



Coeur d'Alene Tribe opens new Benewah Medical Center facility



The south side of the new Benewah Medical Center faces the sun days before its grand opening - in the center is the rotunda that serves as the reception area for the new facility.

By Jennifer L. Fletcher

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe made another leap into the future by opening a new 50,000 square foot Benewah Medical Center. Tribal leaders, members, political dignitaries and local community members gathered on October 19, 2012 on the north hill overlooking the Plummer Valley to celebrate the grand opening of the new facility.

Chairman Chief Allan opened the ceremony by reflecting on how far the medical services on the reservation has come

since the first clinic he visited on Agency hill – a small blue building providing intermittent care to tribal members from 1975 through 1990.

“This is a great day,” said Allan. “This new structure will allow us to provide services not only to our people, but our community as well. I’m excited for this new facility and the success of our community.”

The health services of the Tribe then expanded in June of 1990 to a building in Plummer where medical care, pharmaceutical services and mental health

providers were able to care for the Tribal members and community on the reservation. That building then underwent another expansion in 1994 to include a dental clinic and more exam rooms.

Last year the Benewah Medical Center catalogued over 35,000 visits to the providers in the old facility – it is the hope that this new building with its expanded areas will be able to service those visits and even more in a more complete and efficient manner.

The new building will house all medical, dental and mental health

services for the Tribal community and the surrounding areas as the most complete health care provider in a twenty mile radius. The medical center consolidates services now offered at several buildings around the area. This will be the first time in years that patients won't have to visit separate buildings for medical and dental care or services like counseling.

The \$17 Million project was funded by a federal grant, the tribe and the medical center itself. Of that about \$12 million came from a federal grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration. Another \$2.5 million came from the tribe's funds, which are Coeur d'Alene Casino proceeds.

Hundreds of people were invited to the grand opening and gathered in a white tent on the new parking area as tribal leaders, BMC leaders and political leaders took to the stage to express their gratitude and praise the Tribe's efforts to advance healthcare on the reservation.

Vice-Chairman Ernie Stensgar

recapped the vast history of the Tribal medical services and recalled on times when healthcare was only provided by the Agency clinic a few days a week by a Nurse Practitioner.

Idaho State Senator Mike Crapo gave the keynote address during the ceremony and congratulated the tribe on another major step towards the advancements being made on the reservation.

“This facility will increase access for all patients in a chronically underserved region,” he said

BMC Health Board Chair Bernie LaSarte and Benewah Medical Center CEO Gary Leva also spoke and were very proud of the accomplishment which has been not only a long time needed but years in the making.

With the Tribal Council by her side Tribal elder Bertha Swan was honored with the task of cutting the ribbon to “officially” open the center – which had been serving patients all week. Guests were also treated to a catered lunch and invited to go on guided tours through the new building.

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Kateri Tekakwitha canonized as first Native American saint by Pope Benedict XVI

VATICAN CITY - She was known as Lily of the Mohawks, or the Pocahontas of the Catholic Church. But on Sunday, Kateri Tekakwitha went down in history as the first Native American saint.

Born more than 300 years ago in the Mohawks village of Ossernion - today Ausierville, forty miles from Albany NY - she was one of seven people canonized by Pope Benedict XVI Sunday in an open-air ceremony held in Saint Peter's Square.

One of the remaining six was also American: Mother Marianne Cope, a 19th century Franciscan nun who cared for leprosy patients in Hawaii.

Kateri had a short life - she died at 24 - and yet, as for most saints, her devotion to Christianity, sacrifices and "heroic virtue" were so inspirational that her legacy survived for generations.

Her mother was a Christian Algonquin woman who was captured during a raid and given as wife to a Mohawks tribal member. She was born in the middle of the 17th century, a time of infighting between rival American tribes,

deadly diseases and colonization. And a time when French Jesuit priests preached in the area, trying to convert locals to Christianity.

Kateri was only four years old when a smallpox epidemic spread among the Mohawks tribe. Her parents and younger brother were killed and although she survived she was left with permanent scars on her face and an impaired vision. The Jesuit priests were held accountable for having brought the disease, and three of them were slaughtered.

And yet, at the age of 20, Kateri swapped the Totem for the Crucifix.

She converted to Catholicism after living close to French Jesuit priests, something her family and village saw as a betrayal for siding up with colonizers. She soon became a pariah in her own tribe after refusing to marry a Mohawk man, and was forced to leave the village to practice freely her new faith. She walked hundreds of miles to Quebec, Canada, to join a community of Christian women, and took a vow of lifetime chastity.

Soon her devotion led to self-inflicted painful penances. She is believed to have walked barefoot in snow, for whipping herself bloody with reeds, praying hours in an unheated chapel on her bare knees on a cold stone floor or for sleeping on a bed of thorns.

In the end, the punishing penances are believed to have contributed to the weakening of her health, until her premature death at 24 years old. And it was immediately after her death, the legend goes, that it became clear she would be on her way to sainthood. Her smallpox scars, witnesses claimed, miraculously disappeared minutes after her death.

Although the petition for her canonization was filed in 1884, she was only blessed - the first step to become a saint - by Pope John Paul II in 1980.

The miracle that sealed her sainthood came in 2006, when Jake Finkbonner, then a 5-year old boy from Ferndale, WA, miraculously recovered from a flash-eating bacteria, allegedly through Kateri's intercession. Jake contracted Necrotizing fasciitis, a potentially deadly infection, after cutting his lip on a baseball field. In a matter of days, his condition became so critical his parents gave him his last rites and discussed donating his organs.

When medical help seemed hopeless, his father Donny, a Catholic member of the native American Lummi tribe, turned to Kateri, already an icon in the local catholic community and the subject of many stories he heard as a child. His congregation prayed Kateri and his mother even placed a small relic, a small piece of Tekakwitha's wrist bone, on his body. Soon after, Jake recovered.

On his website, Jake also remembers the role played by doctors: "Please don't confuse the issue which is that my survival is a miracle", he writes. "We thank the doctors at Children's Hospital for all that they did to save my life. I wouldn't be here without them".

The canonization of Kateri has been welcomed with mixed feelings in the 2.5 million-strong Native American community. While most of the 680,000 catholic Native Americans are thrilled to finally have their own saint and icon, others still resent the role of Catholicism during the colonial era and the way it affected the indigenous traditions, culture and customs.

Some traveled to Rome to see the ceremony. Dressed in a traditional Indian Squaw brown dress and braided hair, Valery Moran had come from Saskatchewan, Canada, to support her hero. "I am honored to witness the canonization of our first aboriginal saint", she told NBC News.



"She is my role model, I named my baby after her. My baby is called Kateri."

Bill Volker, a falconer and sole representative of the Comanche Nation, had mixed feelings about the canonization. "It's bittersweet, but I am delighted. It's the right direction after all these years," he told NBC News in St. Peter's Square. "Our relationship with the all churches have not always been the best in the Americas, but I think this heralds a new day for us".

The Vatican's complicated saint-making procedure requires that the Vatican certify a "miracle" was performed through the intercession of the candidate - a medically inexplicable cure that can be directly linked to the prayers offered by the faithful. One

miracle is needed for beatification, a second for canonization.

