



Checks start to arrive for those in the first wave of settlement distribution



President Obama shakes hands with Elouise Cobell after signing off on the Claims Resettlement Act of 2010. The Act brought over \$3 billion dollars back to Indian Country residents after decades of mismanagement of funds held in trust by the US government.

Close to 6,000 American Indians in Idaho will get a check this week for \$1,000. It's part of a landmark settlement with the federal government over the mismanagement of American Indian land.

Just in time for the holidays, about 300,000 American Indians nationally will receive checks from the \$3.4 billion settlement. The settlement is the result of a lawsuit started by Montana Blackfoot woman Elouise Cobell in 1996. Cobell died of cancer during the appeals process in 2011.

An advocacy group is concerned that some people receiving the checks may be targeted by financial predators.

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is going on the offensive to educate people on scams that could be coming their way.

Sherry Salway Black heads the Protect Native Money project with the NCAI. She says with so much money in play, financial education is important. Black warning tribal leaders about potential scams and financial predators who could come knocking on their members' doors in the next few weeks.

For those people who don't have bank accounts, Black suggests opening one to avoid being charged high fees for cashing or depositing checks. She says some natives will use the money to pay bills like heat and rent, but she hopes others can put the money in a college fund.

"There's some urgency to get consumer protection information out to Native people," Black says. "But in the long-term, we really want to encourage increasing our financial capability. To build skills to manage money more effectively, to invest, to really participate more actively in the economy."

Black herself is a member of the class action lawsuit. She is happy the money is finally being disbursed, but she has mixed feelings about the \$3.4 settlement. Plaintiffs originally had hoped for more money, near \$40 billion.

"It's symbolic of the relationship between American Indian tribes and the federal government," says Black. "I knew Elouise Cobell and unfortunately she has passed away before seeing all of her hard work come to fruition."

A second part of the settlement will be disbursed this summer.

Department of the Interior working towards a Land Buy-Back program

The Department of the Interior today announced the initial framework of the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations that will purchase fractional interests in American Indian trust lands from willing sellers, enabling tribal governments to use the consolidated parcels for the benefit of their communities.

The initial implementation plan, based on consultation with tribes, outlines how Interior will carry out the land consolidation component of the Cobell Settlement, which provided a \$1.9 billion fund to purchase the fractionated interests in trust or restricted land, at fair market value, within a 10 year period. These acquired interests will remain in trust or restricted status through transfer to tribes.

"Freeing up fractionated lands for the benefit of tribal nations will increase the number of acres in tribal land bases, stimulate economic development and promote tribal sovereignty and

self-determination," said Deputy Secretary of the Interior David J. Hayes. "This initial plan will guide this landmark effort, and we will continually update the plan to reflect lessons learned and tribal input. We know that success will only happen with the leadership of tribes, and we look forward to working through our nation-to-nation relationship to implement the important initiative."

As outlined in a Secretarial Order also announced today, the organizational structure for the Buy-Back Program will consist of a core group in the Office of the Secretary to provide management and performance expertise under the supervision of a Program Manager. The program relies on the extensive expertise and services within Interior, primarily in the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, to implement the operational aspects, including valuations and acquisitions.

To ensure high-level accountability, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar has established an oversight board, which includes the Deputy Secretary, Solicitor, Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Special Trustee for American Indians.

Fractionation of Indian lands stems primarily from the General Allotment Act of 1887 which allotted tribal lands to individual tribal members, often in 80 or 160-acre parcels. The lands have been handed down to heirs over successive generations, causing the number of shared interests in one parcel to grow exponentially. Currently, more than 92,000 tracts of land held in trust for American Indians contain 2.9 million fractional interests.

When tracts have so many co-owners, it is often difficult and impractical to obtain the required approvals to lease or otherwise use the lands. As a result, highly-fractionated tracts

lie idle, unable to be used for any economical or beneficial purpose or for direct use by tribal communities for their members.

"This program is our chance to begin to solve a fractionation problem that has plagued Indian Country for decades," said Kevin K. Washburn, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. "Tribal leadership and community participation are the cornerstones of this program, and we look forward to extensive communication and continuing consultation with Indian Country as we move forward."

The plan will use a flexible, adaptive management approach to make continuing improvements based on tribal feedback, lessons learned, and best practices. To unlock the beneficial use of the land and facilitate economic development, the proposed acquisition strategy will prioritize the consolidation of the most highly fractionated tracts of land and will structure acquisitions to maximize the number of tracts in which the tribe gains a controlling ownership interest. To achieve this goal, the Program will target fractionated tracts that are most amenable to cost-efficient valuation techniques.

The Buy-Back Program will be structured to allow as much opportunity for tribal participation and assistance as practical, including consulting with Indian tribes to identify acquisition priorities. The

program will actively report progress and communicate with tribal communities throughout the life of the initiative.

Interior has been working on land consolidation efforts since the program was authorized by the Claims Resolution Act of 2010, but could not officially implement the program until the settlement was considered final on Nov. 24, 2012 after appeals were exhausted through the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Now that the Cobell Settlement is final, we are eager to connect with American Indian individuals and tribal leaders across Indian Country about the opportunities the program has to offer," said Interior Solicitor Hilary Tompkins. "We urge tribal leaders to participate in the consultation processes outlined in the initial implementation plan, including the upcoming consultation sessions."

As part of the Interior's continuing dialogue with tribal nations, Interior will host three consultation sessions early next year to discuss the Initial Implementation Plan and receive tribal feedback -- on Jan. 31 in Minneapolis, MN; on Feb. 6 in Rapid City, SD; and on Feb. 14 in Seattle, WA.

The Initial Implementation Plan reflects the comments received from tribal consultation sessions in the summer and fall of 2011 and the draft Implementation Plan released in January, 2012.

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01(13) Approved Public Works department DeSmet Community Water System Design memorandum of agreement (\$60,000); 4 for 0 against.

02(13) Approved Public Works department Sub-Agency Lagoon Rejuvenation Design memorandum of agreement (\$45,000); 5 for 0 against.

03(13) Approved Public Works department Planning Division ITD Sewer Access request; 5 for 0 against.

04(13) Approved Executive Operation Recurring Donation Annual Nomee Pow-Wow \$10,000; 3 for 1 against, 1 abstain.

05(13) UNAVAILABLE

06(13) Approved Natural Resources department Fisheries program Western Native Trout Initiative grant; 4 for 0 against 2 abstain.

07(13) Approved Public Works department Planning Division Long Range Transportation Plan 2012 update; 6 for 0 against.

08(13) UNAVAILABLE

09(13) Approved Executive Operations grant right of was Kootenai Electric Cooperative install and maintain service line on F-1022; 5 for 0 against 1 out.

10(13) UNAVAILABLE

11(13) Approved Natural

Resource department Land Services – Homesite Lease CDA Tribal Tract No. 639.5 Charlotte Nilson; 4 for 0 against 1 abstain.

12(13) Approved Executive Operations approve Intertribal agreement between the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation; 5 for 0 against.

