "Medicine
Wolf" Matt Jr.

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streams and rivers within the reservation.

Indian People, It's always been of utmost importance to be part of a big extended family, with a headman or special grandmother holding things together. This is something of a reality to Indian families to stay loyal to their relatives, and it makes it difficult to create change and fresh ideas. Maybe we need to bring that heads of family concept back to create some kind of cohesion with our Elders and families and creating input from different points of view? Another issue is trust, how can we re-create that trust amongst us? Tribal election time is when we get to have a say so, so trust in yourself to vote for those whom you think will make good decisions on your part and for your children. LemLemsh!

George Torpey

Annual Elders Stickgame results

The results of the Annual Elders Stickgame tournament at the Coeur d'Alene Casino are as follows:

Friday Scramble: \$500.00 Added. Teams 32 Total Money \$3260.

1ST Place Irea Santos \$2560.00; 2ND Place Kevin Ball \$1100.00

Saturday Main Tournament : 121 TEAMS

1ST Place. \$5,000 Kevin Thomas, Arlee, Mt.; John Arlee, Arlee, Mt; Gordon Songers, Arlee, Mt; Patricia Songers(Nomee) Arlee, Mt; Alene Beasten, Reddear Alberta.

2ND Place. \$3,500 Chaskae Jim, Ronan, Mt; Phyllisa Mathias, Ronan Mt; Mary Dick, Nesplem, Wa; Janice Peasley, Omak, Wa; Reyra Dick, Ronan, Mt.

3RD Place. \$2,500 LoVina Louie, Worley, Id; Debbie Louie-McGee, Worley, Id; Jackson Louie, Plummer, Id; Isiah Louie, Plummer, Id; Jay Louie, Plummer, Id.

4TH Place. \$1,000 John Abraham, Plummer, Id; Deb Louie, Plummer, Id.; Jeannie

Louie, Worley, Id; Ernie Stensgar, Plummer, Id; Dixie Stensgar Plummer, Id.

Consolation Tourney \$1,000 Winner: Tobias Oldshoes 32 teams

Material Game: Winner: Lucille Pakootas Myra Knophl, Blackfeet Tribe, Browning, Mt and Lucille Pakootas, Colville Tribe Nespelem, Wa.

Wah-Luks Tournament \$1000.00 Added. Total Money \$1600, 12 entries.

1ST. Vera Hernadez \$1120.00 Toppnish, Wa. 2nd Daylon Dick \$480.00 Nespelem, Wa.

Sunday's Jackpot \$500.00 Added. 64 Teams Total Money \$4340.

1ST Place. John Ruiz White Swan, Wa - \$3040.00. 2ND Place. Linda Dick Nespelem, Wa - \$1300.00.

Sundays Kids Tourney: TEAMS 10

1ST Place: \$200.00 - Billy Dean Wapass - Alberta, Canada. 2ND Place : \$150.00 - Xavier Pierre - Ronan, Mt. 3RD Place: \$100.00 - Ina Oldshoes - Alberta Canada.

4TH Place: \$50.00 - Jaeden Matt - Spokane, Wa.

AA Speakers meeting held in May

Alcoholic Anonymous Speakers Meeting will be held on May 12, 2012.

Sponsored By: Worley, Idaho Coeur d'Alene Reservation A.A. groups and North Idaho A.A. held at the Rose Creek Longhouse 30030 Mitch Michael Lane Worley, Idaho. Luncheon 12:00 noon Stew and Fry Bread.

Please Bring: soda, water and deserts if possible. Door Prizes and a 50/50 Drawing will be held.

Come Help Us Welcome Speaker Rod B. who has 27 years of sobriety, is a Trustee of The General Service Board, is on thee Alcoholics Anonymous, Board of Directors, is the First Native American elected to The board in the history of A.A.

For more information contact: Estabon 1-208-651-1877 or Jack 1-509-979-5225.

