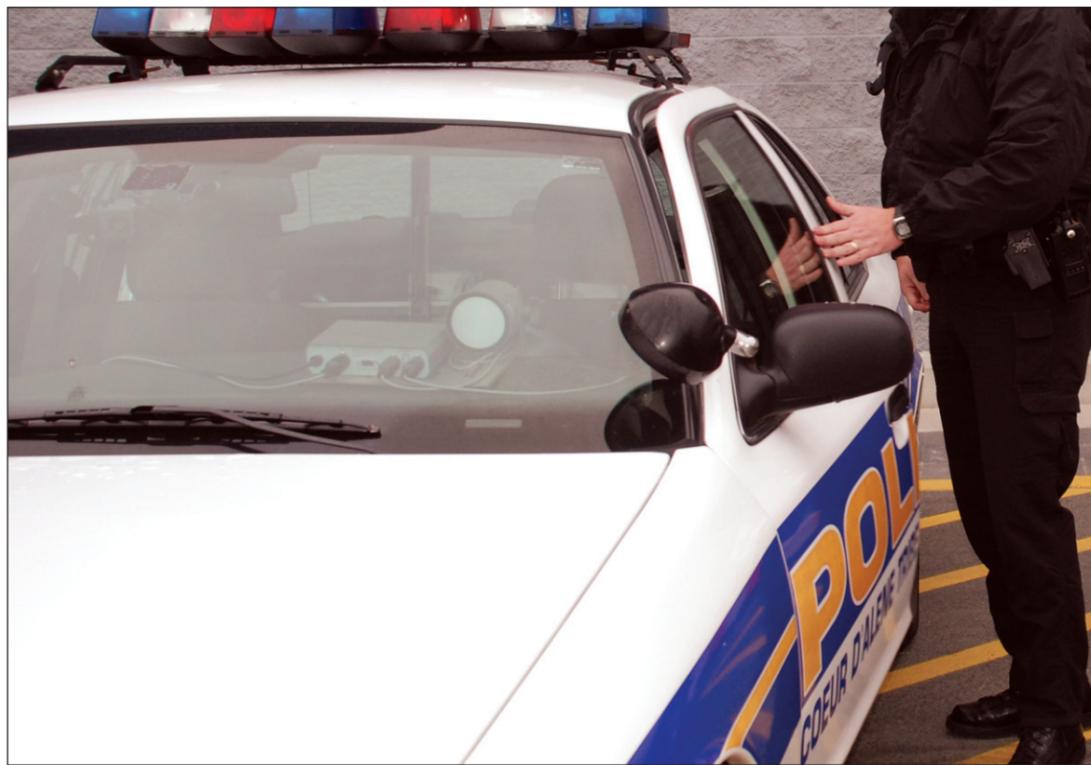




# Local, regional theft on the rise; police taking steps to combat problem



Coeur d'Alene Tribal police officers are taking measures to protect reservation residents from the influx of home invasions and thefts.

By Jennifer L. Fletcher

The crime rates for burglaries and thefts on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation have escalated over the last year to numbers that concern not only homeowners but the law enforcement agencies that protect and serve us as well. Many on the reservation know that break-ins are becoming more and more common in this small community – but may not know that the same holds true for the larger communities that surround the reservation.

The cause of influx in crime against homeowners is attributed to joblessness and addiction issues these criminals are facing. Theft and burglary rates are shown to increase during the winter months (see illustration) when seasonal jobs are on hold until the spring thaw; this creates economic hardships that can drive people to desperate measures. Addiction has a similar effect on a person – pushing a person to criminal activity to feed their habit.

But things are getting harder for these individuals. Law enforcement agencies are pooling their resources and man power to put a stop to these incidents. One way is through pawn shops in the

surrounding area. Many items that are stolen are being brought in for cash to these places – which have now taken measures to ensure the items being bought are not “hot.”

A person walking in to a pawn shop must give their name and a form of identification, this information is then put into the shop's computer system which in turn runs the name and alerts the owner if this person has sold stolen items to any other shop in the area. The person in question is put on a black list, forbidden to sell items, and the police are alerted to the individual with a description of items they were trying to sell. The officers then cross-check the items with a list of known stolen objects thus tying the two together – giving them a suspect and cause to arrest and question the individual.

Bottom line: it's going to be harder for thieves to make any money from a shop with stolen items.

Another unfortunate side to this epidemic is that most of the crime seems to be generating from within the homes of these victims. Family and friends seem to be the most common culprits in these thefts and break-ins. This creates a conflict for those victimized –

turn in a loved one and have them face jail time and fines, or let it slide and deal with it on your own.

It's a conundrum, one that is difficult to face – but not involving the police in these matters can perpetuate the problem and potentially turn these people towards other homes and families once they have taken all they can from those closest to them. To protect yourself and others, action is encouraged so that no one else falls prey to the burglars.

“This is a community problem,” said Tribal Police Chief Cody SiJohn. “It's not just an individual or law enforcement issue – it's community wide. We all need to chip in to combat the problem.”

There are many ways to help deflect crime for your home or automobile – first step is to make sure you are not opening yourself to becoming a victim. Make sure all of your valuables are safe and secure behind locked doors. Allow only those people you know you can trust to have access to your high value or sentimental items.

Once there was a time when the Coeur d'Alene reservation residents didn't think about locking their doors or windows – simply because you didn't have

to; you could trust your friends, family and neighbors. Times are changing, and not just here. Unfortunately as economic issues and drug addictions grip our community members we have to take necessary action to keep our homes safe.

“We have to change our ways,” stated SiJohn.

It is an unfortunate reality – but locking your doors and securing your valuables is a necessary action in today's society. If you keep anything of value in your car – make a new habit of bringing it inside with you each and every night so as not to tempt a would-be thief.

In this day and age social media dominates – it has become an everyday occurrence to state publicly where you are, where you're going and when you'll be back. Don't mistake, criminals are online too and they use this information to victimize those they know will not be around. Most criminals are opportunists and not organized with well thought-out plans of attack. So if are telling the world you're leaving your house to see that 8pm showing of the new movie – you can rest assured that the area thieves see it too and will take advantage of the fact that you won't be home for the evening.

The lesson here: perhaps telling everyone all the details of your

lives outside the home, while fun and entertaining as it can be; may not be the best way to keep your home protected against burglary. Keep things like this to a minimum – perhaps report after the fact when you are back at home.

If you plan to be away from your home, for the evening, weekend or longer employ your local law enforcement agency. You can request patrols of your home when you are away to check for suspicious activity. This is a service encouraged and provided by the Tribal Police department. Simply call them and let them know the details of your departure and an officer will put you on their patrol route for the length of time needed. Seeing a police car in the neighborhood is a surefire way to keep criminals away.