The five other new saints are: Jacques Berthieu, a 19th century French Jesuit who was killed by rebels in Madagascar, where he had worked as a missionary; Giovanni Battista Piamarta, an Italian who founded a religious order in 1900 and established a Catholic printing and publishing house in his native Brescia; Carmen Salles Y Barangueras, a Spanish nun who founded a religious order to educate children in 1892; and Anna Schaeffer, a 19th century German lay woman who became a model for the sick and suffering after she fell into a boiler and badly burned her legs. The wounds never healed, causing her constant pain.

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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.

Tribe donates to Lakeside Schools

On 9/26/2012, the Plummer Worley School District received a generous donation from the Coeur d'Alene Tribe of \$100,000 for the 2012-2013 school year.

As stated by Chief Allen in his letter to the district, "The Coeur d'Alene Tribe recognizes that education holds the key to our future success as a state, a region and a

nation. We have always believed in the power of education; it is part of our culture and one of our top priorities".

On behalf of the local board of trustees, the school district extends their deep appreciation for the 2012-2013 education donation to the Plummer Worley School District from the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

Monthly deadlines for Council Fires

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

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

Our final deadline is the 20th of every month.

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

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Due to a decision made by the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council - we will no longer be publishing monthly resolutions in the Council Fires.

We apologize for this change in format.

~ Chairman's Corner ~

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Well here we are—it's been four years since Barack Obama won the Presidency of the United States, the first person of color to ever hold the highest office in our nation.

For our Tribe, and the rest of Indian Country, President Obama has done a lot for our community, with issues such as our recent settlement payment from the federal government, and even our new Benewah Medical Center that we just opened, which was primarily funded by the President's Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare.)

We can't stop now. We can't go backwards again and continue to let the rich and the privileged play by different rules—rules that allow them to keep consolidating more and more resources and power, while the rest of us just keep struggling along.

We can't stop now. Each and every one of us has a voice. Each of us has a right to be heard. And you do this fundamentally when you exercise your right to vote.

In our state, our Tribe struggles again and again with policies brought forth by people who don't think like us, who don't know us, who don't respect us, and who certainly don't want the voice of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe to be heard.

Tell them enough is enough by voting for candidates who share your value system. Who recognize you as equal, and who believe that you are just as worthy to enjoy the opportunities that our nation offers. People like our President Barack Obama, and our fellow Tribal Member Paulette Jordan.

Because the American dream shouldn't be just for those who can afford to buy it, but for everyone. The color of your skin and the amount in your bank account shouldn't be the factor that allows some to play by different rules.

So if you do nothing else on Election Day, November 6th, please do one thing: VOTE.

Get yourself to the polls and get your vote cast.

We can be heard. We should be

counted. We have a voice. And we can make a difference. But in order for this to happen you have to VOTE.

And so for Election Day there are a couple of resources that might be helpful. The first is a Tribal Voter's Guide, also being published in this edition of Council Fires, where you can find candidates who are endorsed by the Tribe and also recommendations on positions and explanations regarding the state propositions.

Secondly, during the hours that the polls are open on Election Day (November 6th from 8am - 8pm), there will also be a Voter Call Center set up in our Tribal Council chambers. People are encouraged to call the main switchboard, 208-686-1800 and ask for the Voter Call Center, or just stop by in person. At the Voter Call Center people can ask questions about their polling places, request a ride to the polls, and take a look at sample ballots. Also, once you vote, please call in and let them know!



If you have more questions or you are interested in volunteering on Election Day, you can call Angel George at 208-582-2978, or email her at ageorge@cdatribe-nsn.gov.

We can't stop now! I hope the next time I write it is with great pride because our Tribe

got busy and each and every one of us voted and made the difference.

Regards,

Chief Yellum

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4 Daylight Savings Time Ends	5 Tax Commission meeting @ 3pm	6 Election Day	7 CdA Tribal Credit Applications Due	8 Career Fair at Lakeside from 10am - 3pm	9 Plummer Senior Citizens Bake Sale at Sterling Savings	10
11 Veterans Day	12 CDA Tribal HQ Closed Council Fires Priority Deadline	13 CdA Tribal Credit Board Meeting Girls HS Basketball vs. Lapwai	14	15	16 Girls HS Varsity Basketball Tourney @ Craigmont	17 Girls HS Varsity Basketball Tourney @ Craigmont
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~ Community Announcements ~ s n w i ' m

Tribe's Forest product harvesting permit guidelines

PERMITS AUTHORIZED BY THIS POLICY

FOREST PRODUCT PERMITS

Enrolled members of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and Allotment owners (cutting forest products on their allotment with consent of the other owners) shall be authorized to receive a free use Forest Products Permit, to cut and remove any forest products and quantities shown in Table 1.

Member of other Tribes (who are not allotment owners):

- Firewood: A pre-paid fee of \$10.00 per cord for a ten (10) cord maximum is required to cut firewood from Tribal lands only.
- Teepee Poles: Harvesting poles is not allowed.
- Christmas Trees: No fee is required (2 tree maximum). Cutting allowed on Tribal lands only.

Forest Products Permits to cut forest products authorized under

this section shall not exceed one year and shall expire at the end of each calendar year.

Authorized individuals may receive only one forest products permit per year for each designated product being harvested, i.e. one permit allowed for each of the products: firewood, poles and/or Christmas trees.

Permits are valid between June 1st and December 31st.

Forest products cut under authority of this Permit may be retained for use in local Sweat Lodges as designated by the program manager. Tribal programs, schools, churches, and other non-profit Tribal organizations may be authorized to cut, remove and distribute within their organization, firewood, Christmas trees and greens under the authority of a Forest Products Permit, without charge, with the approval of the Forest Manager.

Forest Products cut under the Forest Products Permit are to be for personal use only and may not be sold, traded,

or exchanged for other items, services or privileges of any kind, except as provided in #6 above.

Firewood shall only be cut from trees that are obviously dead. All standing trees marked for wildlife designation shall not be cut.

In active timber sale areas, harvesting forest products shall only be allowed with written permission by the officer-in-charge and the contractor. The Permittee must re-pile any slash piles damaged during the course of the cutting.

Removal of other forest products, except for personal use, is allowed only by paid permit. This includes but is not limited to mushrooms, pinecones, tree bark, berries, ferns, leaves, needles etc. Paid permits will be issued through the Forestry Program based on rates established by the Natural Resources Committee.

For more information, contact Forestry; Kaitra Hodgson at 686-6552 or Carrie Horlacher at 686-2074.

Home landscaping workshop series

This will be a series of monthly workshops to help homeowners and renters add landscaping and value to their yards and gardens, including growing your own foods. The focus of the winter workshops will be design and planning. Next spring will cover plants, planting and irrigation systems.

First Workshop: Wednesday November 7, from 5-7PM at the Benewah Wellness Center

Dinner will be provided.