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here through Schint Ministries, a multi-denominational group of Christians who strive to live out their faith here on the reservation. Let me finish by saying I will put God at the forefront of what I do. My grandmother would say Love your God, Love your neighbor, Love your Tribe- all in that order. She said it is just as important to forgive. So, at the end of day, I

will shake your hand and tell you let's leave our differences behind and move this tribe forward the next time we meet.

I will be honored and humbled even if you consider voting for me and once you get in the voting booth and do vote for me, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,
Mike Buck Allen

~ People in the News ~

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Julia Keefe performs at Fox Theater

HOLY NAMES MUSIC CENTER'S 5TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY MUSIC EDUCATION BENEFIT & AUCTION
Fundraiser for the programs and outreach of Holy Names Music Center, "Spokane's Community Music School."
DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

MONDAY APRIL 23RD | 6:45 DOORS, 7:30 CONCERT
THE FOX THEATER, 1001 W. SPRAGUE

FEATURING: Faculty and students of Holy Names Music Center
Northwest Opera • Master Class Jazz Orchestra • Julia Keefe

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Julia Keefe performs with the Master Class Jazz Orchestra at the Fox Theater in Spokane on April 23, 2012.

By Jennifer L. Fletcher

I had the honor of being an invited guest to the Community Music Education Benefit on April 23, 2012 at the Spokane Fox Theater by Miss Julia Keefe and her father Tom. I was flattered that this invitation was extended and excited about finally meeting Keefe in person after phone conversations with her and numerous emails with her father Tom regarding all her efforts surrounding Mildred Bailey.

The night featured a reception and silent auction while we chatted and enjoyed music by Howard Crosby, nephew to the famous Bing Crosby. Many items were up for bid, with proceeds benefiting Community Music Education which raises money for scholarship and musical outreach programs in the public schools and community centers, the event was hosted by the Holy Names Music Center.

A wide array of artists were featured during the concert portion of the event, some as young as 4 years-old. They took to the stage and wowed the crowd with various musical pieces ranging from Julia's jazz stylings and instrumental pieces from famous composers such as Mozart.

Before the performances, guests were treated to a complimentary selection of wine and cheeses while they perused the auction items.

Many of the items included dinner and music packages, fitting for the night's event. While other packages included spa treatments and custom art pieces.

Again, I was thrilled to meet Julia and her father Tom - and they were just as pleasant as they have been during my conversations with them. We can truly expect many great things from this ambitious young lady who has an old jazz soul running through her.

Mettler receives honors for work with Veterans

By Lynn Lowley

April Mettler received a blanket for her hard work and dedication working with Veterans; it was presented to her by Luckie Joe Boyd, the TVR for Washington State.

The Veteran Affairs of Tribal Government Relations Western Region Conference was held on April 10-11, 2012 at Northern Quest Casino. During a break away from the conference a group joins together to present April with a beautiful pendleton blanket.

Jim Vance Director of Veterans Affairs Regional Office Boise Idaho stated, "I have worked with April for five years or more. She has set up VA benefits training sessions at Coeur d'Alene.

"She invited all who wanted to learn about benefits and how to help veterans apply for them. April's contacts were so widespread that people came from quite long distances, and from within and outside of Indian Country.

"April has been one of the most knowledgeable and reliable contacts I have had on the reservation. Her efforts were a labor of love. April was, and remains, devoted to tribal



Pictured from left; Stephanie Birdwell- enrolled Cherokee Nation and Director of Office Tribal Government Relations Washington D.C, Jim Vance Director Veterans Affairs Regional Office Boise, Idaho, Alex Deluao Veterans Service Center Manager, Washington Department of Veterans Affairs, April Mettler Coeur d'Alene tribal member, Coeur d'Alene Tribe Veterans Affairs Administrative Assist, Frank Cordero Suquamish tribal member, Former TVR for Lummi Nation, and David Elizalde Director Veterans Affairs Medical Center Seattle, Washington.

veterans, particularly, but also to all veterans. She truly understood the brotherhood veterans share with all who served.