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

14(13) Approved Natural Resources department Pesticide Management program Pesticide Enforcement Circuit Rider program; 6 for 0 against.

15(13) Approved Natural

Resource department Land Services – Homesite Lease cancellation for Eugene M. Seyler CDA Tribal Tract No. 11.43; 6 for 0 against.

16(13) UNAVAILABLE

17(13) UNAVAILABLE

18(13) UNAVAILABLE

19(13) Approved Public Works department Planning Division Deatley Crushing request; 5 for 0 against 1 out.

20(13) UNAVAILABLE

21(13) Approved Executive Operations Kwis 88.3 FM Radio Station advisory committee establishment; 6 for 0 against.

22(13) Approved Executive

Operations Kwis 88.3 FM Radio Station advisory committee appointments; 5 for 0 against 1 out.

23(13) Approved Coeur d'Alene Tribal Social Services Older Americans program Senior Meal Site Common/Congregate Area Policies and Procedures; 6 for 0 against.

24(13) Approved Social Services department Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program approve policy manual; 6 for 0 against.

25(13) UNAVAILABLE

26(13) Approved Executive Operations appointment of David Robbins as a temporary Tribal Prosecutor; 5 for 0 against 1 abstain.

Coeur d'Alene Tribe Council Fires



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Lawrence Nicodemus and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Language Department provided the paper with the following translation of *sgwelp' t'gwe' l' 'ya' (pqi' n' m* which describes a fire made for the purposes of gathering or meeting.

Lakeside Elementary gives awards to students during assembly



Front: Jade Estes, Ethan Peterson, Stockton Montague, Raelin Beebe, Tamara Anderson. **Back:** Analese Faber, Serendipity Olson, Tashina Martinez, John Price, Savannah Triplet, Canyon Biles.



Back: Shamika Davison, Jason Price, Mason Cuthbert, Faith Cuthbert. **Middle:** Tomara Spotted Blanket, Tucker Sanchez, Jose Reyes. **Front:** Kenya Sanford, Mystin Spotted Horse, Joycelyn Arroyo.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD Front: Morgan Stensgar, Daisy Vanos, Alizea Daniels. **Back:** Glory Olson, Alzera LaFleur and Ryan Hutchins.



Olivia Palmer, Brittane Brown, D'Anna Martin, Joseph Rodriguez



BE YOUR BEST AWARD: Back from Left to Right Preston Ellsworth, India Sanford, Tinley Lambert, Duanne Morrel Front Left to Right Gauge Peone, David Martinez, Hubert Leo

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~ Chairman's Corner ~

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Here we stand, at the end of another year. And just like life, 2012 holds many wonderful memories, many obstacles overcome, and lots of days where everything just hummed along as it should.

For many of us, it is a time of the year to reflect and to feel hopeful for the new year and all the potential that new friends, experiences, and even the challenges, will bring. And there is lots to celebrate as Coeur d'Alenes.

For the occasion, I have my top ten highlights for 2012, in no particular order:

To start, finally there is some closure with the federal government negotiating a trust settlement with many Tribes across the country including Coeur d'Alene. I am proud of our work negotiating an increased amount for our Tribe to compensate for some of historically mismanaged resources of our community.

During the big announcement of the settlement, being asked to visit the White House and to speak on the issue was a special memory

that I will never forget.

Approximately 1000 acres of our lands were put into tribal trust, a huge accomplishment that benefits many generations to come.

The new Benewah Medical Clinic opened, and it is pretty snazzy indeed.

I am grateful to be reelected by the Tribal Membership, and honored to be chosen as Chairman for the year.

Our former Tribal Member Mildred Bailey is recognized statewide and nationally for her considerable talents and contributions to the big band era of jazz music.

KWIS Radio sends out the first broadcast to the Tribal community.

Circling Raven is rated as a top 100 course in the nation and as the best golf course in Idaho.

Our Tribe hits a high mark of \$18.5 million, since 1992, distributing education monies to local institutions.

Our Tribe spearheads introduction of new trust reform in the United States Congress, with support from the Idaho

delegation.

On that note, the legislation called the Indian Trust Asset Reform Act of 2012, represents the first step to meaningful reform of the United States' management of Indian trust assets. Developed through the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, through its Trust Reform Committee, the Act is the first bill introduced in Congress in more than seven years to address trust reform

Sponsored in the House by U.S. Representative Mike Simpson, and in the Senate by U.S. Senator Mike Crapo, and with co-sponsorship by Senator Jim Risch, the Act would do two things: First, it would establish a demonstration project within the Department of the Interior (DOI) that would allow Indian tribes to have a more direct role in how the United States manages their trust assets. The demonstration project would allow participating tribes to submit plans detailing how they would like DOI to manage their trust assets (or a particular trust asset), and DOI would need to approve the plan

before it is implemented. The demonstration project would be voluntary, would not require new funding to implement, and would encourage economic development by directing DOI's resources to those assets that tribes wish to develop.

Second, the Act would accomplish an objective that Indian tribes in the Pacific Northwest and nationally have sought for years: eliminating the Office of the Special Trustee (OST). OST was created in 1994 to implement certain trust reforms but over the years has developed into a much larger bureaucracy. The Act would eliminate OST and transfer OST functions to a new Under Secretary for Indian Affairs within DOI. The Under Secretary would have authority to consolidate or discontinue duplicative programs and activities and would also coordinate Indian-related activities of other agencies and bureaus within DOI. The Under Secretary would have the authority to make sure that OST functions that work well continue uninterrupted while ensuring that

management of tribal trust assets is handled by a single entity within DOI.

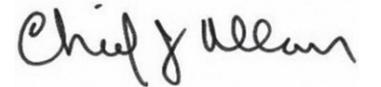
Most of the bill text was adopted from the Indian Trust Reform Act of 2005 (S.1439), which was introduced by Senator John McCain in the 109th Congress. Indian tribes in the Pacific Northwest worked closely with Senator McCain's committee staff in the development of S.1439.

As for the upcoming state legislature, we anticipate another year focusing on taxation legislation again, and other sovereignty related issues that would benefit the Tribal communities of Idaho.

Never a dull moment when it comes to advocating for our Tribe, and I look forward to yet another year that will inevitably include many more highlights to come.

Until then, be safe this holiday season, and enjoy the special times with family and friends.