Sponsored by University of Idaho Extension & Benewah Wellness Center

To register contact: Iris Mayes, Extension Educator, 208-686-1716, imayes@cdatribe-nsn.gov

Mass times changed in October

Beginning on October 7, 2012, the Sunday Mass schedule for the Sacred Heart Mission in DeSmet, ID and Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Plummer, ID changed. The new schedule will remain in effect at least through the winter months until further notice. St. Michael's in Worley, ID will keep its current Mass time. The schedule for Sunday Masses is as follows: St. Michael's: 8:00am; Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 10:00am; Sacred Heart

Mission: 12:00 noon. The new Sunday Mass schedule comes in light of the new pastor, Fr. Bob Erickson, who would like to have more time between Masses visiting with and getting better acquainted with parishioners. The new schedule will also allow Fr. Bob and Sister Dolores more time between Masses to drive safely in winter conditions. If you have any questions regarding the new schedule, please contact the Sacred Heart Mission at (208)274-5871.

STOP violence program news

The Program, unfortunately, didn't receive the grant needed to keep staffing the Program which means we'll be making some changes immediately. Fortunately we'll be able to maintain the majority of our services such as DV/SA Advocacy, Court Advocacy, Victim Counseling, DV Offender Intervention Program but unfortunately our Transitional Housing Program will be discontinued in March 2013. I will continue to write grants in

hopes we'll get refunded next year and in the meantime we'll continue the Program with close to the same level of services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and to children who witness the violence. Please call me at anytime if you have any questions and/or concerns regarding the Program. Thank you.

*Bernie LaSarte
Program Mgr.*

Strengthening the Spirit program has begun

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe Strengthening the Spirit after school program has started, running M-Th at Lakeside Middle School Room 4. We will be offering STEM education, homework help, cultural activities, field trips, art, fitness activities, 4-H clubs and more. If you have a student in 6th - 8th grade interested please email Barrie Florko at bflorko@cdatribe-nsn.gov for an application or visit the Tribe's DOE website. We are also looking for community members looking to lead projects. Please contact our office at 208-686-5211.

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6th Annual Academic/Career Fair



It's that time of year again! The Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Department of Education and GEARUP are putting the 6th Annual Academic Career Fair. It's an opportunity for you to meet local business, CDA Tribal departments, and representatives from various universities and colleges from the Inland Northwest.

Date: November 8th

Time: 10 AM - 3 PM

Location: Lakeside High School Comp. Gym




Decision 2012: general election voter guide - Supported candidates and propositions

Deciding who to vote for and how to vote on certain issues can be difficult with all of the different TV commercials, radio ads, signs and propaganda floating around out there. So as Election Day approaches, the Tribe would like to offer some insight to help inform the membership before going to the polls on November 6. As always, we strongly encourage each and every one of you to learn as much about the candidates and the issues as possible when in making your decision about who you will vote for this election.

Tribal leadership and staff have had the opportunity to work closely with many of the current elected officials, some of whom are running for re-election. The Tribe has also fielded candidate surveys, held one-on-one meetings and even candidate forums to get to know some of the new faces in the elections.

For the upcoming election in November 2012, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe endorses the following candidates:

Barack Obama, President of the United States (Democrat)

Paulette Jordan, House Seat 5A (Democrat)

Shirley Ringo, House Seat 5B (Democrat)

Dan Schmidt, State Senate, District 5 (Democrat)

Thomas Howard, Benewah County Commissioner (Republican)

Bob Nonini, State Senate, District 3 (Republican)

Frank Henderson, House Seat 3B (Republican)

Ben Wolfinger, Kootenai County Sheriff (Republican)

Todd Tondee, Kootenai County Commissioner (Republican)

Dan Green, Kootenai County Commissioner (Republican)

Barry McHugh, Kootenai County Prosecutor (Republican)

Ron Nilson, North Idaho College Trustee Position C

The candidates listed above have all shown their support for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe in one way or another. Whether through their support of a specific legislative issue, a vote in favor or against a bill that would seriously impact the Tribe or its members, or a public stance they have taken on an issue such as cross deputization or taxation, each of the candidates has been respectful and willing to work with the Tribe on the issues that arise.

We know that this list does not make an endorsement for every elected office you will be able to vote for. If we did not endorse a candidate in a certain race, we either felt that either the Democrat or the Republican candidate would be equally helpful to the Tribe or we did not have enough of a track record or interaction with the candidates to make an informed recommendation.

One of the important races without a candidate endorsement in this year's election is the Benewah County Sheriff race. Since Sheriff Bob Kirts is

retiring, there are at least two candidates vying for the open seat: Dave Resser (Republican-Constitutionalist) and Rick O'Donnell (Democrat). Both candidates have been willing to meet with the Tribe to discuss their campaigns and both candidates have indicated at least some support for cross-deputization of tribal officers. Dave Resser attended the Candidate Forum hosted by the Tribe a few weeks ago and Rick O'Donnell was not able to attend.

At the Forum, Resser responded vaguely to questions about whether he would deputize tribal officers if elected. In fact, his response seemed to suggest that he would only deputize some tribal officers and would only do so if the Tribe agreed to certain conditions- like paying Benewah County to use its radio dispatch. These terms are not required now by Sheriff Kirts (nor have they ever been a requirement) and were not revealed by Resser in previous discussions with the Tribe.

The fact that Resser seemed to alter his position on cross-deputization after his meeting with the Chairman's office is concerning and if he is elected, it is possible that a step backwards in the relationship with the Benewah County Sheriff's department could quickly occur.

Although the Democrat candidate, Rick O'Donnell, was not at the Candidate Forum, he

did describe a favorable position to cross-deputization in a meeting with the Chairman's office a few weeks ago. Based on the representations Mr. O'Donnell made in that meeting, he appears to be the better choice for a Sheriff who will work with the Tribe- so long as his position has not since changed. However, more interaction with Rick O'Donnell and additional opportunity for public statement explaining his position on cross-deputization would be required to make a full endorsement.

Idaho School Propositions 1, 2 and 3:

Propositions 1, 2, and 3 are getting a lot of attention as well and will be on all ballots across the state. Voters have the opportunity to approve or reject several pieces of education legislation that were signed into law during 2011 state legislative session. Propositions 1 and 2 address teachers' collective bargaining agreements with Proposition 2 specifically discussing teacher performance pay based on state-mandated test scores, student performance, hard-to-fill positions and leadership. Proposition 3 proposes to amend school district funding to require schools to provide laptops to high school students.

Generally speaking, these are the Republicans' attempts at education reform in Idaho, also known as the "Luna Laws." The laws were drafted and passed without meaningful input or

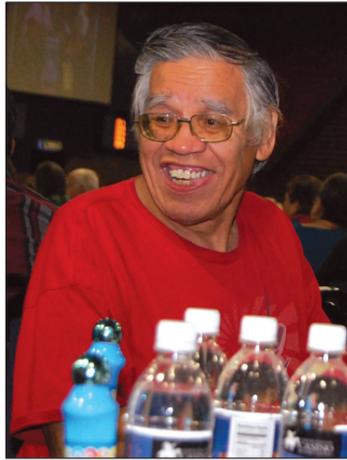
involvement from the most important group affected by the laws: teachers and parents of students. Instead they were bull-rushed through the Legislature in lopsided fashion without even one Democrat voting to support them.

As such, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe recommends a "NO" vote on all three propositions with the hope that in 2013 the Idaho legislature could take these issues up again with a more balanced, well-rounded and reasonable approach that takes into consideration feedback from multiple stakeholder groups and political interests. The polarizing DC politics have no place in Idaho and we hope that both parties can ignore the partisan rhetoric and get back to working together on providing meaningful, collaborative solutions to Idaho's issues.