"It has been an honor and a joy to work with her serving America's veterans."

Ruth Drake Assistant Coach at Department of Veterans Affairs Boise Idaho stated, "April was excellent to work with on Veteran's claims. Her focus and drive for her job is

just like her heart, which is clear, strong and dedicated. She not only assisted with the veterans but also the families.

"She always asked questions to assist the tribal veterans correctly. She went beyond the bounds of her job when presenting the veterans by continually tracking better ways to serve them.

"It was a pure pleasure to be part of the team with April. She will surely be missed."

Udall Foundation awards Givens Congressional Internship



The Udall Foundation is pleased to announce that 12 students from 12 tribes and 12 universities have been selected as 2012 Native American Congressional Interns. They were selected by an independent review committee of nationally recognized Native educators and tribal policy leaders on the basis of academic achievement and a demonstrated commitment to careers in tribal public policy.

This highly regarded internship program is intended to provide American Indians and Alaska Natives with an insider's view of the federal government. The internship is located in Washington,

D.C., and is known for placing students in extremely competitive internship positions in Senate and House offices, committees, Cabinet departments, and the White House, where they are able to observe government decision-making processes firsthand.

The Udall Foundation awards approximately 12 internships every summer on the basis of merit to American Indians and Alaska Natives who are college juniors or seniors, recent graduates from tribal or four-year colleges, or graduate or law students who have demonstrated an interest in fields related to tribal public policy, such as criminal justice, cultural preservation and revitalization, education, economic development, health, law, natural resources protection, and tribal governance.

The 12 new Udall Interns will complete an intensive, 10-week internship in the summer of 2012. Special enrichment activities will provide opportunities to meet with key decision makers.

From 1996 through 2012, 198 American Indian and Alaska Native students from 104 tribes will have participated in the program.

The 2012 Native American

Congressional Internship class includes: Maria Givens, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, interning in the office of U.S. Senator Tom Udall; Adeline Aranaydo, Tohono O'odham Nation, interning in the office of U.S. House Representative Raúl M. Grijalva; Bree Blackhorse, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, interning with the U.S. Department of Justice in the Office of Tribal Justice; Mary C. Bodine, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, interning at The White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ); Travis G. Clark, Osage Nation, interning with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, in the Office of the Solicitor; Aja Conrad, Karuk Tribe of California, interning in the office of U.S. Senator Mark Udall; Helena Cross, Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, interning in the office of U.S. Senator Tim Johnson; Jacqueline Keliiaa, Yerington Paiute Tribe, interning with the U.S. Department of Education in the Office of Indian Education; Mary Matilda Lindeblad-Fry, Confederated

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Scaroni places 5th at Boston Marathon



Susannah Scaroni, daughter of Tribal employee Barb Scaroni, competed in the 116th Annual Boston Marathon on April 15, 2012. She completed the race with a time of 1:50.44, leaving her in 5th place of her division. She won \$1000.00 for her efforts in the, 26.2 mile race in temperatures of 80 degrees.

"This was my second marathon, this is a marathon one must qualify for in order to compete. I qualified with a time of 2:02.46 in Chicago back in October.

"I was so excited to be able to compete here. I am one who loves climbing, and the course is up and down the whole way. It was so great seeing all the support and all of the wheelchair racers from around the world."

She is 20 years old attending college at the University of Illinois studying nutrition. There was a team of 10 athletes from the University of Illinois in Champaign.