Warm regards,



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SUNDAY <i>st(eti)'wes</i>	MONDAY <i>chdi'k'w</i>	TUESDAY <i>asasq'it</i>	WEDNESDAY <i>cha'4asq'it</i>	THURSDAY <i>mosq'it</i>	FRIDAY <i>tse4chsq'it</i>	SATURDAY <i>ch4i'i'</i>
		1 CDA HQ CLOSED <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 Law & Order agenda requests due CDA Tribal Credit Applications Due	3	4	5  LHS Quad games @ Wallace
6	7	8 Second Harvest Law & Order meeting CDA Tribal Credit Board Meeting	9 CDA Tribal School Early Release @ 2pm	10	11 LHS Boys Basketball vs Logos - 6pm Council Fires Priority Deadline	12  LHS Girls Basketball vs. NICS 6pm
13	14	15  LHS Boys Basketball @ Troy - 6pm LHS Girls Basketball @ Post Falls 5:30pm	16 CDA Tribal Credit Applications Due	17  LHS Girls Basketball @ Clark Fork 6pm	18 CDA Tribal School CLOSED Council Fires Final Deadline	19  LHS Quad Basketball @ Kootenai 1pm
20  Inauguration Day	21 CDA HQ CLOSED Area Schools CLOSED Martin Luther King Jr Day	22 Second Harvest LHS Girls Basketball @ Mullan CDA Tribal Credit Board Meeting	23	24	25	26  LHS Quad basketball vs. Clark Fork 1pm
27	28	29  LHS Girls Basketball vs. Wallace 6pm	30	31  LHS Boys Basketball vs. Mullan VARSITY		

~ Community Announcements ~

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Enrollment needs updated addresses

The following Coeur d'Alene Tribal members do not have a current address updated with the enrollment department. If your name is on this list please contact the Enrollment department to have that information updated.

Samuel Abrahamson, Scarlett Allen, Rebecca Allen, Margaret Baheza, Devin Bernard, Harold Boutellier, Leo Boutellier, Joshua Brown, Christopher Charles, Patricia Clark, Kristin Coffey, Katherine Cooper, Rita Creso, David Crowe, Darnell Curtis Jr., Kristi Daniels, Arnold Daniels, Edward DeLorme, Jason Footit, Jordan Goddard, Samuel Harding, Miranda Havier, Justina Hodgson, Gene James, Tiffany Justice, Frank Lopez, Cassandra Louie, Michael Madison, Jessica Marceau, Matthew Martinez, Tina Milus, Charles Newman, Paul Nomee, Zenaida Ona, Brenda Palmer, Roberta Peone, Travis Rickman, Harold Rios, Daylan Sailto, Louella Sampson, James Samuels, Gina Seideman, Charlisa Seyler, Dion Seyler, Lee Seyler, Casimir Smith, Titan Smith, Cruz Soto, Dorothea Weems, Eugene Williams, Theresa Wilson.

2nd Harvest releases 2013 schedule

2nd HARVEST SCHEDULE
FOR 2013 2ND AND 4TH
TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
8:00AM-5:30PM

January 8th & 22nd; February 12th & 26th; March 12th & 26th; April 9th & 23rd; May 14th & 28th; June 11th & 25th; July 9th & 23rd; August 13th & 27th; September 10th & 24th; October 8th & 22nd; November 12th & 26th; December 10th & *20th.

* December 20th is a Friday.
Dates are subject to change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control. Please call the FDP Warehouse if



you have any questions at 686-1771, 686-0997 or 686-4041.

2nd Harvest does not have income or residency requirements and is available to any household who comes in the door.

The Food Distribution Warehouse is located at 30903 S. Cave Bay Rd, Worley ID 83876

Heyburn Park passes now available for Tribal members

ATTENTION COEUR TRIBAL MEMBERS NOW AVAILABLE HEYBURN PARK COEUR D'ALENE TRIBAL RECREATION PASS FOR THE YEAR 2013 TO 2014

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Department (IDPR) require a Motor Vehicle Entry Fee (MVEF) to park and recreate in Heyburn Park.

The Tribe has developed a Tribal recreation pass/vehicle sticker that will serve as a substitute to the MVEF for Tribal members visiting Heyburn Park. IDPR will honor this pass as a substitute to the MVEF, due in part to our co-ownership and management of the

Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes.

The vehicle sticker, that must be placed in your window, can be picked up, for no fee, at the reception desk of the Felix Aripa (Shi'tsijn) Building, 401 Anne Antelope Road, Plummer, ID, one block west of the Wellness Center. You must bring your tribal identification card, license registration and the vehicle the sticker will be attached to. The recreation pass will be valid for the 2013 and 2014 calendar years.

This pass is only valid for Heyburn Park and does not serve as a substitute for the MVEF at other IDPR facilities outside of the Reservation. Remember, you must have this pass/sticker on



display to avoid being ticketed by IDPR Rangers.

The pass is for Coeur d'Alene Tribal members only and Tribal government vehicles. If you have any further questions or concerns please call (208) 686-5302

Food Distribution outlines program and requirements

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Food Distribution Program is an alternative to the State Food Stamp Program to assist low income households with nutritional sustenance.

We are located at 30903 S. Cave Bay Rd just 1/2 mile outside of Worley Idaho.

The Food Distribution Program hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8am-5:30pm. Appointments available from 7:30-12 and 12:30-5. There

has been a recent change in our coverage area for a household which has at least 1 person being a member of a federally recognized tribe residing with the applicant. The previous coverage area was restricted to 5 miles from the exterior boundaries of the reservation with the Idaho-Washington State border being the western limits. We are now able to include those qualified households in Washington within a 10 mile radius of the reservation.

For our tribal neighbors on or near the Kootenai reservation, we currently deliver every other month for 2 months of groceries. If we had more qualified households in your area we could schedule monthly deliveries.

If you wish to inquire about the qualification requirements please contact our office at either 686-1771 or 686-4041. If you are currently on Food Stamps, you cannot qualify for Commodities during the same month. If you wish to receive commodities you must cancel your food stamps in order to be eligible for our program the following month. Dual participation in both programs (USDA Commods and State Food Stamps) is not allowed

and is punishable by Federal and Tribal Law.

Maximum monthly gross income guidelines are as follows, not including the 20% earned income deduction, assistance received through Federal Grants are not allowed the deduction:

1 person household - \$1080; 2 person - \$1410; 3 person - \$1740; 4 person - \$2081; 5 person - \$2438 - 6 person; \$2795 - 7 person: \$3125 - 8 person; \$3455 - \$330/ person for households over 8.

Example of the 20% earned income deduction: \$2000/month x 20% = \$400, subtract this amount from the Gross income (before taxes and deductions) of \$2000= \$1400. We are able to deduct dependent care costs in the full amount. This includes child care or elderly care that you are providing financial assistance for their living expenses.

2nd Harvest dates are set for the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. This program is open to the public for those who feel the need for food assistance to help offset their daily/monthly living expenses.

Thank you Food Distribution Program 686-1771, 686-0997 or 686-4041.

TANF explains how they can help

One important fact the community needs to know about TANF & NEW is they are not EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. There are clear steps clients need to follow and documentation clients need to provide throughout the application process. Before clients can receive assistance; a complete application and all documentation must be submitted to TANF/NEW Intake Advocate. At that time Intake Advocate will schedule an appointment for the client to see TANF/NEW Coordinator to determine their eligibility and set up their case management plan.

Eligibility: Income based on low or no income; Have a child under 16 attending school; Live on Coeur d'Alene Reservation; Federally recognized tribal

member; Relative caring for a foster child.