Finally, it is very important that each voter take the time to learn as much as possible about the candidates, the issues and the electoral process before heading to the polls. If anyone has additional questions about a candidate, a race, or a measure on the ballot, please don't hesitate to stop by the Chairman's office or call Helo Hancock at 208-686-0752. We will also have additional election materials available, including sample ballots and voter registration/absentee request forms. See you at the polls!



2012 ANNUAL ELDERS DINNER HOSTED BY THE OLDER AMERICANS PROGRAM



Photos by Lynn Lowley

Warriors defeat Lumberjacks in bowl



Front (left to right): Koen Faber, Vander Brown, Hodges Flemming, Tucker Sanchez, Jonah Mosier, Jasper Abuan. Back (left to right): Coach Chuck Sanchez, Rebecca Macias, Logan Friesen, Jayson Hall, Day Day Higgins, Jerry Martin, Patrick Galler, Coach Darren "Tex" Higgins

These photos were taken on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at the EWU Roos Field. The boys played against the St. Maries Lumberjacks and defeated them 18-8. This was the Chief Morris Antelope league's All American Bowl games.

A big thank you is sent to coaches Darren Higgins, Chuck Sanchez and Jackson Louie for their dedication and commitment to our kids this season!!



Front (left to right): Talon Twoteeth, Sergio Abuan, Bazel Jones, Emmitt White, Alfonso Martinez, Vincent Gitto. Back (left to right): Trey Wienclaw, Jalen Holt, Brandon Matt, Shawn Davison, Blake Faber

Chapman graduates from Marine Corp



Pvt Joseph F. Chapman graduated October 12, 2012 from Marine Corp Recruit Depot San Diego, Ca. Joseph will be returning to San Diego October 23rd for Infantry training and then will transfer to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina where he will continue his Military Occupational Specialty training as a Landing Support Specialist. Joseph graduated from Lakeside High School Plummer, ID in 2012 and is the son of Joseph & Theresa Chapman.

Stensgar honored as influential Idahoan by book



The Tribe would like to send out a big congratulations to Ernie Stensgar for being named in Randy Stapilus and Marty Peterson's new book, "Idaho 100: The people who most influenced the Gem State." Stensgar was named on the list and was one of three Idaho Natives to be mentioned.

The book provides biographies and discusses the author's points of view on how and why these people have helped shaped the state of Idaho to where it is today.

Stensgar served as the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Chairman for 20 years and continues to serve on the Tribal Council as Vice-Chairman Chief Allan who has said that Stensgar would always be his Chairman. Stensgar has been recognized in the past as an influential citizen of the state and proprietor of human rights during his time of leadership with the Tribe.

Cradleboard News

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Unity Louie Garvais-Lawrence born August 20th, 2012 her parents are Duane Garvais-Lawrence and LoVina Louie, maternal grandparents are Deb and Jeanie Louie, paternal grandparents are Kenny Garvais and Mary Wenger, we named her Unity in honor of JR Cook the founder and Executive Director of UNITY (United National Indian Tribal Youth) who has provided native youth with incredible leadership opportunities and inspired many native youth to achieve their goals and dreams for over 30 years. She is also named Unity in memory of Edward Wadda (Eddie) the fire keeper, Earth Ambassador, role model, educator he was a living example of UNITY, his love of life and passion to help our Native people was defined in his actions at the community, state and national level. He is my brother and I admired him and loved him. We are honored to have our daughter named after two amazing people who have inspired so many people throughout Indian country we pray the unity fire will continue to burn within her and the next seven generations. She joins Tah-wy-ah and Willie Davis, Daisy NorthStar and Dolly Garvais-Lawrence.

Babyface program visits Prairie Farms, accepting clients



The Coeur d'Alene Tribal School's Baby Face Program's took a field trip to Prairie Farms in Hayden Idaho. Jazmine Kenmille (pictured with Sue Howard) liked the horses but was much happy when Sue held her up close to the horses. This program is available for Native American children born between January 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012. Parents interested in enrolling their children my contact Sue Howard or Cathy Dunkle at the CDA Tribal School, 686-5808.

ATNI meeting focuses on environmental factors

Faced with the possibility of impacts to human health, natural resources and economies, leadership of Northwest tribes on Sept. 28 called on the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to conduct a full environmental analysis for all six proposals to transport and export coal through their shared lands and waters.

The action arose from the Northwest Tribal Coal Summit organized by the Association of Washington Tribes and the Coast Salish Gathering in conjunction with the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians' fall convention hosted at Wildhorse Resort & Casino by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

ATNI tribes also called for a regional approach to water quality standards based on higher fish consumption rates. They want Washington and Idaho to follow the rates established last year in Oregon, which are the highest in the United States.

Driven by exploding Asian demand and declining domestic consumption of coal, export proposals have sprung up at Oregon and Washington ports. Six proposals call for transporting Powder River Basin coal from Montana through Indian and non-Indian lands in the Northwest via rail and barge.

Tribal communities are expressing grave concern about the health and safety impacts from environmental dangers of coal dust.

"Along the Columbia River it's cliff, highway, railroad, then river. Our communities are wedged between the railroad and the river. We've got nowhere to escape," said Paul Lumley, Executive Director of the Portland-based Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. "If we cannot escape, neither will the coal."

The Tulalip Tribes expressed their concern both environmentally and economically. Tulalip is one of the largest economic engines in the region, along with Boeing. The Tulalips say that an increase in rail traffic along the I-5 corridor to as many as 18 trains a day will bring traffic in the area to a halt, blocking access to businesses, hospitals and fire stations.

"The risks not only to our



ATNI Executive Board: Alfred Nomee, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, 2nd Vice-President; Jeanie Louie, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Secretary; Aaron Hines, Umatilla Tribe, 1st Vice-President; Fawn Sharp, Quinault Nation, President; Terri Parr, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Executive Director; Joel Moffett, Nez Perce Tribe, Assistant Secretary; Sharon Goudy, Yakama Nation, Treasurer; Mel Sheldon, Tulalip Tribe, 3rd Vice-President.

tribe can be devastating, but also to the entire county," said Mel Sheldon, Chairman. "We've made substantial retail investments that depend heavily on quality of life, and we have collaborated with local citizens to restore and protect our watersheds. We are tracking this carefully, and plan to express our decision on this new threat in the near future."

Tribal leaders were addressed by Colonel Anthony Funkhouser, Commander of the Northwest Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, whose agency has federal permitting authority over coal export terminals through the Clean Water Act and Rivers and Harbors Act. The Corps of Engineers announced last week they would conduct an Environmental Assessment rather than a more rigorous Environmental Impact Statement on the Port of Morrow proposal for a new export coal terminal.

"We don't want the minimum protection any longer, we're used to getting the minimum," said Brooklyn Baptiste, Vice-Chairman of the Nez Perce Tribe. "We deserve the maximum attention and expect the lead and coordinating agencies to provide the full environmental studies on all ports, as they will be making one of the largest decisions impacting human health, the environment and economies of not only our tribal communities, but of our neighboring citizens of the Northwest."