These steps can greatly decrease the opportunity for your home to be broken into – but if you are a victim (and everyone has this potential regardless of steps taken) insure the safe and quick return of your items by keeping a detailed record of your valuables.

Photographing, journaling descriptions and cataloging serial numbers of high value items can help the police and cooperative agencies track your goods. If they have this information it

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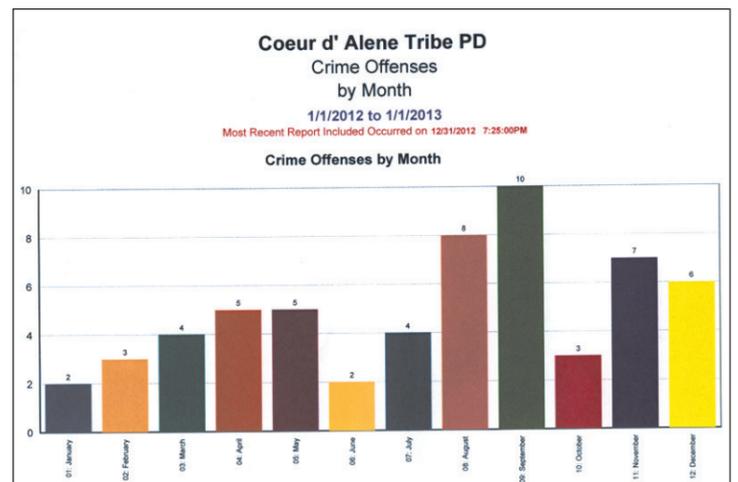


Illustration 1 shows the number of burglary incidents handled by the Tribal Police Department. Burglary consists of breaking and entering into a home or vehicle but nothing was noted as being stolen.

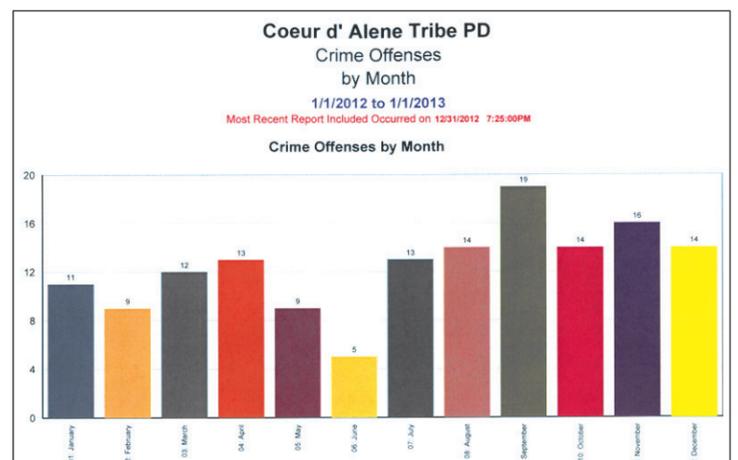


Illustration 2 shows not just burglaries but thefts too - when items were reported stolen. As you can see theft and burglaries rise when the temperatures drop and decrease during warm seasonal months.

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**13(13)** Approved Natural Resource department Land Services – Homesite Lease CDA Tribal Tract No. T-639.5 Dorisa Whaley; 4 for 0 against.

**28(13)** Approves a resolution supporting the Stop Violence Program nominations in the Celebrating Solutions and Roth Award for Underserved Population in both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> round submission and any forthcoming recognition and award amount; 6 for 0 against.

**29(13)** Approved Law and Order Administration Juvenile Accountability

Block grant program application; 6 for 0 against.

**30(13)** Approved Natural Resource department Land Services – Homesite Lease CD'A Tribal Tract No. 1143 Vance Campbell; 5 for 0 against.

**31(13)** Approved Natural Resource department Land Service – Homesite Lease CDA Tribal Tract No. 1040 to Evangeline Kenmille; 4 for 0 against 2 Abstain.

**32(13)** Approved Natural Resource department Land Services Agricultural Lease on allotment 497A to Jerry

Kane beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2017; 6 for 0 against.

**33(13)** Approved Natural Resource department Land Services Agricultural Lease on Allotment 63 to Jerry Kane beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2017; 6 for 0 against.

**34(13)** Approved Natural Resource department Environmental programs office approve Strategic Project Implementation Plan; 6 for 0 against.

**35(13)** Approved Natural Resource department

Environmental programs office approve Groundwater Monitoring Report; 6 for 0 against.

**37(13)** Approved Enrollment department Blood Degree Correction Erinn Ann Chrochak; 6 for 0 against.

**38(13)** Approved Enrollment department Relinquishment from Coeur d'Alene Tribe Alli Arleen Kee; 5 for 1 against.

**39(13)** Approved Lake Management department approve submittal of Lake Stewardship proposal for \$29,966; 6 for 0 against.

**40(13)** Approved Law and Order administration adoption of a new chapter in the Law and Order Code to be known as Chapter 56, Bingo Nation Network Authority Act; 5 for 0 against.

**42(13)** Approved Executive Operations approve contract with William C. Roden for Legislative Administrative and Services; 5 for 0 against.

**43(13)** Approved Executive Operations Distribution of five percent of FY 2012 net gaming revenues for education; 5 for 0 against 1 out.

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

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is much easier for them to be tracked down in pawn shops or returned to you if recovered from a criminal. Writing your name (or creating your own serial numbers) for items like DVD's and video games will also make it easier to return stolen items to their rightful owners.

Steps are also being taken to prosecute these thieves in our own court system. A new Law and Order code has given the courts the power to prosecute and send a criminal to jail for up to 3 years. This will allow prosecution in a swifter manner than if the cases are sent to other courts who have long dockets to trudge through every month. The police department has also reached an agreement with the Colville tribe to begin housing inmates for our cases – their facility is facing cut-backs due to low housing numbers while our department is facing budget issues due to the cost to house inmates at the Kootenai County Jail.

The Tribal Police Department reached out to the Colville Tribe and came to an agreement that will not only cost the department less money – but also help the Colville facility keep their employees on the payroll; it's a win-win for everyone. The Colville facility also works with the tribal inmates they house with rehabilitation through cultural

awareness and practice. Learning traditional ways can help a person look at themselves in a new light and hopefully begin their path in a positive way once released.

Keeping your home safe and your items from the hands of would-be criminals takes effort and a community willing to help out. A community watch program has been suggested and implemented in the past (which the Tribal Police Department fully supports and is willing to participate in) but has fallen to the wayside. It is currently being revived and will be holding a meeting at the Worley Longhouse on January 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss ways to help circumvent the situation. Dedication to such an organization will take time and commitment by its members in order to be successful – if crime drops that means the group is working and not a reason to disband but a reason to keep it up.