Documentation needed to complete application process: For ALL Household members - Personal Identification/Tribal ID., Valid Driver's license, State ID. Tribal ID cards; Social Security cards; Certified birth certificates.

For Adults: Consent to Release Information/signed, Rights & Responsibilities form/signed, Personal Responsibility Contract, (MER) Monthly Eligibility Form, (IPE) Individual Plan of Employment.

For Child(ren): Immunization records; School attendance verification; Report cards;

For Household: Current utility bill; Residency-landlord statement

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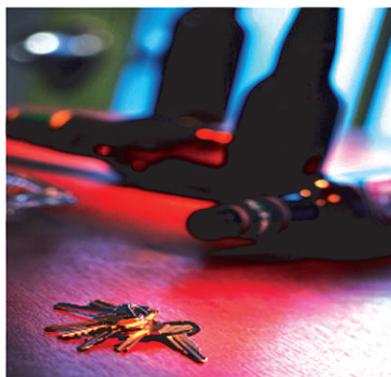
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ardi at 686-1449 for
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**Friday
January 11, 2013**

5:00—7:00 p.m.

Benewah Medical Center



LEAD summer business internship

Apply Now for the LEAD Summer Business Institute for Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian High School Juniors.

Application Deadline is Jan. 15, 2013:

The LEAD Summer Business Institute is a dynamic summer program open to Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian high school students in their junior year. Students spend 3-4 weeks on a college campus learning about careers in business and finance. Students take finance, business, accounting, and marketing classes & converse with executives during corporate site visits at companies such as Google and Apple. Tribal leaders and Native American professionals share with students

exciting business developments and help them understand how a financial career can benefit tribal communities. Students also participate in various field trips.

Download the application by visiting www.nafoa.org or contact Tashina Etter at Tashina@nafoa.org

The Native American Finance Officers Association builds the financial strength of tribal governments and their enterprises by providing educational forums and resources, and by instilling finance and accounting best practices. We are a national not-for-profit organization with members in positions such as tribal finance officers, controllers, treasurers, accountants, auditors, financial advisors, tribal leaders, and more.

ECLC sponsors USDA food program

Child and Adult Care Food Program Press Release

Today The Coeur d'Alene Tribal ECLC announced its sponsorship of the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals will be made available to enrolled children at no separate charge. "In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer." Household income determines the amount of money USDA will reimburse us to provide meals to enrolled children and in the case of Head Start programs, the siblings of enrolled children. The income eligibility guidelines listed below are used to determine our reimbursement from USDA. Children from households whose monthly income is at or below these levels are eligible to be counted for free and reduced-price meal reimbursements.

Child and Adult Care Food Program Income Eligibility Guidelines 2012-2013

Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	20,655	1,723	398
2	27,991	2,333	539
3	35,317	2,944	680
4	42,643	3,554	821
5	49,969	4,165	961
6	57,295	4,775	1,102
7	64,621	5,386	1,243
8	71,947	5,996	1,384
Each additional person :	7,326	611	141
Meals will be provided at the following Sites:		Site Address:	
Coeurd'Alene Tribal Early Childhood Learning Center		350 Anne Antelope Ave, Plummer, Id 83851	

Title VII position open for Plummer-Worley School District

POSITION TITLE: TITLE VII PARAPROFESSIONAL

REPORTS TO: Superintendent, Board of Trustees, and Building Principal

SUMMARY: Work under the direction of the building principal and classroom teacher to support the instructional program, aligned to goals established by the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools, and those required by Idaho standards in the area of student achievement.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Shall be responsible under the direction of the building principal and classroom teacher to implement appropriate learning activities in order to provide each student assigned the opportunity to reach their fullest educational, physical, emotional and social potential.

Works with students identified through a building referral process which takes into account attendance, grades, behavioral referrals, IRI scores, and ISAT scores.

Works with students proactively to maintain an acceptable standard of behavior.

Accepts and performs a fair share of the responsibilities necessary for the operation and progress of the school and/or district.

Attends faculty, in-service, and other building and district meetings as required.

Work with other project staff to plan, develop, implement, and maintain all student assessment data required by the district and state.

Works on appropriate building, district teams, and interagency teams with the purpose of increasing the likelihood each student will graduate and go on to a post-secondary institution.

Communicate on a regular basis with all staff members and agencies involved in the student's program.

Assist classroom teachers in meeting the needs of students, in accordance with state and/or federal guidelines.

Facilitates regular progress monitoring and keeps track of each pupil's growth in areas determined by a school team in order to ensure graduation.

Provides quarterly progress reports to the Title VII Committee on general accomplishments within the school without identifying individual students.

Learn, understand, and follow the procedures and policies of the Plummer-Worley School District No. 44.

Maintain the highest levels of confidentiality with both student and employee matters at all times.

This job description is not intended to be all-inclusive, and the employee will also perform other duties as assigned by the Building Principal, Superintendent and Board of Trustees.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Background knowledge in basic subject areas; previous teaching or aide experience in classroom setting.

2. Able to follow plans and instructions.

3. Able to do a variety of physical and mental work. Be in good health. The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodation may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to sit, talk, and hear. The employee is occasionally required to stand, walk, and reach with hands and arms. Specific vision abilities required to do this job include close vision and the ability to adjust focus.

4. Is able to work with and relate to students and adults.

5. Background knowledge and competency in academic subject areas, Native American culture, previous teaching or aide experience in classroom setting.

6. All persons hired for this position must have an associate's degree or two years equivalent post-secondary instruction, or be able to pass the Idaho paraprofessional competency exam within one month of hire.

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT: This position shall be considered in all respects "employment at will" and the employee is subject to discharge by the District at any time without cause. The "employment period" and other descriptions and terms set forth in this job description shall not create a property right in the employee and such are set forth only to advise the employee of when and what type of services will be required by the district so long as employment continues.

An employee working in this position shall at all times be subject to the direction of the person to whom said employee has primary responsibility or said person's designee and at all times shall be subject to the rules, regulations and policies of the District as promulgated by the Board of Trustees. Each employee shall be held responsible for having knowledge of said school district rules, regulations, and procedures which have been reduced to writing and made available to the employee at the building principal's office and the district administration office.

The employment period shall be for nine months with breaks as specified in District rules and regulations. The salary shall be commensurate with the employee's appropriate place on the approved wage scale.

The purpose of this job description is to illustrate the nature of the job and related duties. This job description does not constitute a written or implied contract of employment. This district reserves the right to revise or change job descriptions including duties and responsibilities as the need arises.

Plummer-Worley Joint School District No. 44 - P. O. Box 130/1157 E. Street - Plummer ID 83851-0130.

Claims Must Be Filed By March 1, 2013 In \$3.4 Billion Indian Trust Settlement

What is This About?

The *Cobell v. Salazar* Settlement is approved. The Settlement resolves a class action lawsuit that claims that the federal government violated its duties by mismanaging trust accounts and individual Indian trust lands. Payments to the Historical Accounting Class are underway. The process of considering claims for the Trust Administration Class is ongoing.