Kathryn "Kat" Brigham, member of the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Board of

Trustees, urged tribal leaders to reach out to neighboring communities, "they have something at risk too."

In addition to full environmental assessment the resolution passed by the fifty-seven member tribes of ATNI called for full transparency and government to government consultation throughout the entire decision making process the local, state, and federal levels.

"We believe the Northwest is interconnected through the families, resources and waterways, that these coal terminals and railway routes should be addressed in a holistic manner," expressed by Chairman Brian Cladoosby, Swinomish Tribe. "If a coal train or tanker were to spill on the route or in the river at Port Morrow in Oregon, the water ways will carry the pollution throughout the Northwest, and coal dust will be carried through the mountains in the air we all breath. "Billy Frank Jr., Chairman of the Northwest Indian Fish Commission added, "The idea of a half-dozen new coal export terminals in western Washington and Oregon - and the hundreds of trains and barges running from Montana and Wyoming every day to deliver that coal - would threaten our environment and quality of life like nothing we have seen before. Coal may be a cheap source of energy for other countries, but these export facilities and increased train traffic would come at a great cost to our health, natural resources and communities."

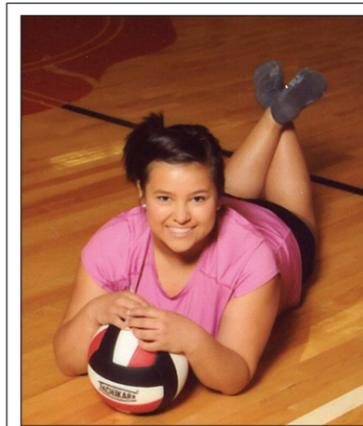
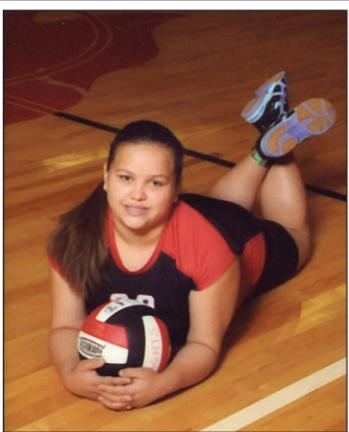


Francine Hendrickx
Congratulations
on being chosen
to represent the
Junior Class as
Homecoming Princess
and being selected
Lakeside's 2012-2013
Homecoming Queen.
Great Job!

Love your family

Good Job Talia on having
a great season and con-
tinuing to do your best.
We are proud of you!

Love: Mom, Corrina,
Francine, Kota, Daylon,
Arianna, aunts, uncles,
cousins and G-pa.



Congratulations Francine on
a job well done. Even though
you weren't allowed to finish
the season you are a terrific
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anyone ever tell you any differ-
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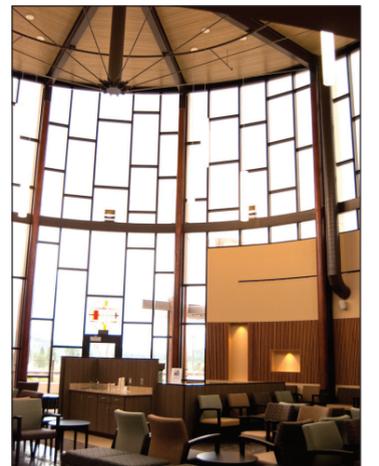
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Happy 8th Birthday Destiny Victoria Mat4.
Love, your Dad, Joseph Mat4 Jr..
Happy Belated Birthday (in Sept.) Clarice Mat4.
Love, your Coz Joseph Mat4 Jr.

BMC Grand Opening Ceremony



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Chatq'ele'et - (Our Lake) - Lake Management awash with outreach opportunities

Interested in knowing more about the health of our Lake? Then ask one of our local students what's going on! Community youth have been caught up in a wave of activity related to our watershed over the last few months, through various camps and workshops. Since the beginning of summer, the Lake Management Department has been working with a number of partners, including our Tribal Natural Resources outreach specialists, University of Idaho, Washington State, NIC, and all of our youth educators here on the Reservation to help with water quality outreach and education.

Over the summer, through four separate camps, local youth had the opportunity to get their feet wet as young biologists while learning how to use the tools that our Lake Management team uses to evaluate the health of Lake Coeur d'Alene. Staff from our programs, including Water Resources Program Manager Scott Fields, Project Engineer Sandra Raskell, Hazardous

Waste Management Program Manager Rebecca Stevens, and Environmental Specialist Laura Laumatia all gave presentations at the Paddle/Bike the Watershed Camp. They discussed the history of contamination in the Coeur d'Alene Basin and how we are working together to restore the watershed. Most importantly, we spent time getting to talk with the campers about how much we need their help in restoring the Lake for future generations.

Lake Management staff also teamed up with our partners from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and local camps in North Idaho, including the Girl Scouts' Camp Four Echoes on Windy Bay and Camp Cross on Loffs Bay. We conducted one-day trainings for the camp counselors and were able to provide them with sampling equipment so that they could integrate water science activities into their camp sessions. By training their campers to become amateur water scientists, it is our hope that they'll become stewards and advocates for the

health of Lake Coeur d'Alene.

We've also been stepping up our involvement with school year science activities around the region, including presentations at University of Idaho/North Idaho College's "Women in Science" event, attended by almost 200 young women from regional high schools. Together with DEQ, we shared, using our hands-on watershed model, how different land use practices can negatively impact our water quality, and brainstormed with the students on ways to prevent pollution.

We were also able to spend some time with Lakeside students and teachers at the recent "What's Your Water IQ?" water quality workshop in Plummer. Our entire Lake Management Plan staff from both the Tribe and DEQ shared our latest understanding of what is happening with the lake with more than 20 middle-school students and teachers. The students had a chance to see some of microscopic animals (zooplankton) that live in the lake, and learn about what they tell us regarding the health of the



Local high school students use Lake Management's Enviroscope to see how land use impacts water quality at University of Idaho's "Women in Science" event. (photo by Shawn Gust)

water, as well as examine some of the invasive plants and animals that are potential threats to the Lake. The students' enthusiasm was very exciting, and we are looking forward to developing new opportunities over the next year for our students to become more involved in water quality-related activities.

The Lake Management

Department's mission is to preserve, protect, and restore the aquatic resources of this community for now, and into the future. We can't do that without knowing that tomorrow's leaders understand the battles that have been fought for this lake, "chatq'ele'et," and that they are integral to the restoration of our Basin's health.

Food Coalition Corner: community garden & grower's market

One Sky One Earth Food Coalition would like to acknowledge the generosity of the many volunteers who have worked in the community garden over the last season. The Food Coalition would also like to thank Living Waters Ministry for providing water for the Plummer Community Garden beds, Terry Allen, for the use of his lot for our garden, and Benewah County, for the use of the land for our market.

The community garden has also been a great success in large part due to the efforts of Becky Walrod, the One Sky/One Earth Food Coalition Garden Coach who has directed volunteer work days, and cared for all of the garden beds in Worley, Plummer and at Lakeside Middle School. Becky has taught gardening at the Early Childhood Learning Center, Lakeside Elementary School and at the Success Center after school program in the 4H curriculum. She also managed the new Grower's Market for the community that attracted 15 vendors who had over \$2,000 in sales during the course of the market season.