Don't be afraid to speak up and get the criminals out of your homes and off the street; you'll not only be helping your neighbor from becoming a victim; but you could potentially protect a life that could be in jeopardy if homeowners arm themselves and thieves take these invasions a step further by burglarizing homes that are occupied.

Looking out for one another has always been the way of the Coeur d'Alene people – and is more important than ever in these changing times.

**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.*

## Retired NBA Coach Phil Jackson sponsors campaign to benefit American Indian College Fund

Phil Jackson will give one lucky fan the opportunity to spend a day with him in Los Angeles learning his basketball coaching secrets.

Jackson has teamed up with online fundraising company Omaze for a fundraising campaign to support the American Indian College Fund (the Fund) to raise money for Native student scholarships.

Donors must complete entries for a chance to meet Mr. Jackson via the Fund's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/collegefund](http://www.facebook.com/collegefund)) and web site ([www.collegefund.org](http://www.collegefund.org)). The campaign is currently slated to end on Feb. 8. Airfare and hotel are included in the trip. Donations are not required to enter for a chance to meet Mr. Jackson.

As part of the campaign, Mr. Jackson, a longtime supporter of the Fund who has also conducted basketball clinics in Indian Country, will show game tape of past championship series and explain how he prepared champion players like Michael Jordan and Kobe Bryant. Mr. Jackson will also talk about how he developed his well-known Triangle Offense and other strategies that helped him win 11 NBA championships, the most in basketball history. Mr. Jackson retired from coaching in 2011.

"The American Indian College is delighted that Mr. Jackson has donated his time and energies to illustrate the need for financial support for American Indian college students," said Dr. Cheryl Crazy Bull, President and CEO of the American Indian

College Fund. "Not only is Mr. Jackson helping to raise money for scholarships, but he is also providing Native students with the valuable knowledge that he believes that with an education, they are all winners."

**About the American Indian College Fund:** With its credo "Educating the Mind and Spirit," the American Indian College Fund is the nation's largest private provider of scholarships for American Indian students, providing an average of 6,000 scholarships annually for students seeking to better their lives and communities through education and support to the nation's 34 accredited tribal colleges and universities. For more information about the American Indian College Fund, please visit [www.collegefund.org](http://www.collegefund.org)

**About Omaze:** Omaze offers everyone the opportunity to engage in once-in-a-lifetime experiences with celebrities, athletes and the world's greatest thinkers with the proceeds benefitting a social cause. The process works similar to a charity raffle. The user friendly site allows anyone to enter to win an Omaze experience of their choice by donating just \$5. Once the deadline to enter for the experience passes, they collect all the entries and select the winners through a third party computer generated random selection process. The proceeds are delivered to benefit a specific social cause. The goal of the campaign is clearly quantified and they track the impact overtime so you can see how your support has impacted lives.

# ~ Chairman's Corner ~

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I hope that 2013 continues to bring our Tribe, our community, our families and our friends, many blessings, good memories and progress in the coming year.

One highlight for me already in the new year, was the opportunity I had, along with Vice Chairman Ernie Stensgar and Council member John Abraham, to travel to Washington D.C. and witness President Obama get sworn in again for a second term as President of the United States.

The first time he won the office of the President, it was historical, without a doubt. And for communities of color, it was exciting to finally see a leader in the White House that reflected the majority of America, rather than just the privileged few.

But for President Obama to win a second term in many ways seems even more unprecedented and historical. Especially considering the challenges he faced with the economy, and with the influx of outside political donations because of Citizens United.

Once again though, the majority of Americans' voices couldn't be denied, and there I found myself watching the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States take a solemn vow, with one hand resting upon a bible once belonged to Martin Luther King, Jr. and another by Abraham Lincoln, no less.

In his speech, our President called for action on civil rights and human rights issues; fiscal inequity; global warming and climate change; enactment of immigration reform and gun control. But most importantly, he reiterated a message that we are all in this together, and that together we are better:

"This generation of Americans has been tested by crises that steeled our resolve and proved our resilience. A decade of war is now ending. An economic recovery has begun. America's possibilities are limitless, for we possess all the qualities that this world without boundaries demands: youth and drive; diversity and openness; an endless capacity for risk and a

gift for reinvention. My fellow Americans, we are made for this moment, and we will seize it -- so long as we seize it together.

For we, the people, understand that our country cannot succeed when a shrinking few do very well and a growing many barely make it. We believe that America's prosperity must rest upon the broad shoulders of a rising middle class. We know that America thrives when every person can find independence and pride in their work; when the wages of honest labor liberate families from the brink of hardship. We are true to our creed when a little girl born into the bleakest poverty knows that she has the same chance to succeed as anybody else, because she is an American; she is free, and she is equal, not just in the eyes of God but also in our own.

We do not believe that in this country freedom is reserved for the lucky, or happiness for the few. We recognize that no matter how responsibly we live our lives, any one of us at any time may face a job

loss, or a sudden illness, or a home swept away in a terrible storm. The commitments we make to each other through Medicare and Medicaid and Social Security, these things do not sap our initiative, they strengthen us. They do not make us a nation of takers; they free us to take the risks that make this country great."

The inauguration was physically attended by about 1 million people, with millions more watching from around the world.

It was also exciting to hear the performances that accompanied the ceremony too, and then to attend the official ball. I am so grateful for the opportunity to experience this important moment in history, and it was inspiring looking out at the massive crowds cheering, waving flags and so hopeful for the future.

It was a good day—a day I will never forget.

Warm regards,

*Chief Y Allan*



Vice Chairman Stensgar and Council member Abraham in front of the Iwo Jima memorial in Washington DC.



# February - 2013

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3	4  Lakeside Girls District Tournament Lake City High School	5  Home Landscaping Workshop @ Wellness Center 12 - 1 pm	6 Lakeside School Early Release  CDA Tribal Credit Applications Due	7  Studies in Love Film Class @ DOE 6-8:30 pm	8	9  Lakeside Boys @ Clark Fork
10	11  Lakeside Boys vs. Wallace  Lakeside PTO & School Board mtgs.	12  CDA Tribal Credit Board Meeting	13   <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	14 Lakeside Boys vs. Kootenai  Studies in Love Film Class @ DOE 6-8:30 pm ♥ Valentine's Day ♥	15  CDA Tribal School Closed	16
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## BMC moving high tech with new dental equipment

Ah, qhest! It's hard to believe we have been in our new facility over three months! As with any new building we continue adjusting to the 'differentness' of the space, working on uncompleted items, fixing things and overall making this facility a very proud one for the tribe.