The final deadline if you need to file a claim form for the Trust Administration Class is March 1, 2013.

Am I Included?

The Trust Administration Class includes:

- Anyone alive on September 30, 2009, who:
 - Had an IIM account recorded in currently available electronic data in federal government systems anytime from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, or
 - Can demonstrate ownership in trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
- The estate (or heirs) of any deceased landowner or IIM account holder whose account was open or whose trust assets had been in probate according to the federal government's records as of September 30, 2009.

Do I Need to File a Claim Form?

You must file a claim form if you believe you are a member of the Trust Administration Class and you have not:

- Received IIM account statements at your current address anytime between January 1, 1985 and September 30, 2009 and continue to receive statements; or
- Received a payment as a member of the Historical Accounting Class. If you did, you will receive a second payment automatically as a member of the Trust Administration Class; or
- Filed a claim form already using your current address. If you have, the Claims Administrator will contact you.

You must fill out a claim form and mail it to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877, postmarked by **March 1, 2013** in order to receive a payment.

How Much Money Can I Get?

Members of the Trust Administration Class will likely receive at least \$800 or more. The actual amount will depend on the number of claims and the costs of administration.

**For a claim form or to update your contact information:
Call Toll-Free: 1-800-961-6109 or Visit: www.IndianTrust.com**

A look back at 2



2012 in pictures



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Tribal Police recognized for excellent service to Casino



Mark Harpole, Jason Robinson, and Sean Calderwood accepted their award from CEO Dave Matheson at the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel 2012 Christmas Party. Photo by Bob Bostwick

By Brenda Palmer

The Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel's Christmas party is a time for reflection and a time for celebration with our casino family. It's also time for presentation of our employee awards. This year's awards

included special recognition of our own security and surveillance departments, the Coeur d'Alene Tribal police department, as well as other entities that were involved in an incident that occurred here at the Casino.

CEO, Dave Matheson made the presentation Wednesday,

December 12 at the Annual Christmas Party held at the Casino. The special recognition was for individuals contributing to resolving an incident including Surveillance Officers Jo Antone, Louita Vassar and Seth Speakman; Security Officers Lee Zahir, Robert Whipple, Kurtis Brouse, Cydni Henkins, Michael Holt, Christina Flower, Brandon Pluff and Scheresa Erickson; and Tribal Police Officers Mark Harpole, Sean Calderwood and Jason Robinson with K9 Moe.

All those involved helped resolve this issue professionally and it went unnoticed by our customers as an arrest was made without incident. The tribal officers at the party accepted their award and were applauded by all those present. It's nice to know in the back of our minds that teamwork such as this was successfully carried out. Congratulations to all and thank you for your dedication to the Tribe and Casino.

Alexander, Mom aid Tree of Sharing

By Shaina Nomee
Casino Family Fund

When Terry Alexander saw the opportunity to help out with the Casino Family Fund Committee's Tree of Sharing, he asked his mom to utilize her sewing skills. She is part of a group called Dorcas, the name coming from a biblical person who did for others with just sewing needle. The group makes warm clothes, blankets, and anything else utilizing those same skills. Among friends, his mom is known as the "Queen of the Needle".

This group of women out of Post Falls has supported Coeur d'Alene Fire Dept. and Post Falls Fire Dept. by making and donating quilts to families that have had fires and needed warm blankets. They have also graciously made and donated several quilts for families of CCRH and their loved

ones for the Tree of Sharing.

Alexander, Sous Chef, Sweet Grass Café, isn't new to giving. Before making CCRH his home, Terry came from Denver, where he was a corporate chef for a company, Rock Bottom, out of Boulder.

Every year he participated in Boulder's "Miracle on 20th St". He said that this was a time that he and others truly put others in front of themselves and brought out the true meaning of the holidays. They fed over 20,000 people dinner and supplied all with gifts of clothing, food, and any other items.

On behalf of the Casino Family Fund Committee, we would like to say thank you to Terry Alexander, his mother, and the Dorcas of Post Falls. You have made our Tree of Sharing even better by donating your gifts of warmth to those that need it most. Lim Lemtsh.

Casino names November Random Acts of Kindness award winners

By Rozy Taylor

What a difficult time choosing the winners for this month's award. There were so many worthy nominations it made our job that much harder narrowing them down to our winners for this month.

Our Random Acts of Distinction award winners for November are:

A.B. Little, Valet/Guest Services. AB was nominated by Kathy Anton-Galiatti for cleaning a room to accommodate some of the stick game participants. Way to go AB!

June LaSarte, Rewards Club. June was nominated by Jennifer Schiley for going above and beyond to make a guests anniversary special. She even purchased some items out of her own pocket for that extra touch. Now that's Traditional Tribal Hospitality.

Stacey Pluff, Hotel Front Desk. Stacey was nominated by Kathy Anton-Galiatti for recruiting her husband and family to help clean a couple of rooms missed by housekeeping on a very busy Stickgame weekend. Way to go above and beyond Stacey.

Dave Erickson, Transportation/Citylink. Dave was nominated by Adam Yovanovich for getting out of the bus and scraping the windows of his passenger's cars while they waited to leave. Fantastic customer service Dave.

Kathy Anton-Galiatti, Hospitality Director. Kathy was nominated by Debbie Louie-McGee for joining her staff in helping to clean rooms (including toilets) and the storage closets in the Mountain Lodge, not something you would normally

expect from an executive director. What a great way to lead by example.

Our Honorable Mentions for the month of October:

Ray Sepulveda, Direct Marketing; Tari Moore, Hotel front Desk; Katherine Farr, Call Center; Thomas Romine, Security; Wanda Bialy, Security; Will Suppah, New Employee; Ed Hodge, Facility Maintenance; Bill Wemhoff, Guest Services/Shuttle; Carrie Grant, Housekeeping Lead; JJ Anderson, Maintenance; Greg Kalmes, Guest Services Supervisor; Pete Pesetti, Food Runner/Employee Lounge; Jason Kingsley, Maintenance; David Murray, Housekeeping; Chris Patterson, Housekeeping; Rebecca Detzer, Twisted Earth; Kyle Yovanovich, Floor Attendant; Richard Cooper, Maintenance; Shirley Koester, Buffet MOD.

We also have a special nomination for the entire Rewards Club Staff for their professionalism and teamwork during the recent gaming system outage. Job Well Done!

A special thank you goes out to the employees who nominated their coworkers for these Random Acts of Distinction.

You too can 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.

The winners will receive their awards on Friday, December 14, at 10:30 p.m. in the employee lounge.

Winter Blessing 2012 leaves standing room only

The number of people at this year's Winter Blessing is estimated at over 600 people. The sky catcher was standing room only for the annual event. The number is not exact as we do not know how many were sitting outside in their cars during the awesome fireworks show!