The Food Coalition would also like to thank all of our inaugural market vendors who sold a wide variety of locally grown produce and handmade breads, jerky and canned foods. To all of you: volunteers, vendors, customers and Becky, a heartfelt thank you for increasing the productivity and connectedness of our local food system.

Lentil & Bean Cookoff November 13!

The One Sky One Earth Food Coalition in collaboration with the Benewah Medical & Wellness Center are hosting the 2nd Annual Lentil and Bean Cookoff Tuesday, November 13. Last year had a wonderful turnout with 60 entries in seven categories. Prizes were awarded for each category.

Community members (that means you!) are invited to submit dishes as well as sample the entries from 11AM to 1PM. You do not have to enter a dish to come to the public sampling.



- Setup from 8:30 to 10AM, judging from 10 to 11AM
- Sampling from 11AM to 1PM
- Pick up dishes from 1-2PM
- The categories are: Chili, Soups/Stews, Creative Dishes (other), salads, dips & deserts
- Must contain legumes to be judged
- Ingredient list or recipe required
- Last year's prize winners must have a new entry
- Free lentils will be provided for contestants
- Prizes such as a crockpot and roasting pan will be awarded this year in each category

If you would like to judge a category, pick up free lentils, or have any questions, please call the University of Idaho Extension office at 208-686-1716.

A few facts about legumes: Legumes provide many nutritional benefits and can be used in various ways such as being ground into flour. According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), 100 grams of lentil flour has 33 grams of fiber and 25 grams of protein compared to all-purpose wheat flour which has three (3) grams of fiber and ten (10) grams of protein.

Legumes offer benefits to farm fields including enhancing conservation tillage systems, improving soil quality, reducing nitrogen requirements on pasture and cropland, enhancing wildlife habitat, and reducing soil erosion on cropland and critical areas (USDA 2012).

Forestry: firewood, contracts and excavations keep us busy

General: As mentioned last month, locks are now installed on the gates into Grassy Mountain off of Rosewood Drive and into the Eagle Peak area. Coeur d'Alene Tribal members can continue to access through the gates by stopping by the Forestry office to get a key.

Now that the warm weather has ended, many people are heading out to get firewood. A couple of reminders concerning firewood cutting: Firewood permits are required to cut wood/dead trees on Tribal land. Stop by forestry to get a permit. The permits are free to Coeur d'Alene Tribal members and a fee is required for non-tribal members. The permits are only good for cutting on Tribal land, no firewood cutting is authorized on Allotment lands. The Firewood is for personal use only and cannot be sold.

Fuels Program: The Fuels Program has 3 active hazardous fuels reductions (HFR) contracts going on at this time. Timber Agriculture Interface Fuel Break Project (TAIFBP) 8 has completed A326 and nearly completed T1030. The Evans II Contract has 1 mile completed of the 6.6 miles under contract with Empire L & C. The Moses Mountain Road Brushing Contract has been started by Sczenski Contracting. They are starting at the north and working to the south. The contract is for an estimated 16 miles of road brushing work, and they have completed 2.4 miles thru early October. The Fuels Crew has changed direction and will be concentrating their efforts towards accomplishing prescribed burn acres. Our prescribed burn window is approaching, and we will start operations as soon as the weather conditions and environmental parameters allow.

Currently, we have the prescribed fire areas prioritized with understory burns starting in A353, Ridge to Ridge south of Lovell Valley Road, and Mail Route Road off of King Valley/Desmet Roads. Please

be cautious near the above mentioned areas and signs are posted during active operations. If you have any questions, contact Chuck Simpson - Fuels Specialist - at (208) 686-5030.

Timber Sales: Ground operations up at Eagle, under the Chsp'a' Logging Unit, have started and logs have made it to mills in St. Maries and Plummer. It is expected that Hill Excavating will have 500 thousand board feet of timber cut and paid by December 31, 2012. The gate is locked into this area and as a reminder, stay away from the logging operations and out of the logging decks.

Upcoming timber sales include the Moses Mountain area. A field trip was planned for on October 10, 2012 where members of the Natural Resources Committee, Tribal Council and the Interdisciplinary Team were invited. The trip was cancelled as only one person expressed interest and they were given the information. If you would like to see the plans for this sale and provide comments/feedback, contact Conrad Niver at 208-686-1501. Once the scoping process is completed with sufficient input from the NRC/ID Team the writing of the Environmental Assessment will start. Field inventory is continuing and finalization of cutting units will be made after input is received. Provide and comments on this proposed timber sale to Conrad by November 9, 2012.

The Kopaqhn Logging Unit that was advertised for a bid opening on September 27 resulted in no bids. At this time we will be holding off on the re-advertisement until spring. We are also in the preliminary stages of doing reconnaissance on a number of allotments in the Casino area and out Cottonwood road for the next allotment sale. The field preparations for that sale are proceeding and marking and cruising will take place after the high elevation work is completed or we are forced out

by weather.

Forest Development: In September, Alpha Services completed the John Point timber stand improvement project to suppress white pine blister rust, improve tree growth rates and remove ladder fuels on 291 acres. Survival surveys on plantations began in September, and will continue until the first, second and fifth year plantations have been checked for problems. In early October, NS Enterprises completed mechanical site preparation to reduce brush and slash in two seed tree cuts in the Chadalamalqwn Logging Unit. Only one bid was received for fall tree planting in areas with poor access during spring. Planting will probably take 2 days, once the contract is routed and approved.

Forest Management Inventory & Planning: The Branch of Forest Resource Planning plans to provide a repaired version of the inventory analysis software in mid-November, so analysis of data from the Continuous Forest Inventory can proceed this winter.

Fire Management: Fire Management is starting to get busy with prescribed fire projects. The projects include: Ridge to Ridge which is between Lovell Valley road and Highway 60 on the ridge that runs between them.

Mail Route rd. which is in the DeSmet area around the fish pond on Farmington rd. Tamiyel off of Windfall pass road.

We have been busy with these projects with the never ending fire season as we have been responding to fires here. We have responded to 8 fires in September and October, highlighted by a 3.5 acre fire a half mile east of the old sub agency. Once we start to slow down we will be getting to the hazard tree projects and the many miscellaneous projects we need to get finished before the snow flies. So if you have any questions give us a call at 686-1199 or 686-0495.

~ Editorials ~

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Editor: saying goodbye and good luck

The Council Fires would like to extend our gratitude to employee Lorraina Gentry for her years of service to the department. Ms. Gentry has decided to pursue her educational degree and has stepped down from her position to give it her full attention.

We fully support her in this endeavor and want to wish her the best of luck in obtaining her

degree. Ms. Gentry worked for the department for 6 years and her contributions helped us to create a paper that we and our people are proud of.

Thank you Lorraina for all your hard work over the years and we wish you all the best as you enter into this new journey!