~ Health News ~

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BMC welcomes Dental Director John Coburn

As we continue to re-assess our internal systems with the sole purpose of providing high quality efficient care, it's important to communicate key staff changes to keep you up to date. We are pleased to inform you that Dr. John Coburn is now our Dental Director. He was born and raised near Mount Spokane and graduated from Mt. Spokane High School. In 2002 he graduated George Fox University with a B.S. in Chemistry and went on to Oregon Health and Science University where he completed his Doctor of Dental Medicine in dentistry. He has worked in Montana and Coeur d'Alene and for the last three years he has served as Dental Director for the Dirne Community Health Center located in Coeur d'Alene. He is married with three children Preston, Bryton and Archer. His interests include, skiing, hiking, and camping with his family, hunting and fishing. He enjoys reading and is a member of the local dental society. Many of you recognize Dr. Coburn as he has been a part-time dentist for us for several years. We welcome him in his new official role! As a reminder we are pleased to schedule your dental appointments in advance to assist with your scheduling needs. Please call us at 686-1931 for more information on availability of appointments for you and your family!



Dr. John Coburn

the Evan Abraham Long House in DeSmet; Wednesday, May 30th at the Rose Creek Long House in Worley and Thursday, May 31 at the Wellness Center. Everyone is invited!

The new facility is changing colors! The brick and sandstone colored block is now being installed which is the permanent material for the exterior. All roofing is now completed as well as the upper and lower level interior framing. Extensive work in plumbing, electrical and mechanical systems will continue through the next few months. We are starting to see more subcontractors on the site as the project activity accelerates. The Job Fair in March was very successful and well attended as we had almost all of our major subcontractors present to discuss their labor needs in the upcoming months. We hope to resume site work on the new roads any day weather permitting. The project is within budget and is progressing

very well. We are working hard to make up lost days due to the delayed release of funds from our federal grant, but right now we are projecting a late October opening, but there are many pieces that play into that projection. We should have a much better sense of completion mid-summer.

To keep track of the construction progress, remember 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.

Please contact us if we can answer any questions or resolve concerns. Thank you for continuing to challenge us to being a top tier tribal healthcare facility!

May is Mental Health Month

When you have a mental health condition, you may not realize how important your overall health is to your recovery. Having poor overall health can get in the way and make recovery harder. Finding ways to take care of your health can aid your recovery and help you feel better. Here are some things you can do.

Connect With Others: Spending time with positive, loving people you care about and trust can ease stress, help your mood and improve the way you feel overall. They may be family members, close friends, members of a support group or a counselor at the local drop-in center. Many communities even have warm lines you can call to talk to someone.

Advocate For Yourself: You deserve good health care. All too often, people with mental illnesses develop other health conditions, such as heart disease and diabetes, because their health is overlooked. If your doctor is not asking about your overall health, let him know that it's important to you and essential to your recovery.

Get The Care You Need: Get routine check-ups and visit your doctor when you're not feeling well. It may be due to your medicine or a symptom of your mental illness. But it could also be a different health problem.

Plan Your Sleep Schedule: Sleep can affect your mood and your body and is important to your recovery. Not getting the right amount of sleep can make day-to-day functioning and recovery harder. For tips on how to sleep better, contact the National Sleep Foundation at 202-347-3471 or visit www.sleepfoundation.org.

Watch What You Eat: Sometimes, medicine can cause you to gain weight. Other times, eating unhealthy foods can cause weight gain. Foods high in calories and saturated or "bad" fats can raise your blood pressure and cholesterol. This can increase your chances of gaining weight and having other health problems, like heart disease and diabetes. Here are some shortcuts you can take to healthy eating.

If fresh vegetables are too costly, buy frozen vegetables. They can cost less and last a long time in your freezer. If you eat at fast food restaurants, many now offer healthy foods such as salads or grilled chicken. Talk to your doctor to learn more about how to have a healthy diet.

Manage Stress: Everyone has stress. It is a normal part of life. You can feel stress in your body when you have too much to do or when you haven't slept well. You can also feel stress

when you worry about your job, money, relationships, or a friend or family member who is ill or in crisis. Stress can make you feel run down. It can also cause your mind to race and make it hard to focus on the things you need to do. If you have a mental illness, lots of stress can make you feel worse and make it harder to function. If you are feeling stressed, there are steps you can take to feel better:

Slow down and take one thing at a time. If you feel like you have too much to do, make a list and work on it one task at a time.