During the event, The Jingle Tree was lit by Miss Coeur d'Alene Imani Antone and Little Miss Kathryn Matt. The decorations for this beautiful tree include 1000 jingles, 500 medallions, over 3500 lights, 200 red bulbs and a teepee

topper handmade by Bobbie White. All jingles, medallions and tree skirt purchased at the Warpath located in Plummer. Supporting local businesses made it more personal and gave it that special homemade feel. And a special thanks to Bobbie for her beautiful tree topper.

The spa also has a very special tree. This year aqua color was used to represent the tranquility of water and there were 250 handmade ornaments by Wyatt Hand from Plummer. Wyatt uses coral and shells to make the textures, paints

and fires the clay by hand. He is Cherokee but resides on the Coeur d'Alene reservation. A big thank you to Wyatt for his wonderful contribution to our casino again having the items locally made provided us with a unique

Also, we blessed 12 charities with \$10,000 in shared donations. All twelve charities were represented at this year's event which contributed to the successful turnout, too. The following list shows the charity and the amount of donation they each received.

Palmer comes home



Brenda Palmer has been "home" for a year on December 6th and will be working closely to assist with PR, design and layout of the Camp Crier and other duties. Brenda is a returning employee and started out as a Cage/Credit Supervisor upon her return. The move to the new department is a good one in that Brenda has 6 years of experience in journalism when she worked for the Tribe's monthly newspaper, The Council Fires, as well as 10 years of casino experience in various departments.

"Coming home to the Casino was something I had been working to do for a while before I was hired in the cage last year," said Brenda, "It truly was a 'welcome home' when I came back to my old friends and new welcoming faces. I left for three years and really missed my home." Brenda lives in Plummer, Idaho with her daughter.

Chinook offers pasta, steak & spirits



By Kurt Gomer
Food and Beverage Director

We opened Dec. 13th at the Chinook Pasta, Steak, and Spirits restaurant and the Lounge. The response has been positive from guests, and the restaurant was very busy over its first weekend.

Everything that used to say Steak House will now say Chinook.

Hours of operation for the restaurant will be: Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday---5-9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday---5-10 p.m.

The Lounge hours will be 10 a.m. to closing. We will still take reservations and walk in guests.

The restaurant will still feature dry-aged prime beef, but we've added pizza, all baked in a new wood-fired pizza oven. Pasta specialties will be made from scratch.

The completely remodeled restaurant and bar area will offer seating for 80 diners at booths and tables.

~ Editorials ~ sne'kunmn

Council member Campbell: reports on the Coeur d'Alene Tribal General Membership Meeting

The Membership meeting was Saturday December 1, 2012. Approximately, sixty people were in attendance.

On the agenda was: Tribal Development Corporation, which includes Tribal Farm manager-no show, Benewah Auto manager-no-show, and Benewah Market, Marlene Sproul manager-showed and gave an update to the membership.

Also, on the agenda to provide an update was the Benewah Medical Center and the Coeur d'Alene Casino. Gary Leva, CEO of the Benewah Medical Center, provided an update on the medical center services. The issue of most concern was

timely access to substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation. Members asked for more timely access to evaluations and referrals to treatment facilities. Members also requested access to detox without long delays. Gary agreed to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study, which would include identifying a site, staffing, costs, and state and federal grant opportunities for a self-sustaining program. When this study is done Gary will present it to the Health Board for recommendations, then on to Tribal Council.

In regards to the casino, David Matheson CEO presented a concept for a new promotional called Bingo Nation. Dave showed

a video about the concept. Details are still being worked out. One issue that was voiced loud and clear was to bring July-amsh to the reservation. Dave stated that there was no arena large enough to host this event. A tribal member stated "since when did having an arena become a condition to host July-amsh"? "Just identify a site and let's have July-amsh celebration at home." Tribal members asked what the cost was to host the pow wow at Post Falls; approximately one-hundred thousand dollars was the reply. Council stated that they would identify a site large enough to hold July-amsh on the reservation. Council could not confirm if July-amsh would move

before July 2013.

Financial reports were not provided by the casino, but the council has arranged a budget workshop whereby the Tribal Finance director would provide all tribal financials to anyone in attendance at the workshop. The date of the workshop was scheduled for December 15, 2012 at the Rose Creek Long house.

Not on the agenda was Tribal police; but Chief Cody SiJohn was available to answer tough questions regarding duties, responsibilities, and behavior of the police force. Chief SiJohn also addressed questions about meth and pain pill delivery and sales on the reservation. Membership

stated that most of the activity was in well known homes and these people should be banned from the reservation, especially members of other tribes and non natives. Drug dealers can bond out of jail faster than police can arrest them.

In closing the membership stated that they wanted more program directors at the membership meetings to answer questions. The council promised directors would be available at the next meeting. The next membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday June 15, 2014.

*Sincerely,
Leta Campbell
Tribal Council Member*

Tips to save money and energy today

An energy-efficient home will keep saving you money. Whether you take simple steps or make larger investments to make your home more efficient, you'll see lower energy bills. Over time, those savings will typically pay for the cost of improvements and put money back on your pocket. Your home may also be more attractive to buyers when you sell.

The 113 million residences in America today collectively use an estimated 22% of the country's energy. Unfortunately, a lot of energy is wasted through leaky windows or ducts, old appliances, or inefficient heating and cooling systems. When we waste energy in our homes, we are throwing away money that could be used for other things. The typical U.S. family spends at least \$2,000 a year on home bills. You can lower this amount by up to 25% through following the long Term Savings Tips in this guide.

The key to these savings is to take a whole-house approach—by viewing your home as an energy system with interdependent parts. For example, your heating system that starts at the furnace and delivers heat throughout your home using a network of ducts. Even a top the line, energy-efficient furnace will waste a lot of fuel if the ducts, walls, attic, windows, and doors are leaky or poorly insulated. Taking a whole-house approach to saving energy ensures that dollars you invest to have energy are spent wisely.

Install a programmable thermostat to lower utility bills and manage

your heating and cooling system efficiently.

Air dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher drying cycle.

Turn things off when you are not in the room such as lights, TVs, entertainment systems, and your computer and monitor.

Plug home electronics, such as TVs and DVD players, into power strips; turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use—TVs and DVDs in standby mode still use several watts of power.

Lower the thermostat on your water heater to 120°F.

Take short showers instead of baths and use low-flow showerheads for additional energy savings.

Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.

Air dry clothes.

Check to see that windows and doors are closed when heating or cooling your home.

Drive sensibly; aggressive driving such as speeding, and rapid acceleration and braking, waste fuel.

Look for the ENERGY STAR label on light bulbs, home appliances, electronics, and other products. ENERGY STAR products meet strict efficiency guidelines set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy.

Visit energysavers.gov for more energy-saving ideas.

Lighting

An average household dedicates about 6% of its energy budget to lighting. Switching to energy-efficient lighting is one of the fastest ways to cut your energy bills. Timers and

Parker aided in getting larger moose with her 2nd tag



Coeur d'Alene Tribal member Julie Parker shows off her two moose racks - one she got two years ago and the bigger one she shot this year.