*Jennifer Fletcher and
Lynn Lowley*

Health Board: thank you to the BMC staff

I'd like to thank all of the staff at Benewah Medical & Wellness Center for all the hard work they did during the move to the new facility. Moving is never an easy job but all of you went way beyond to assist in making this move as smooth as possible. I'd like to thank Mr. Leva for his consistent diligence and hard work in this project; his strong leadership and guidance is what BMC/WC needed and he never failed us. A special thank you to Matt Stensgar, our previous Board Chairman, for his support

and guidance the past several years. I'd also like to thank our Tribal leaders, past and present, for making health care of our people a primary focus and the follow through to this new state of the art health facility in Plummer. Our past leaders would be so proud that the successive Tribal leadership kept health care in focus. Thank you Tribal Council for your continued full support!

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*Bernie LaSarte
BMC Health Board Chair*

OAP Staff: elders dinner thank you

I would like to thank everyone for the support and donations the Older Americans Program received during the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Annual Elders dinner held at the Coeur d'Alene Casino October 4, 2012. Over 900 plates were served and 744 people registered at the door. To our community, Dave & Jenny Matheson, Rich Lovelace, April Lowley, ALL the Casino staff and ALL the Elders; you all have been amazingly supportive and helpful. What a beautiful dinner

we had supplied with gifts and great entertainment by Williams and Ree comedy act.

Lim lemtsh to EVERYONE and we look forward to next year's dinner.

*Older Americans Program Staff:
CarylDene Swan, OAP Manager
Arna-lee Michael, OAP Asst.
Manager/Meal driver
Gene Daniels, OAP Meal driver/
Emcee for Elders dinner
Patrice Pfeiffer, Head cook
Loretta Carrillo, Asst. Cook*

Campbell: economic vitality of our Tribe

As our Casino and our economy begins the long road to recovery, more and more people are realizing that the culture and values of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe can contribute to the economic vitality of our community and the state of Idaho. For thousands of years, our people have been stewards of the environment. And now, non Indian leaders are realizing that we are also successful stewards of our economy and our community. The Coeur d'Alene Tribe has been doing more with less for generations. It is clear that tribal businesses bring value to the table. The new Benewah Medical Center is a clear example.

role of Tribal Council goes well beyond that of a CEO.

Tribal Council has unique political, business, and cultural risks that we carefully balance. For example, when we consider a new business venture, strategy, or market we verify that it fits with the values of our tribe then our community. We look for development that will provide real opportunities for productive and meaningful employment for our tribal and community members. We consider how and when to best utilize our limited natural resources. And we look for structures that will ensure tribal members have the education required in this workforce.

Tribal Council must consider political, economic, and business risk when making decisions of when to expand, when to borrow money, and when to diversify. In addition, like non-natives we must ensure our enterprises remain competitive by developing new market share; providing incentives for our employees, and leveraging innovation. But the

Most importantly, I recognize our Tribal Members who Tribal Council is answerable to. Do we reinvest our casino dividends back into the casino business for possible future growth, or do we disburse dividends to help those in need at home, or do we give more to support our youth and education? How do we ensure we are making decisions that will

Sharrett: thank you Tribe for donation to our school

I want to express appreciation to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe for the 2012 donation of \$100,000 to the students of the Plummer Worley School District presented to me on September 26 at Tribal Headquarters. I also want to take this opportunity to acknowledge other resources provided all students in our district by the tribe including school supplies; access to the Benewah Wellness Center for a weight training class; seed money for a golf team; and sports uniforms.

Not only that, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Department of Education Director, Dr. Chris Meyer, supports students through a Johnson O'Malley staff member working with students on a daily basis; tutors from the University of Idaho who work with students on academics during and after school; college and career guidance; a middle level after school program called

Strengthening the Spirit; and an evening community welding class running in our vocational building. The sky is the limit when it comes to collaboration between the Plummer Worley School District and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. It's all about doing the right thing for students.

At our October Board of Trustees meeting, the board decided the most fiscally responsible thing to do with the 2012 donation from the Tribe at this time is to hold the money in reserve for the remainder of this school year. Our nation's inability to come to agreement regarding the federal deficit may play havoc on many Idaho district school budgets owing to impending sequestration. Sequestration is a promised, across-the-board cut to education and other programs scheduled to occur on January 2, 2013 unless Congress can agree how to cut \$1.2 trillion over the next 10 years

from the federal budget by at least \$1.2 trillion. If Congress doesn't agree, all federal agencies will be reduced by 8.2% including the military and education. This could mean a \$140,000 reduction to the Plummer Worley School District if it is enacted mid-year. Certainly, if sequestration becomes reality, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's generous donation will be appreciated all the more.

Despite conflict in our nation's capital, the Plummer Worley School District will continue collaborating with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe to make certain a high quality education is provided to students. More than ever, this collaboration will be critical to our students' success.

Thank you to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe for their continued investment in education.

Judi Sharrett, Superintendent

Stanley: Resilience feeds economic success for Tribes

Economic development is part of every tribe's vocabulary. Most tribes have established an economic development position to attract or start businesses on reservation. The reason is simple: businesses from separate sectors and in multiples are better for a tribe's community because more enterprises result in financial resilience; resilient economies are better able to absorb stress and survive in difficult times and create wealth over time.

The benefits to resilient economies are that they do not fall as fast or far in a downturn - generally recover faster. Take for example a community with a hotel and gaming operation then nothing else. The economic health of the community will generally follow the ups and downs of the gaming property. Comparatively, a community with the same gaming property, plus c-stores, fisheries, and timber is more diversified. Declines in gaming are not directly related to grab-and-go sales at a c-store, consumption of salmon, or the use of lumber in paper, light poles or building supplies. Each sector (gaming & hospitality, gas and grocery, food, and wood products) will follow its own cycle. When one sector is down others may be rising or stable.

From a family's perspective economic diversification works better; take a dual-income household where one family member is employed by a casino

and another by a convenience store. In an economic downturn the probability of dual job loss and financial hardship is less if each spouse works at a separate business than if they work at the same place. Additionally, if one loses a job and a local business is hiring, the likelihood of being re-employed is greater.

Some tribes are natural resource rich located in rural communities others are urban or in-between, suburban. For a rural tribe it might make sense to allocate resources toward businesses that integrate a vertical supply chain around a natural resource. Timber for example has a lot of uses between the harvest of trees and the end user. Every business transporting, trading, refining, or selling wood products has a place along the vertical supply chain. An urban tribe may have access to a large population base of consumers. Owning retail businesses where the tribe has a competitive advantage, like tax exemption, may make sense.

It is smart to build upon strengths. A tribe should start by examining the businesses they are in today and recognize their competitive advantages. It should be asked: Does an opportunity exist to expand upon what we already have? -or- What are our clusters of expertise?

There are three things a tribe can do to increase the probability of success in adding businesses to

their portfolio:

Invest in Human Capital - Apply resources toward existing and new businesses, make education and the achievement of goals a priority, spend time and energy focusing on what is possible rather than toiling over that which does not work.

Develop Infrastructure - This can be physical like roads and water treatment plants but also organizational -like trade and educational associations. It is the services and/or facilities that embody incremental improvement to promote the achievement of goals. A Chamber of Commerce group that holds regular meetings uncovers a lot of opportunity.

Leadership - make a plan, have the community understand it, and follow through. Leadership is also the ability to adapt to changes while maintaining the integrity of the group. Businesses start out with the best of intentions and regardless of planning, unforeseen things happen -requiring change. Experienced leadership understands how to move forward in a changing environment. They move the group forward with confidence or hold a position while under pressure from others to change.