Know your limits. Let others know them too. If you're overwhelmed at home or work, or with friends, learn how to say "no." It may be hard at first, so practice saying "no" with the people you trust most.

Practice stress reduction techniques. There are a lot of things you can do to make your life more peaceful and calm. Do something you enjoy, exercise, connect with others or meditate.

Know your triggers. What causes stress in your life? If you know where stress is coming from, you will be able to manage it better.

Talk to someone. You don't have to deal with stress on your own. Talking to a trusted friend, family member, support group or counselor can make you feel better. They also may help you figure out how to better manage stress in your life.

Exercise: Along with a healthy diet, exercise can improve your health and well-being. Exercising regularly can increase your self-esteem and confidence; reduce your feelings of stress, anxiety and depression; improve your sleep; and help you maintain a healthy weight.

Find a type of exercise that you enjoy and talk to your doctor. You might enjoy walking, jogging or even dancing. You don't have to go to a gym or spend money to exercise. Here are some things you can start doing now to get active: Check out your local community center for free, fun activities. Take a short walk around the block with family, friends or coworkers. Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Make sure the stairs are well lit. Turn on some music and dance.

Do Something You Enjoy: During the week, find time—30 minutes, a couple of hours or whatever you can fit in—to do something you enjoy. Read a book or magazine, go for a walk or spend time with friends. Taking time for yourself to have fun and laugh can help you relax, ease stress and improve the way you feel.

**Benewah Medical/Wellness Center
Community Information/Listening Sessions
(Open to everyone)**

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

**Dinner will be served at 5:30
Sessions begin at 6:00**

**Thursday, May 17th @ the Evan Abraham
Long House – Desmet**

**Wednesday, May 30th @ the Rose Creek
Long House – Worley**

**Thursday, May 31st @ the Wellness Center
– Plummer**

**Please join Gary Leva, CEO and the Health Board for
an update on the new facility and to share your input
and comments about the progress at BMWC.**

~ Editorials ~

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Adolph: Lem lem for the support

On behalf Northwest Reservation Sports I'd like to personally thank Ernie Stensgar and the CDA Tribal Council for their support and dedication to youth sports. March 30th thru April 1st Best in the Northwest competed in Zebidiah Pluff Memorial Basketball Tournament in Puyallup WA. Our team consisted of 15 and under boys; Jackson Louie Colville tribe, Chub's LaSarte Colville tribe, Keith Matt Colville tribe, Chance Williams Colville tribe, Qwana Matheson CDA tribe, Takota Abrahamson CDA tribe, Leroy Arroyo CDA tribe and Seth Garcia CDA tribe. Coaches; Vincent Adolph Jr., Caj Matheson and Jackson Louie.

Jackson Louie and Chance Williams were honored with most valuable player awards and although we didn't win the tournament we gained valuable experience and developed lasting relationships with other tribes, as well as good times and memories.

Again thank you to our councilman Ernie Stensgar and the council for helping us with funds and support getting our youth to Puyallup. I would also like to thank all the people and parents who supported the bake sale and 50-50 raffles we have had to raise funds. A special thank you to the Wellness Center Staff.

*Lem lem
Vincent Adolph Jr.*

Leo: deep gratitude from the family

The family of Chasity Lynn Leo would like to send out our deepest thank you to the following people who helped us in the hard loss of our daughter/sister Chasity.

We would like to thank the Coeur d'Alene Tribe for the money, which helped because we wasn't prepared for the loss of our baby and had no money. A thanks also goes out to the people in the community for your through and prayers, also to our Montana families and friends who came in our time of need.

A Big Thank You to Uncle Joe and "Little" Joe Sorrell for leading the prayers and saying the Rosary and mass in Indian.

We also would like to thank

Christa Jo Howard, Susan Sam and Mary Michael for cooking. The cooking you women did in a short notice was awesome. You will always have a special place in our hearts.