As part of our upgraded facility we early on decided to purchase many pieces of equipment that would improve our efficiency and quality of care. This month I want to highlight a significant addition to our dental services that is rare among IHS, tribes and Community Health Centers nationwide. The dental clinic now has what's called a 'cad cam crown mill' machine. This sounds like a small thing, however, with the latest in technology this allows us to be able to do most crowns, onlays and inlays for patients in one appointment. This eliminates the "goop" that we traditionally had to place in your mouth and wait for 5 minutes to "set up." It also means no more walking around with a rough temporary crown that can cause sensitivity for 4 or 5 weeks. The dental industry

has been revolutionized by this 'CEREC' machine, combine this mill with the latest materials that are stronger than natural teeth feel, and look like your natural teeth and you get state of the art optimal dentistry. We no longer have to sacrifice esthetics for functionality now that we can do crowns that look completely natural and function similar to your own teeth. BMWC is committed to providing the best possible care for the community, and that's why we are pleased to provide this truly amazing service. Please contact our dental clinic should you have any questions.

Last month I announced the arrival of our two newest providers, Dr. Shelby Rush, Medical Director and Dr. Terry Reisner, both whom bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our staff. They are both now on board and off to a great start. We will have a meet and greet dinner to welcome and introduce them to the community as well as thank our entire medical staff for all they do to provide such outstanding care to our patients. As soon as a date is arranged it will be announced.

Educational health information

from BMWC is now broadcast on the KWIS radio station on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30-Noon and 4:30-5. Several of our departments with interesting topics will be featured throughout the year so please tune in!

Speaking of educational opportunities, on March 1 at the casino, our Counseling Services Department is sponsoring a day long seminar on chemical addictions featuring Dr. Gabor Maté, an internationally renowned chemical addictions specialist. He will speak on the concepts discussed in his latest book In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts: Close Encounters with Addiction. Contact Counseling Services to register, 686-1449.

Please mark your calendars for March 19 for our annual Diabetes Day Camp which will be held at the casino. This is always an informative and worthwhile event. Please contact Community Health at 686-1767 for registration and questions.

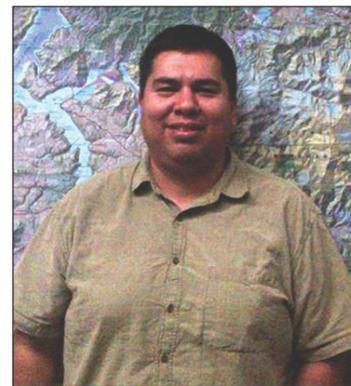
We appreciate your comments and feedback!

Gary Leva, CEO

## Matheson new member to Basin Council

Caj Matheson was hired in November, 2012 under Lake Management as the Communications Specialist for the Coeur d'Alene Basin Natural Resource Trustee Council. Caj is a Tribal member and life-long community member. Most recently he has been working full-time as a part of Schint Ministries located at the Old Firehouse in Plummer where his focus has been on adult education and spirituality. Most of his career he has worked in Marketing and business with various Tribal entities as well as his own. Additionally, Caj has provided leadership training both locally and nationally. His favorite memories, however, come from coaching youth in sports.

Caj is excited to be in his new position and hopes to involve his people in specific natural resource restoration projects that



will take place throughout the Coeur d'Alene basin for years to come. He says, "we as a people have always considered ourselves stewards of the land, now we get to prove it as individuals by involving ourselves with the work of our Tribe and other Natural Resource Trustees." Welcome, Caj, to the Lake Management Department-Hazardous Waste Management Program!

## Strengthening the Spirit has moved to the Wellness Center



Strengthening the Spirit is a collaboration between the Department of Education and the Benewah Wellness Center. It is an afterschool program for 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders at Lakeside and the Tribal School, and also includes in-school collaboration with teachers in the schools.

Housed in new the Youth Programs room of the Wellness Center, STS

afterschool is in operation Monday-Thursday from 3-6. Implementing the program is Barrie Florko, Program Coordinator for the STS program and Erik Brynestad, Assistant STS Coordinator. Program focus includes Cultural activities, Science/Technology, Art, and Healthy Living. Students come to STS to receive help with homework or schoolwork, to participate in the

daily activities, including the Bigger Faster Stronger fitness program, and to go on field trips.

Every Thursday is 4-H day where students have formed groups around their interests: cooking, robotics, digital recording/radio, and filmmaking. Guest presenters to the program have recently included Quannah Matheson from the Department of Culture, Iris Mayes from UI Extension, and Bobbie White and Gina Baughn from the Department of Natural Resources. Upcoming field trips include ice skating at Riverfront Park in Spokane, a visit to the Lasting Heritage exhibit at the Museum of Arts and Culture in Spokane, and a tour of the new welding facility in Plummer.

Come stop by and visit! For questions about the STS program call: Barrie Florko or Erik Brynestad 208-582-1607.

## On the path to Higher Education



By Kathy Albin

Contract Health employees at the Benewah Medical Center have been working hard to earn their Post-Secondary Certificate in Medical Health Care from North Idaho College and are finding out what a gratifying experience higher education can be.

Three years ago Tribal member Andy Rae Zachary came into the Department of Education seeking some classes in Medical Coding to help further her job skills. I shared with her an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree in Business Leadership as a possible option of attaining her goals. This particular degree is very versatile because it gives students an opportunity to earn Post-Secondary Certificates in General Business, Supervision, Leadership, Medical/Health Care, Human Resource Management, Office Management, and Computer Applications and Office Technology, and the choice of moving on to earn the full degree.

This past fall I had the opportunity to visit with employees working in Contract Health about their current courses. When I asked Andy Rae what the hardest part of school was she said, "Managing my time, it is very difficult to do sometimes." It is true, it does require a balancing act especially when you have a family, work full-time, and are

trying to further your education, but as co-worker Eva Davison shared, "The struggle is well worth it!" Angie Sanchez also shared her educational experience with me and said that her "Online classes are a bit challenge, but I am thankful for the flexibility they provide."

Higher Education became a family affair for both Andy Rae and Eva when their significant others joined them by enrolling in North Idaho College's Welding Technology Program offered in here in Plummer this past fall. Along with students from BMC, there are also Tribal Members from Natural Resources, Benewah Market/Hardware, Tribal Government, and the Casino Resort Hotel who are involved in different stages of the AAS in Business Leadership Degree. Three employees have recently applied for their Post-Secondary Certificates in Human Resource Management at NIC and will finish this spring.

As an advisor it has been very rewarding to watch the dedicated students that come into the Department of Education and continue to move forward in the life goals. For more information on the AAS Degree in Business Leadership or other Professional/Technical Certificates and Degrees please contact Kathy Albin at 686-0604.