Jim Stanley is a Quinault Tribal member and contributes his experience through writing for the betterment of Native People. To reach Jim for comment or free access to more business knowledge, go to JimStanley.biz.

improve the quality of life for our community today and in the long term?

These are often hard decision, but if we take the necessary steps to position ourselves to take advantage of current opportunities and trends tribal members are poised to make significant advances. The key is education and training for our

people so that we can provide the workforce needed to manage our lakes and streams, our clinic, our casino, our agriculture farm, and other Tribal enterprises. Thank you; it is a good day to be a Coeur d'Alene Tribal Member.

*Sincerely,
Leta Campbell
Tribal Council Member*

Torpey: thank you Eileen

Thank you Eileen Nault for the use of the wheel chair for our dad Ronald G. Torpey Sr.

*From
The Torpey Family*

~ In Passing ~ gu'lo lkhwalqw

William Michael Mix 1981 - 2012



**Coeur d'Alene Tribal Member
Great-Grandson of Alexander &
Susan (Paul) Matt
Grandson of Audrey (Matt)
Barrientos, Coeur d'Alene Tribe
& Joseph M. Denny,
Chippewa-Cree Tribe**

Our Beloved Billy was born William Michael Mix on May 7, 1981 in Spokane, Washington to William "Judd" and Melody (Denny) Mix. Will was only 31 years old when he died by suicide in Great Falls, Montana on September 12, 2012. The services and burial were officiated by Caj Matheson in DeSmet, Idaho.

Will's mother Melody passed away while all of her boys were still very young. The oldest, Matthew, was raised by his Grandma Audrey and his aunts. Will and Andrew were raised by their father, Judd. The two boys didn't get to know their brother Matt or their mother's family.

Will grew up in San Jose, California and graduated from Silver Creek High School in 1999. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserve while in high school. After high school, he continued his enlistment until he was honorably discharged in 2000. Following completion of his military service, he served a two year mission with

the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Louisiana. He completed his mission in 2004 and moved to Salt Lake City, Utah. He spent the next decade working in the security field doing jobs such as personal protection, executive protection/executive escort, and armed and unarmed security. Most recently, Will worked for a non-profit agency providing in-house security where he worked closely with the Salt Lake City Police Department to rid the area of dangerous drug dealers who preyed on Salt Lake City's homeless population. While employed there, he also served on Salt Lake County's 2010 Census Committee and the Salt Lake Homeless Youth Outreach Taskforce. While working for this agency, Will was awarded the Citizen of the Month Award in December of 2008 by the Salt Lake City Chief of Police for saving a stabbing-victim from a would-be-murderer.

After their father had passed away, Will and Andrew seemed to have

nearly no family left, but Melody's oldest son Matthew never gave up hope of finding his brothers. He finally located them in 2011. The rest of the family rejoiced with Matt and they all began to reach out and reconnect with Melody's long-lost sons. Will was happy to finally get to know the family of his Grandma Audrey, who he only used to know as his "Indian Grandma." Shortly after visiting his family on the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation, Will decided to stay. He moved to DeSmet in June of 2011. He had planned to study homeopathic medicine and was right at home as he explored the plants, animals and landscape in the wilderness of North Idaho. Will lived in Coeur d'Alene for a short time. He visited Montana to meet his grandfather's relatives from the Chippewa-Cree Tribe and he moved to Great Falls in August 2012.

Will enjoyed hunting, fishing, making jewelry and being outdoors. He was a master archer

and enjoyed shooting his bow. Above all, he had a generous heart. Whether it was his knowledge of herbal remedies, his passion for nature, or making jewelry for his loved ones, he was always sharing. When Will reconnected with his family, we didn't know his time on Earth was short, and it was a blessing that we were able to know him. Will did not have to make his final journey alone. With the good deeds, the helping hands, the prayers, and the love of many of his loved ones, our Beloved Billy was laid to rest peacefully. We can rejoice in the beautiful person he was and celebrate his life.

Will is survived by his brothers, Matthew C. Denny of Los Angeles, CA and Andrew J. Mix of San Jose, CA. Also surviving are his aunts, Juanita LaChasse of North Hollywood, CA, Louise Carrillo of DeSmet, ID, Bernadette Barrientos of Palmdale, CA and Evelyn Drake of Plummer, ID. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, both his parents and his uncle.

~ Legal Matters ~

In the matter of Trevor L. Germany and Ashiyah R. Germany case number CV-GS-2012-0194, you are hereby notified that guardianship hearing in the above entitled care will come before the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Court on November 22, 2012 at the hour of 11:00 a.m. at the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Justice Center in Plummer, Idaho.

My name is Glenda L. Matt and I'm enrolled tribal member of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe (601) and I'm petitioning for guardianship of my 2 grandchildren, who are also enrolled. If anyone should have any reason to object my guardianship, please contact Tribal Court @ 686-1777. Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,
Glenda L. Matt

In The Tribal Court Of The Coeur d'Alene Tribe Of The Coeur D'alene Indian Reservation, Plummer, Idaho

In The Matter Of The Petition To Change Name Of: Tomasina Spottedblanket-Torpey. Petition For Order To Change Name Comes now, Tomasina Spottedblanket-Torpey, Petitioner herein for an Order from the Court for a name change. Petitioner resides at Worley in the state of Idaho. Petitioner was born in Blythe, state of California. Petitioner desires to change present name to: Tomasina Spottedblanket for the following reason(s): to fathers name. Petitioner's father's name: Willard Spottedblanket.

Dated this 10th day of October, 2012.
Tomasina Spottedblanket-Torpey – Petitioner.

The Reptile Man visits elementary



Gauge Anderson gets wrapped up in the assembly with The Reptile Man Scott Petersen who visited the school and brought along turtles, snakes and lizards to teach the kids about the species. Photo by Lynn Lowley

Pilgrimage by students made to bless the academic year

In celebration of Gonzaga University's 125th Anniversary, some 250 Gonzaga students, Jesuits, faculty, staff, alumni, family and friends participated in the University's 43rd annual Pilgrimage to the historic Mission of the Sacred Heart in Cataldo, Idaho on Saturday, Sept. 15.

Participants had breakfast before embarking on an 11-mile wilderness hike to the historic Mission of the Sacred Heart in Cataldo, the state of Idaho's oldest-standing building and headquarters of the first Jesuit missionaries to the region.

The retreat brings together students of all ages as well as representatives of all parts of the Gonzaga community to hike



Gonzaga students gather at Cataldo mission and listen to Cd'A tribal elder Felix Aripa speak of the significance of the Church to the Tribe and its people. Photo by Rosemarie Thurman

together and pray for God's blessing this academic year. The journey ended at the Mission of the Sacred Heart with a

celebration of the Eucharist that included members of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Gonzaga Jesuits, and other GU participants.

Tribal community celebrates Water Potato Day



Students from a nearby school district visit Hawley's Landing to take part in the Tribe's Annual Water Potato Day festivities. Kids from all around the area come to the reservation to learn about tribal culture and take part in the annual dig for the coveted water potato. Photo by Lynn Lowley



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