Our deepest thanks go out to Auntie JR Gustin and Grandmother Ida Curley for taking charge of all the arrangements in our time of needing help. We were not strong enough to think about trying to set up the arrangements. JR you were our rock through it all, JR you was strong enough to wash and dress our angel, you took really good care of her.

*Hubert, Rae Lynn, Bert and
Sadie Leo*

Reyes: hoping you make better choices

This letter is to my Tribal brothers and sisters of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

My name is Jose C. Reyes. I am a member of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. I am 28 years old. I've been in prison since I was 19 years old.

I grew up on the reservation until I was 19 years old. I won't lie to you. I was one of the lost souls that roamed the reservation. I was sick from an early age of 13. From age 13 up to 19, I was under the influence of any poisonous intoxicant I could get my hands on.

Being in prison for 9 years has given me time to reflect on the choices I made when I was out there in the free world. I was sentenced to 20 years in prison for armed robbery. I was under the influence at that time also.

I was on a mission of self-destruction. Now here I sit for the remainder of my sentence. When I first got to prison I was still an immature kid with no education and had no sense of direction. Now 9 years in to my sentence I have earned my GED and have earned a Small-business degree from Peninsula College.

Since being in prison I have lost 2 good friends that were like brothers to me. They were also members of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. It hurts to know when I get out I will never be able to see their smiling faces in this

life again. Their loss of breath was rooted by some form of intoxicants.

I feel it's time for me to reach out and voice my past involvement in the substance abuse struggle that is still taking place on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation today.

I have used every excuse and made up a few to justify my past drug and alcohol abuse. I would like to help anybody out there that has some body suffering from drugs and alcohol or anybody that is suffering from drugs and alcohol themselves.

I don't want to see any more brothers or sisters fall because of drugs and alcohol. I might be able to help or give a better understanding as to why the problem has occurred. If there is any body that would like my help or learn my life story if it will help, I am willing to share.

Everyday I'm in here I send a prayer to the Creator asking that no Native brothers or sisters should have to face this fate I face each day, let me do enough time and suffer the pain for my people.

An old native brother told me, a true warrior sacrifices for the betterment of his people.

Here is my address if you would like to contact me, please feel free to write. May all good come to you.

*Lim'lemtsh!
Jose C. Reyes #872155 C.R.C.C
P.O. box 769 - Connel, WA 99326*

Peone: application denied by the Election Committee

This morning I was notified that I was not certified as a candidate for the May 5, 2012 election. The Election Committee disqualified me for not providing a utility bill with my physical address on it. I turned in a bank statement with my physical address on it rather than a utility bill. As a resident of our Reservation for the past 35 years I can tell you I am still in shock.

The Tribal Law and Order Code Chapter 37 and the CDA Tribal Constitution require in order to be qualified to run for political office you must be: 1. 21 years of age; 2. An enrolled member of the CDA Tribe; 3. Have lived on the reservation for a minimum of 1 year; 4. That you submit a petition with 25 adult tribal member signatures by the 4 p.m. deadline.

I had until 4 p.m. to turn in my petition with 25 signatures by

April 15th (this year the 15th fell on Sunday so we had until 4 p.m. Monday the 16th). Nowhere in the Tribal code does it state the verification documents must be filed by 4 p.m. that same day. In the past the Election Committee has tabled certification of other Tribal members if there were questions about their eligibility. Others in the past were allowed to bring in the documentation the following day. I was offered that same opportunity to turn in a utility bill for the follow up meeting of the Election Committee. Consequently when I was not certified I was very shocked. These are the reasons I am appealing the decision of the election committee. I find myself taking this decision very personal, since I have been off tribal council I have been stone walled for any

committees and now I feel I am being stone walled from running for council. What are they afraid of?

I have no appeal according to the Election Committee so I wrote to all the current Tribal Council to ask for reconsideration, if I am successful this letter will not be necessary. But the council fires will be going out soon and I wanted to let everyone know what happened if my appeal is refused.