## Lakeside schools announce honor roll students

**7<sup>th</sup> GRADE:** Summer Beebe, Logan Choisser, Robert Cortez, Sierra Haynes, Sara Jimenez, Chase Lousignont, Jasmine Moss, Honor Olson, Bryar Sanchez & Justice Wilburn.

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE:** Takota Abrahamson, Rachael Arthur, Ramiro Cortez, Ruthanne Cuthbert, Sarah Daman, Kina Havier, Tea Lambert, Jordan Mokry, Lillian Rhea & Angelita Soto.

**9<sup>th</sup> GRADE:** Qwnasqi't Matheson, Jubel Mitchell & David Moyle.

**10<sup>th</sup> GRADE:** Joseph Brown, Grace Butcher, Brook Chick, Damien Eikes, Elaine Fanning, Jordan Harmon, Hunter Kolar, Joseph Mitchell & Emerald Rykowski.

**11<sup>th</sup> GRADE:** Avery Brown Sonder, Jonathan Daman, Sheyenne Shamburg.

**12<sup>th</sup> GRADE:** Shimika Havier, Ruth Haynes, Kaitlyn Rhea & Sierra Shamburg.

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### - LEGAL NOTICE -

NOTICE: I am writing this article in regards to the probate of Beau James Nicholai. I need to have the following siblings of Beau contact me and/or Coeur d'Alene Tribal Court Services; Brian Lozon, Ladybug Gonzales, and Jason Johnson.

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## Temperatures are low but casino's energy savings high



By Bob Bostwick

Locked in a deep freeze that's chilled our bones these past two weeks, you'd think the heating bills would be climbing commensurate with the falling temperatures. To a degree, they are, but the good news here is a property-wide conservation effort

that's saving us a small fortune.

Nudging thermostats downward, keeping doors closed, turning off unnecessary lights and even a bit of remodeling are all contributing to a savings of \$155,000 in propane costs over the first quarter of our current fiscal year. That's a 52 percent decrease. Further, the electricity bill is down five

percent over the same period, representing about \$15,000 in savings.

"It's a good start and there's more to come," said Mechanical Maintenance lead Tim Ferguson, assigned to supervise the project. "We can look at every hallway

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## Got Coeur d'Alene Language? Lim Lemsh very much

By Brenda Palmer

In moving to Public Relations, I noticed that there is very little of the Coeur d'Alene language incorporated in the Camp Crier newsletter. The Coeur d'Alene culture is a big part of our organization. We should include as much of the native language as we can for both tribal and non-tribal members. We have one venue named In Coeur d'Alene, Spa Ssakwa'q'n.

The late Cliff SiJohn, our Cultural Affairs Director, was our main in-house resource for the history, traditions and language. After his passing, it is now up to those of us who remain to carry on his legacy and keep the culture, the history

and the language as part of our casino home.

In an effort to help keep the language alive, there will be a new section with a new word or phrase put in to the Crier every week. With the aid of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's language center in Plummer, Hnqwa'qwe'eln, a specific phrase will be researched and introduced that may be useful in our everyday work. Coeur d'Alene is definitely a complicated language unless you are able to study it in a formal setting and speak it every day. The Tribe's Language Center has done exactly that with the aid of a few tribal elders that still speak in Coeur d'Alene. They are a great resource for us to learn to speak the language.

The phrase introduced this week is in honor of our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coming up in March. The phrase for 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is: *chitstmet khwe eese' lupen*, which means "We've reached that 20<sup>th</sup>." A recording is available with Tribal elder Felix Aripa saying the phrase. The phrase is available via email from this writer at [bpalmer@cddcasino.com](mailto:bpalmer@cddcasino.com).

Everyone is encouraged to come up with a phrase or saying they would like to learn in Coeur d'Alene. Send your phrase via email or write it down, put in her mailbox in the back and she can research it and feature it in the Camp Crier. Let's all try to keep the CDA language alive in our daily routines.

## Debra Emtman returns as front desk/call center Manager



By Brenda Palmer

The Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel recently welcomed Debra Emtman (formerly Arteaga) home. Debra is a returning employee to the Hotel front desk. She left her hotel home in 2007 when she moved to Connecticut. A family

member's illness resulted in her move back to the Pacific Northwest area.

When asked how she felt about returning to the casino Debra said, "so far, it feels just like coming home." She is very glad to be back.

Debra originally started in Bingo in 1997. She has also worked in the money room/vault, the cage, hotel housekeeping and front desk as a clerk and eventually to Front Desk Manager. She was working in that capacity when she decided to move away. Upon her return to the area, she worked in various administrative positions for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and most recently the Benewah Medical

Center (BMC) Counseling Services as the receptionist. Sometime in the middle of these positions she found time to go study Medical Billing and Coding at Carrington College which led to her applying at the BMC.

She met Bryan Emtman and married in May 2012. She is the proud mother of two daughters, Gitana Arteaga, 14 and McKenzie Emtman, 19 months, and she also welcomed two stepchildren in to her life. She currently lives in the Spokane area with her two girls and her husband. Everyone here at the Coeur d'Alene Casino would like to say "Welcome Home Debra."

## Remembering Cliff SiJohn

By Dave Matheson  
Chief Executive Officer

I first noticed the man who would become a good friend and brother of mine, Cliff SiJohn, as he M.C.'d powwows and spoke at conferences and conventions in the 1970's. It seemed he possessed an easy grace that enabled him to wield great strength with words, providing deep feelings and spiritual meaning that few others could offer. It was more than mere polished eloquence. It was this gift and his knowledge, when combined with true life experiences and enduring the hardships and harshness of life, that made his words powerful and profound.

He was a combat veteran of Vietnam, surviving great battles with gallantry and bravery. To some of us, he told the stories that are only his to tell, and not to be repeated by me, of his trials and experiences during the Tet Offensive. It is more than appropriate to say that Cliff deserved the honor our people bestow on veterans of war and combat, and all of us who enjoy the simple pleasures of life owe him a debt of gratitude. From this, he would have earned numerous eagle feathers.

My brother Cliff was a family man, first and foremost. He went to many, many basketball and football games for his children, more than can be counted, and was always seen with his "babies" in tow.

He was a spiritual leader of our people. Many of us went to him to participate in our sweat lodge ceremonies and winter medicine dances. He took care of important dinners for families, bestowed traditional, Indian names upon our children, comforted mourners at wakes and funerals with song and prayer, and handled memorials for families wishing to honor their beloved who left this world. This

made him a leader, a true leader.

Because of all of these things, I would say my brother was a great Chief and a powerful Medicine Man, and his passing leaves an empty seat at the table of our community, and in the hearts and minds of all of us. We lost our Chief, our Medicine Man and our spiritual leader on Christmas Eve, 2012. To some of our relatives, they lost their dad, grandfather, husband, brother, or cousin. For all of us, he always had a smile, a happy voice and a funny story to greet us and make us feel special.