Julie Parker bagged a 9 point, 42 inch spread moose with her Tribal Moose Tag this year. She shot it on Lindstrom Peak on Nov 30, 2012.

I would like to say thank you to my Hunting party my cousin Bill Brown and his sons Jordan, Joseph and Jacob for their patience with me passing up smaller bulls for 4 weekends so I could meet my goal to shoot a bigger bull than one I shot 12 years ago at the Sisters Saddle on Bluff creek. Jordan had brought out the rack from my other Bull moose and it was indeed bigger, mission accomplished! Not sure who was happier Bill or me. A special thank you to them for a successful Moose hunt and priceless memories.

motion sensors save you even more money by reducing the amount of time lights are on but not being used.

Indoor Lighting

You have many choices in energy-efficient lighting. The most popular light bulbs available are halogen incandescent, compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs), and light-emitting diodes (LEDs), although they can initially cost more than traditional incandescent bulbs, over their lifetime they save you money because they use less electricity.

Energy-Saving (also called Halogen) Incandescent Lighting

Halogen incandescent light bulbs are simply energy-efficient incandescent bulbs and can last up to three times longer than traditional incandescent light bulbs. Halogen incandescent come in a wide range of shapes and colors and can be used with dimmers.

McGee boys excel in 2012 LC football



Wade and Debbie Louie-McGee would like to congratulate their two oldest boys, Tucker and Jerry on an awesome and successful football Season.

Tucker and Jerry play for 5A Inland Empire League, Lake City Timberwolves, in Coeur d'Alene Idaho. The Timberwolves went all the way to

Pocatello Idaho and placed third in State.

Tucker on the right, a Jr., was named First Team All League Free Safety and tied Lake City's interception record with 6 on the year. He was also named to the All North Idaho team and was voted Defensive Back of the year for the T-Wolves by his team mates.

Jerry, on the left, and the only starting Sophomore on the varsity team, was named to All League and was awarded the Newcomer of the Year in the IEL. Jerry turned a lot of heads this year with his blazing speed and quickness and averaged 1.8 touchdowns a game and a whopping average of 67 yards per touchdown.

More than just football players, we are proud of how respectful you are, that you never forget where you come from and who you represent. And your grades are awesome. Your dad and mom are so, so proud of you and love you a lot!

Keep working hard and those dreams are going to come true.



Happy 11th Birthday Emmit White on December 13, 2012.

Love, Mom, Dad, Dahyüitihi, Deannette and Ray

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or rent receipt.

At any time a client may appeal the application process or determination of eligibility by filling out a "Request for Appeal Hearing form and submitting it to Social Services Director, N. Jeanie Louie. A decision will be made within 10 working days.

JANNETTE TAYLOR, TANF/NEW COORDINATOR

You are entitled to a fair hearing if you disagree with the review

decision. At a hearing, you will have the opportunity to address your grievance. A hearing officer will make any final decision. To request a fair hearing, call the office at (208) 686-6306 or fill out and return the form below within seven (7) working days of receiving this letter. Please send all requests to:

**Jeanie Louie, director
Social Services Department
Coeur d'Alene Tribe
PO Box 408
Plummer, Idaho 83851**

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The plan outlines the initial goals and priorities of the program, summarizes key parameters and operational concepts, and outlines ways in which tribes can participate in the Buy-Back Program through cooperative agreements. The Initial Implementation Plan is available for public comment for 75 days.

Interior holds about 56 million acres in trust for American Indians. More than 10 million acres are held for individual American Indians and nearly 46

million acres are held for Indian tribes. The department holds this land in more than 200,000 tracts, of which approximately 92,000 contain fractional ownership interests subject to purchase by the Buy-Back Program.

For additional information on the Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations and to view the Initial Implementation Plan, please visit www.doi.gov/buybackprogram.

For information about the individual class-action payments under the Cobell Settlement, please contact GCG, Inc. at 1-800-961-6109 or via e-mail at Info@IndianTrust.com.

Forestry winding down for winter - preparing for spring

General: Now that the field season is winding down, the Forestry program is finalizing field operations and preparing to get paperwork completed for next season's projects. Reports are being finalized for the Tribe and BIA. A couple of the Timber Sale highlights from last fiscal year are: Volume harvested was about 2,356 mbf out of an Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) of 6,900 mbf (34%). This low percentage was due to several factors including one sale that the purchaser didn't do any cutting on due to reduced log prices, one sale that sold but logging didn't start until right after the fiscal year started and another sale that didn't sell. The volume offered during last fiscal year was 5,291 mbf which is 77% of our AAC.

We are trying to get back on the harvest schedule that was approved by Council in the winter of 2011/12 but budget limitations and market conditions are making it challenging. The timber sale crew of Ray Lowley, Larry LaSarte, Barb Scaroni and Conrad Niver are pushing hard to get the program back on schedule and their hard work is appreciated.

Forest Development: The fall tree planting and survival surveys were completed in November. Applications for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) were submitted for timber stand improvement projects on Eagle Peak and Allotment 632. Trees were ordered so that seed can be thawed, moistened and then sowed this spring to grow in 2013 for fall planting or planting the spring 2014 after cold storage over the winter. Data from areas planted, thinned and pruned in 2012 are being imported into the appropriate GIS layers with attribute tables to record information about those stands. These layers also include most treatment areas from the recent past, so they can be viewed by year or other method of display. Some past treatments, especially from the time before Global Positioning Systems, still need to be put into these layers and/or into the attribute tables.

Forest Management Inventory & Planning: The Branch of Forest

Resource Planning provided a repaired and improved version of the Inventory Analysis software on November 14, and analysis of data from the Continuous Forest Inventory will proceed this winter. The run including all trust lands indicates that average volume per acre has increased from about 12,000 to 15,000 board feet per acre. Of course this average includes plots in young stands with little or no volume, averaged with mature stands with varying levels of past harvest. More detailed analysis of various groupings of plots will provide better information, but on average the Tribe's forest continues to grow faster than removals by harvest or mortality.

Timber Sales: Timber sale staff continues work marking and cruising on a future allotment timber sale in the vicinity of the Coeur d'Alene Casino. This upcoming sale will contain a high percentage of ponderosa pine sawtimber mixed in with smaller amounts of Douglas-fir and grand fir. Forestry staff have requested a name for this next sale from elders at the Language Program and plan to meet with them in early December.

The Kopaqhn Logging Unit, in the Worley area, prepared for sale last year, offered but not sold, is planned to be offered in 2013 for sale in late spring. Kopaqhn has two million board feet of timber for sale, with approximately equal amounts of ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir. Forest technicians have been working completing field work in the mountains as weather allows and plan to move onto lower ground full time soon as snowy conditions arrive. We anticipate preparing at least one more timber sale from allotments in the Setters area before attention turns to examining timber stand conditions in allotments in the upper and lower Hangman Creek area around DeSmet.