Thank you all for your support and taking time to visit with me these past few weeks. Please forgive me for letting you down; I was truly looking forward to Election Day in hopes that I could once again represent all of you.

*Sincerely,
Norma J. Peone
CDA Tribal Member*

Morris: disqualified due to lack of necessary documents

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Election Board voted & unanimously found that you failed to provide all necessary documentation required of a candidate for Tribal Council by the deadline.

I was disqualified due to lack of documentation of my physical address of my residency on the reservation. I gave a copy of my Idaho Driver's license with my physical address. The Election Board needed 2 bills with a physical address. I had my DISH Cable bill in the Enrollment office while I was turning in my paperwork. It seemed to me they only needed my phone bill, when I asked if they needed anything else, I was told NO. The Tribal Code

needs updating. Unfortunately, in prior years this Code has not always been up-held. The entire process is flawed.

I sent a formal appeal to the Tribal Council, Tribal Attorney, and Election Chair. As yet, there has been no response.

Today, Tribal Members I am writing to you, not as much of being disqualified in the process, but to ask each & every ONE of you to take your VOICE to the election polls on May 5th. We are all PROUD to be Coeur d'Alene's, not ONE person is better than the other. We are all SISTERS & BROTHERS of this great nation! I look around today and I wonder, how are our beloved Ancestors' and the "Old Ones" that walked

before us feel about our actions of today? Are our decisions made today in the best interest for future generations? From the youngest child to the oldest Elder and all in-between, we owe it to the People. Are we as a Tribe helping all? Do we have transparent and honest accountability?

"The measure of a man is what he does with power" Pittacus, statesman, military leader

I can be reached at 686.6023 home (553 Lena Louie) 818.8081 cell, marcy920@msn.com & Facebook.

*Lim Lemtsh! To all who supported me and continue to support me!
Marcy Morris*

Stanley: memoirs from the battle field

During this economic downturn I have witnessed companies crippled by the shockwave of recession. I share with you lessons from survivors.

Face reality and think worst case scenario. Hoping for positive results is not a management strategy. Putting off tough decisions in some cases may increase the likelihood of total business failure.

Look big picture; devise a strategy for recovery and base short term decisions on your long term strategy. "Winging-it" from day to day will not work and is likely to waste valuable resources.

Recognize that which needs to be done and follow through.

Be patient, stick to your strategy, and make small changes when necessary but do not continuously change strategy when things get tough.

Increase the mobility of people during crisis. Help them move to more productive jobs within the company or encourage them to find work outside of the company where their skills can be compensated.

The alternative option to the

points mentioned above is to hold onto an overhead structure that is not supported by sales and continue doing things the same -as the world changes. Over time, sometimes a short period of time, the company and personal resources of the company owner will be depleted until the business fails. Everybody loses in total business failure. This is a very sad thing to witness and unfortunately I have seen it too many times as companies ignore reality and ultimately close their doors when they may have had the option of surviving if they committed to acting on tough decisions.

Jim Stanley

Jim Stanley is a tribal member of the Quinault Nation, Past-Vice President of the Quinault Nation Enterprise Board, and board member of the Northwest Native American Chamber. He is a senior lender with Craft3, a non-profit loan fund lending to Sovereign Nations and tribal member owned businesses. Jim freely shares his knowledge and can be reached for comment at: jstanley@craft3.org.

Morris: we want answers to our questions about the Tribe

Our tribal elections are coming up; we now need to select three candidates for the tribal Council. I urge all the candidates running for the Tribal Council in 2012 to give us some answers regarding: Auditing; Finance; Economic Development; Housing; Education; Employment; BMC; Echelon & the Board Members; Hearth Bread; Berg; LLC'S Lake Canyon Properties; Land Acquisitions; \$18 Million Settlement Disbursement (\$7,700.) per member, not to be confused with our regular Distribution Per Capita payment in May; Accountability for all Tribal Departments on the reservation.