Cliff SiJohn was hired into service as the Administrative Director at the Coeur d'Alene Tribe in the early 1980's while I was the tribal chairman. I supported wholeheartedly the decision to select him. He was full of dynamic, positive energy, and it seemed there was nothing he couldn't do. When we opened the Coeur d'Alene Bingo Hall in 1993, Cliff was the Director of Planning at the tribe, so I had him transferred to us as our Special Projects Officer. I quickly added him to our design committee for the first expansion phase that was to transform our property from a bingo hall to a casino resort.

The look and feel we have about the resort today was first initiated by this committee, and Cliff personally designed, on the back of a napkin, the tipi structure entry way into the Mountain Lodge lobby. Now, this one-of-a-kind look is often used as our "signature," defining and describing instantly what the viewer is looking at: the Coeur d'Alene Casino and Resort Hotel.

When the two of us served on Gov Phil Batt's gaming study commission, we traveled statewide. It was chaired by then Lt Gov. Butch Otter. We made good friends with him, Otter and Cliff especially, calling each other

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## Casino's December RAD Winners

Nominate a fellow employee for any act that goes above and beyond their normal job duties by filling out a nomination form located under the large green poster in the employee lounge. ALL employees are eligible to receive the award based on a simple random act.

Our RAD award winners for December are: **Jodi Atwood, Call Center.** Jodi was nominated by Kathy Anton-Galiotti. Kathy was very impressed when one of our guests who frequently travels, took the time to send an e-mail stating Jodi was "one of the most courteous reservation people that he has ever dealt with". Fantastic customer service, Jodi!

**Alisha Comstock, Digi Deal.** Alisha was nominated by Teresa Reeves for her outstanding attitude in times of need. Alisha is more than willing to come in on her days off when needed, even

though it means finding day care for her two young children. Way to go Alisha!

**Ed Skinner, Marketing.** Ed was nominated by Debbie Louie-McGee for going above and beyond with the Stick Games, and Christmas Committees. Ed uses his personal time and funds to volunteer for these activities, even going as far as taking phone calls at home for the scavenger hunt. Way to go above and beyond Ed!

**June Addington, Accounting.** June was nominated by Debbie Louie-McGee for putting so much effort into the Christmas Party. June braved the Black Friday crowds and purchased over \$2500 in prizes as giveaways for the party. Great job June!

**Ray Banka, Guest Services/ Shuttle Driver.** Ray was nominated by AB Little for

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## Red-Spectrum: changes coming along with fiber optics

Back in 2002 when we first started as your local Wireless Internet Service Provider the speeds we offered were ahead of the times and it was great to offer something faster than the old dial-up connections. Needless to say, times have changed and so has the internet.

With the increased use of streaming videos, music downloads, online gaming, and social media the old speeds aren't keeping up with the changes. We have listened to your comments and concerns, and are ready to take our service to the next level. In the near future we will be making changes to our wireless service packages. Our current packages range from 256k for \$24.95 to 1.5 mbps for \$99.95. We are working on revising those packages to give you more "bang for your buck."

Additionally, many customers

have asked about the status of our Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) project. The FTTH project is being funded through the Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP). It is a 50/50 grant/loan under the USDA Rural Utilities Service to build a FTTH network on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation. The project includes building a fiber network that will reach community anchor institutions, public safety entities, critical community organizations, and approximately 3,500 homes on the reservation in the communities of Plummer, Worley, Tensed, and DeSmet and outlying areas. The project service area covers 377 square miles and will require approximately 300 route miles of buried fiber to reach each home.

As with many federal projects of this scope and size, the bureaucratic process has been quite extensive and has considerably delayed

our timeline for construction. However, we are proud to say the project is still a go.

Engineering is complete and awaiting construction contract approval from DC. We hope to start plowing fiber in the ground in the spring. Once the fiber optic is in place we will be able to offer speeds well above our current largest package of 1.5 Mbps. We plan on keeping our rates reasonable and provide reliable service without the limitations of the current wireless technology. In addition to high speed internet, our service offerings will also include television and phone service.

This project is a great way to keep everyone connected with the latest technologies. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Thank you,  
Red-Spectrum Staff

## Wellness Center: what a great party



New Year's Party! We had such a great time, round dancing the New Year in. Many of the all the kids played basketball all night with 15 teams. 1<sup>st</sup> Place Joseph Lenior Marcus and Chubbz LaSarte Pluff 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Leighton Boyd Brianna Louie Jerry and Kenny Louie-McGee.

We really appreciate all the community members and staff that were willing to sacrifice their New Year's Eve and spend it with our kids. Many of our staff worked 16 hours straight we appreciate their dedication to ensuring our kids were safe. We would like to thank the Food Coalition for cooking

Pizza Cheryl Lockard, Rebecca Waldrod, Bobbi White, Gina Baughn Community Volunteers; Janice Thomas, Caj and Kim Matheson, Dale and Tania Geise Staff; Lori DeLorme, Rachel Gallegos, Alexis Seim, Cheryl Weixel, Sequoia Gallegos, Staff that stayed until morning; Cheffrey Sailto, Cheyenne Meshell, Andy Kipp, LaMont Higgins, Wade Antone, LoVina Louie

We are so grateful for Tiffany Korver who did Zumba for hours during 5 to 8 pm and even in the wee hours of the morning 1:00 to 2:30 am!

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assisting an elderly lady who had overheated her car on the way here. Ray took the time to check her radiator, purchase antifreeze, and fill the radiator for her. He even refused her offer of payment for his time. Now that's Traditional Tribal Hospitality!

Our Honorable Mentions for the month of December are: Fred

#### Winner

Jodi Atwood  
Alisha Comstock  
Ed Skinner  
June Addington  
Ray Banka

#### Nominated by

Kathy Anton-Galietti  
Teresa Reeves  
Debbie Louie-McGee  
Debbie Louie-McGee  
AB Little

#### Honorable Mention

Fred Smith  
Allison Brisbois  
Natalie Mullen  
Willie Barnaby  
Warren Nelson

#### Nominated by

Teresa Reeves  
Frances Coffey  
Frances Coffey  
Laurie Armstrong  
Anonymous

## Peone: thank you for celebration

I would like to thank my family and friends for helping me celebrate my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was a wonderful day.

I would especially like to thank my daughter who arranged the celebration and for my son for getting an elk and drying it for everyone to share. I love my children and grandsons very much as well as all my family.

Thanks to ALL  
Joanne (JoJo) Peone

## Jordan: congrats to our family for accomplishment



CONGRATULATIONS to our grandchildren and niece!!! Striking a pose with Master Instructor, Damon Tong, owner of the "War Horse Karate School"... Tamara Nelson, Kusem Simpson, Skyler(Asqit)Jordan, Frank Rolezal. All graduated and received another karate belt for their great achievement in their karate skills. We are so proud of all them for their commitment to karate and following their goals they set for themselves. They are becoming young leaders and good role models for their brother/sister.

As our grandson, Sean Bear would say "love you" "like you" to Tamara, Kusem, Asqit, Frank!!!

Jeff Jordan and Cindy Jordan  
Proud Grandparents  
Uncle & Auntie

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**Khloe Jeanne Seim** was born at 7:58 a.m., on January 13, 2013 at Kootenai Medical Center to Coeur d'Alene Tribal member Ryan Seim and Amber Mullaley. At birth Khloe weighed in at 6 pounds 14 ounces. Cheryl Campbell (Cd'A Tribal Member) and Dan Seim are her paternal grandparents. Wendy Lang (Coeur d'Alene, ID) and Gerald Mullaley (Priest River, ID) are her maternal grandparents.

We are all very excited that she has come into our family and plan on spoiling her rotten.

## Debts to be paid? House Republicans and their 'Native American effort'

By Mark Trahant

Are House Republicans about to begin a Native American voter initiative?

The New York Times reports that Oregon's Greg Walden, chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, talked about the party's outreach efforts.

Walden said it's an important priority -- and that Representatives Tom Cole and Markwayne Mullin, both of Oklahoma, were "Native Americans and Republicans" and would be helping with "the Native American effort."

The Native American effort? This should be good. Especially if it really goes beyond a quick mention at a retreat. Then again, perhaps that effort will start with full funding for U.S. treaty obligations. Now that would be a Native American effort. (To be fair: There is GOP support for direct services, such as Indian health funding. But where it gets complicated is new revenue sources, such as Community Health Centers or Medicaid.)

Instead the real action, the stuff that will impact people living in Indian Country, is far more technical. It's the budget, the debt ceiling, and the prospect for a logical resolution.

Thursday House Republicans' floated the idea of a short-term extension of the debt limit.

"We're discussing the possible virtue of a short-term debt limit extension so that we have a better chance of getting the Senate and White House involved in discussions in March," Budget Chairman Paul Ryan, (R-Wisc.) said at a news conference from the retreat in Williamsburg, Virginia.

But what would that short term extension look like? And would the House Republicans have enough votes from their caucus to pass it?

Ryan wouldn't give details on what that bill would look like, but he said the retreat is designed to give House members enough information for

them to come together. "The reason we're doing this kind of facilitation right now is we want every member to understand all of the issues and all of the consequences, so that we can come together with consensus on a plan and move forward and proceed," he said in The New York Times.

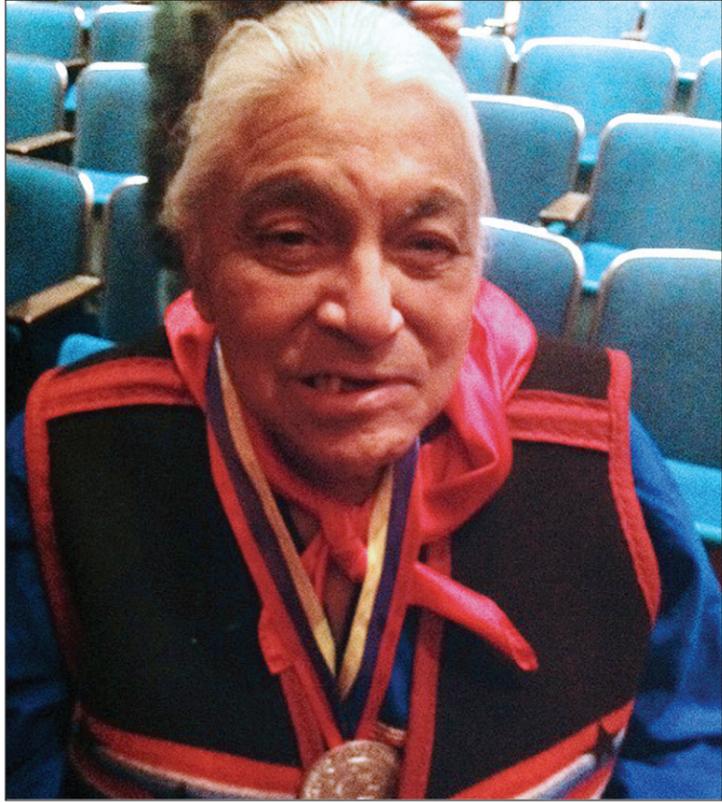
This is where the plan gets interesting. The maximum leverage for Republicans would be to push a debt limit extension to April or May because then it will put all the action squarely on budget cuts as part of a new spending law, or more likely, a Continuing Resolution, and the sequester. Both of those actions must occur in March. If the debt ceiling is off the table, well, it might be even more difficult to save funding for important programs -- such as Indian health -- from sequester. (Even with that Native American effort.)

But Republicans might not go there. Some conservatives want this fight. Now.

Erick Erickson, writing in the Red State blog, said House Republican leaders always want "the next fight." But the winning path, he argues, is "to stop looking reasonable and start, metaphorically, shooting the hostages. If House Republicans lose in November of 2014, it won't be because they fought the good fight. It'll be because they left John Boehner as Speaker who decided to rely routinely on a bunch of Democrats to help him sell out so he wouldn't have to fight."

It will take a few days to know how unified the House Republicans come out of Williamsburg and which approach goes forward. There are many members who argue a short term extension should never happen. And, if these members force budget cuts as part of the deal, that will give the President and the Senate reason enough to pass on the deal.

Then, of course, at the last second, there will be a whole new round of dealmaking.



## Clifford J. SiJohn 1945 - 2012

A Mass of Christian Burial for Clifford J. SiJohn, age 67, was held Friday, December 28, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rose Creek Longhouse at Worley, Idaho. Father Bob Erickson officiated at the services and burial followed at the DeSmet Mission Cemetery. Rosary was held Thursday evening, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Rose Creek Longhouse at Worley. Mr. SiJohn passed away Monday afternoon at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

He was born May 24, 1945 at Spokane, Washington to Francis R. and Christine (Flett) SiJohn. Cliff attended grade school in Tekoa, WA and finished high school in Wellpinit, WA, graduating in 1963. He later attended college for one year.

Cliff served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

After his tour of duty in Vietnam, he returned to Fort Lewis, Washington for his final two years. He was discharged in 1967 as a Specialist 5<sup>th</sup> Class. Following his service, he went to work for the Tacoma, WA Police Department for the next 9 years, and left the department as a detective. He then began working for the B. I. A. (Bureau of Indian Affairs) on the Spokane Indian Reservation at Wellpinit, WA. Cliff returned to Plummer, Idaho in 1985 and worked in the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Government for the next 6 years. In 1991, he went to work for the Coeur d'Alene Casino at Worley, first in security, and later as the Cultural Awareness Director for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

Clifford married Lori Watlamet in Post Falls, Idaho on July 19, 2003. She survives at the Plummer, ID home. He had been previously married to Meritia Ford and Wanda Thum.