Dee Dee Morris



Lavinia Joseph Seyler Felsman 1923 - 2012

A Mass of Christian Burial for Lavinia Seyler Felsman, age 89, was held Monday, April 16, 2012 at 10:00 A. M. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at DeSmet, Idaho. Father Jake Morton, S.J. officiated at the service. Rosary was recited Sunday evening at 7:00 P.M. at the Evangeline Abraham Longhouse at DeSmet. Burial will follow at the DeSmet Mission Cemetery. Lavinia passed away Wednesday afternoon at her home in DeSmet from heart failure.

She was born Lavinia Alice Joseph on February 26, 1923 at DeSmet to Louis and Agatha (Meshell) Joseph. She attended Mary Immaculate Catholic School at DeSmet. Lavinia married Eugene Seyler at DeSmet in 1941. Mr. Seyler died in 1952. Lavinia

married Carl Felsman at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on September 7, 1960. The couple was later divorced. Carl died in 1992.

Lavinia was a lifelong resident of the DeSmet, Idaho area. She was a homemaker and raised her 10 children. Lavinia later worked as a Tribal language teacher and Tribal Historian for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. She taught at the Coeur d'Alene Tribal school for several years. Following her retirement, she continued to make her home at DeSmet.

She was a member of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church at DeSmet, and a member of the Kateri Guild at the Sacred Heart Mission. Lavinia enjoyed handcrafts including embroidery.

Survivors include three sons, Richard Seyler, Leland "Dusty" Seyler, and Norbert "Moe" Seyler all of DeSmet, Idaho; four daughters, Charlene Hayes of Wellpinit, WA, Jeanine Seyler of DeSmet, Bonita Martinez of Tensed, ID, and Serena Galler of DeSmet, ID; 36 grandchildren and 104 Great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son Lawrence Seyler, daughters Gloria Williams and Margaret Groth, five grandchildren; sisters Margaret Stensgar, Bertha Bennett, Evan Abraham, Evangeline Abraham; brothers Leonard, Ignace, Ernest, Norbert, and Matthew Joseph.

Kramer Funeral Home of Tekoa, Washington handled the arrangements.




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Monday-Thursday from 7:45-4:45
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- Payment Options
 - Option 1- pre pay or set up payroll deduction by deadlines below
 - 1st session payment due May 21st
 - 2nd session payment due June 18th
- NO Refunds



Coeur d'Alene Tribal Elections

will be held on
SATURDAY - MAY 5, 2012
at Tribal Headquarters from
8:00 am - 8:00 pm

~Cradleboard News~
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Addison Grace Burk born March 26, 2012 at Clovis Community Hospital, Clovis California to Todd and Ashley Burk. At birth Addison weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces and 20.5 inches in length. Maternal Grandmother; Debbie Owen-Burk, Plummer, Idaho. The family resides in Fresno, California.



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Happy Birthday to you!



Happy 9th Birthday Aaliyah on April 29th.

We love you.



Happy 11th bday Alyssa Mary Ann! We love you! Love always, mom, dad, Kendall and Kimmie.



We would like to wish Danielle Michael a Happy 21st Birthday, Love your family from the rez!



Happy Birthday Dad! We love you!! Love your wife, kids and many grandkids.



Happy belated 6th Birthday Kylee on April 17th.
Love your family.



Happy 16th Birthday Marcus on April 27th
Love your family.



Happy 11th Birthday Laine Marie! Love Mom!



Happy 18th birthday Si'cha Yellow wolf Si-John! Love mom, dad, bros, sisters, nephews and nieces!
Awesome job getting 2nd place in the Les Schwab Slam Dunk contest in the Flathead Valley!



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Tribes of the Colville Reservation, interning with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, in the Office of the Assistant Secretary; Travis Lovett, The Echota Cherokee Tribe of Alabama, interning with the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Majority Office; Letitia M. Stover, Navajo Nation, interning in the office of U.S. Senator John McCain; and Aurora Trujillo, Taos Pueblo Tribe, interning in the office of U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman.

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