He was a member of the Coeur

d'Alene Tribe, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Warrior's Society, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Clifford enjoyed fishing, bow hunting, horse racing, and tribal drumming. He was a talented artist and helped to promote local tribal artists.

Survivors include his wife Lori SiJohn at Plummer; four children, Maria Bighead of Kalispell, MT, Francis A. SiJohn of Spokane, WA, Nicole James of Plummer, ID, and Cody SiJohn of Post Falls, ID; two step children, Shaina Watlamet-Namee of Plummer, ID and Shante Watlamet, currently in Afghanistan; 18 Grandchildren, 7 Great Grandchildren; his brother, James SiJohn of Wellpinit and a sister in law, Charlene SiJohn of Wellpinit. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Christine SiJohn

## Peg A. Furman-Kitt 1951 - 2013

Peg Ann Furman-Kitt, 61, of DeSmet passed away kicking and screaming and not feeling like she had completed what had been asked of her January 22, 2012 at her home. Peg was born July 25, 1951 in Clarkston, WA. She was the daughter of James and Louise (Furman) Neelan.

Peg attended and graduated from Moscow High School in 1969. She then went on to the University of Idaho where she earned a Bachelor's degree in teaching. She also studied art.

Peg worked as a teacher at the

DeSmet Tribal School, teaching at various times kindergarten, second, and sixth through eighth grades. She later worked for the Post Office.

Peg loved doing various arts including pottery, painting, sketching, and sculpting. She also enjoyed playing on the internet, playing cards, especially pinochle, sewing, and was a lover of animals especially cats. Peg was a member of the W.W.F.

She is survived by her husband John Kitt of the family home in DeSmet, Idaho; three children Johna Walden of Moscow, Idaho, Reita Kitt of DeSmet, Idaho, and Richard "Andy" Kitt of DeSmet, Idaho; four step-children, Kristy Kitt of Mexico, Dianne Kitt of

Denver, Bonnie Kitt of Denver, and Brandy Kenny of Chicago; three brothers Richard Furman of Moscow, Idaho, Tim Furman of Spokane, Washington, and John Furman of Moscow, Idaho; one Sister Reta Furman of California; one grandchild Jaiden Walden, and numerous nieces and nephews. Peg was preceded in death by her parents and one sister Beverly Taggart.

Cremation was held and a Memorial service will be held Wednesday January 30, 2013 at 12:00 Noon at Short's Funeral Chapel, Moscow, Idaho.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Short's Funeral Chapel and on-line condolences may be made at [www.shortcutsfuneralchapel.com](http://www.shortcutsfuneralchapel.com).



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brother. He was well-known, admired and appreciated.

Every time I see Gov Butch Otter, he asks me, "How's my brother, Cliff?"

As my brother Cliff aged, the effects of diabetes took their toll upon him. We could all see it. He moved slower, his words became quieter and fewer, and eventually he lost his eyesight. Finally, he felt the many indignities of older age and poor health burdening his heart and mind.

Three days before passing, he called me into his office. He told me he was "pulling the plug," that he just couldn't do it anymore; he was too tired, his body didn't work and even his words wouldn't form the way he wanted them to. He told me he was going on to the other world and said, "thank you for being a good brother and friend to me over the years and decades." I said the same to him, and assured him I would watch over his children as best I could. With a tremendous amount of brotherly love, we shook hands

and held onto each other, said our goodbyes. On Christmas Eve, three days later, he passed on to a better world.

I often heard him tell mourners who suffered tragic losses, "your relative is in better place where there is no suffering, no hunger and no thirst. There is no wondering why there is suffering in the physical world, for the Kolonsuten's plan and purposes are made known, and you are filled with joy in the camp of the ancestors who went before you." Today, Cliff SiJohn knows this teaching is true as all this and more is fulfilled to him.

He often said at such times, the loved ones who departed are in a wonderful place. It is the living who are in need of prayers and help, especially the family who may be deeply mourning the loss. So, may we all remember his children, Francis, Maria, Cody and Nicole, his wife Laurie and step-daughter Shaina Namee who provided care for him the most at the end.

Whatever we do in our everyday careers that we think is so very

crucial, the paramount factor in life, deadlines, financial issues, or the like, when we get that call, "Your father or mother is in the hospital and may not make it", or worse, "he's gone," all these things we thought were priorities just disappear and go away. Only now, it is clear what is so very important and most precious in this world, family, home, mom, dad, children, and grandchildren. Cliff understood this life has a purpose, a sacred, divine purpose. Our ancestors understood where this life came from and where it was going, so they did not fear death. Cliff believed and followed these sacred teachings right to the end.

We have all been touched by and been the beneficiaries of this man's wonderful contributions here at our resort, whether it was hearing him lead us in a traditional prayer, enjoying the ambience of the native Mountain Lodge design or his work with the arts and artists of our region and beyond.

Have a good travel my brother, Cliff. You are remembered, you are missed, and you are loved.

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and stairwell, every room in the building and find that there are savings to be had."

Employees here are noticing measures taken, including turning off the escalators when there's no meeting or event in the Conference Center. Thermostats are set lower in restrooms and other sites in the same area, and for the same reasons.

Seven sets of glass doors have been removed from the Skycatcher front, replaced by permanent windows. The automatic sliding doors on the east end of the Skycatcher are being moved to the other end, where prevailing winds create a cold draft and more than a few complaints from customers. A new set of doors will go to the east end.

Light Emitting Diode (LED) bulbs are replacing existing lighting throughout. That part of the effort even includes the light standards in the parking areas.

"We're working with a consulting firm in Spokane and we're working in concert with a

tribal-wide energy audit," said Facilities Director Francis SiJohn. "Some ideas have come from our own employees who notice where heat, cooling or light expenses may be trimmed, but we're also looking at it all in depth and we're applying solutions everywhere. It's all very encouraging so far."

Including propane, electricity, garbage pickup, treated sewage removal and a few minor elements, The Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort's utility bills have been running at about \$2.4 million annually. Kootenai Electric is advising on how to save, and even the Bonneville Power Administration, the multi-state agency that administers hydro power and other energy sources in the Northwest, is paying back cash to businesses which follow energy-saving guidelines.

"In a property this expansive, there are many, many places where we can improve," SiJohn said. "It may be just a few dollars here or a few dollars there, but dozens of such spots every month and over a year's time will add up."