Ground operations up at Eagle, under the Chsp'a' Logging Unit, have been suspended due to winter conditions. Hill Excavating has hauled 581 thousand board feet of timber (sawlogs and tonwood) since the ground operations started back in October. It is expected

that the logging operations will commence in the spring once sufficient snow has melted. The gate is still locked into this area and as a reminder; stay away from the logging operations and out of the logging decks.

The next planned Tribal timber sale will be in the Moses Mountain area. The writing of the Environmental Assessment has started and is to be expected to be completed this winter. A Digital Field Tour was held on December 4, 2012 using a power point presentation. If you would like to provide comments/feedback, contact Conrad Niver at 208-686-1501.

Fuels Program: The Fuels Program has 1 active hazardous fuels reduction (HFR) Project under contract at this time. Sczenski Contracting has shut down their operations on the Moses Mountain Road Brushing Project. They will resume their project work once weather conditions are favorable. The Fuels Crew finished pile burning. They had accomplished over 300 acres throughout the reservation. Also, the Fuels Crew did some project work on A61 just south of Windfall Pass Road. The Fuels Crew was laid off at the end of November, and they will be brought back on in March/April of next year when weather conditions allow. Again, we appreciate their hard work and being safe this year.

For this winter season, we have 2 prescribed burn plans we have to complete, updating the Fuels Management Plan, updating our treated GIS baselayer, and completing project files. If you have any questions, contact Chuck Simpson - Fuels Specialist - at (208) 686-5030.

Fire Management: we have come to the end of a long season and are laying off our seasonal staff so Anthony, Leonard, David, and Micah are off. Tom and Dan will be around the office this winter getting things done and preparing for the next season. So if you need to contact us our number is 686-1199. We will try to answer all questions or if you need something we will try to help you out. Thanks have a happy and merry holiday season.

BMC increasing outreach programs

Ah, qhest! Happy New Year! We are looking forward to another big year at Benewah Medical & Wellness Center. It will be nice to focus most all of our attention on providing quality efficient care and services throughout our organization, always keeping our mission, vision and values first and foremost.

It is a pleasure to introduce 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. In the next couple of months 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.

One of our goals this year is to increase our outreach efforts. As an example to kick off the year, beginning this month we are providing educational health information on the KWIS radio station. Several of our departments with interesting topics will be featured throughout the year so please tune in!

At the general membership meeting last month I responded to several questions and comments concerning our Counseling Services Department, in particular substance abuse treatment. Because there seems to be some misperceptions about access to services in this area, I thought it would be useful to provide a clearer picture of what we provide and how best to access these services since there are many moving parts and pieces that are important to understand.

We offer a comprehensive Outpatient Substance Use Disorders (SUD) treatment program with the ability to refer qualifying people to inpatient treatment, if needed. The SUD outpatient treatment programs include both an Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) track, an Outpatient Program (OP) track, and educational/outreach programs.

When a person is involved in the IOP program they initially participate in treatment programming for a minimum of 9+ hours per week. A person involved in the OP program participates in treatment up to 8 hours per week. Those assessed

as not needing treatment, but rather education, are offered involvement in the Alcohol and Drug Information School (ADIS) course and DUI Victims Panel. In addition to the on-site outpatient treatment and education, the department staff provides educational forums for families and other community members, as well as partnering with the schools to present relevant prevention information.

*Please Note: A Victim's Panel, will be held on Friday January 11th at Benewah Medical Center, lower level conference room from 5-7pm - Judge Nomee and Jeannie Louie will be our presenters. Please call Benewah Medical Center's Counseling Department to sign up, cost is 15.00, please call Chrystal Anardi if the fee is a hardship.

So how does a person become involved with SUD treatment or education? People can self-refer or can be referred from outside agencies. The majority of participants in the treatment program are referred from various agencies.

The process begins when a person calls or comes into the Counseling Services Department. A one page intake document identifying demographic information is given to the person to complete and return. This is a significant reduction from our previous intake process in order to be more timely and responsive. The staff is readily available to help with any questions regarding the intake process, the assessment process, and programs offered. Once the intake document is returned, an assessment is screened by the SUD Clinical Treatment Supervisor and a date is set for the assessment. The assessment date is usually one to two weeks in the future. However, when cancellations occur, those next in line are called and offered an earlier assessment time. It is usually the case that assessment opportunities come available within a week of beginning the intake process. There is a limited amount of walk in assessment slots but we do everything we can to expedite the assessment process.

Some people may need detoxification prior to any formal treatment. Detoxification facilities require an

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Theft on the rise; take steps to protect your family and your home from burglars

Unfortunately the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Community has seen a large influx on the amount of home invasions, car burglaries and theft in general. While Tribal police do respond and investigate these incidents there are more things we can do as home/car owners to protect ourselves from would-be thieves. Following are some tips you can use to protect yourself, family and home from those with less than honorable intentions.

1. Automatic Light Timers: Automatic light timers can be purchased from hardware stores, megastores (like Target and Wal-Mart) and occasionally from your local grocery store. These timers vary in price depending upon the complexity of the item you choose but for the purposes of keeping your home looking lived in even a basic timer will do. Timers should be placed in commonly used rooms of the home, such as the living room and the bedroom and laps should be plugged in to them so that they can be set to turn on at a "normal" time. As the lights come on according to a normal schedule in your home burglars will not be able to determine that you are not home based on a lack of activity in the home.

2. Utilization Of Garages: Not all burglary deterrence is focused on the times when you are not home, for example by parking your cars outside your home you can tip off burglars as to your daily

schedule. Instead of allowing your cars to tip off outsiders as to your schedule you should always make use of your garages to conceal your cars so that no outsiders are able to determine a pattern in your daily activity. Many times burglars will watch homes that park their cars on the street or in the driveway of the home because when these cars are missing they assume that no one is home to catch them in the act.

3. Placing Televisions And Radios On Automatic Timers: Lights aren't the only thing in your home that should be set on automatic timers. Thieves are becoming much more knowledgeable in regards to the tricks that homeowners use to deter them, things such as placing lights on timers; however, one thing that seems to be particularly effective is placing televisions and radios on timers as well. By turning up the volume on these electronics so that they can be heard from outside of the home (don't make them too loud though!) you will confuse any potential intruders with the noise coming from inside the house. While many people commonly use lighting to implicate activity in the home, they often forget to add the noise element which is often the most convincing aspect of deterring invasion. Timers for televisions and radios should be placed on a schedule similar to the usual schedule that you keep at home.

4. Lowering The Volume On Telephones In The Home: This method of deterring break-ins is becoming somewhat obsolete as more and more households eliminate the use of landline telephones; however, for those homes that still have landlines it is important to turn down ringers when you are out of town. If ringers are not turned down or muted there is a risk that your phone will ring repeatedly without answer, tipping off potential burglars to your absence.

5. Hold Mail And Newspaper Deliver: One of the most well known tips in deterring burglars is to hold mail and newspaper delivery when you are leaving town. If you are only leaving town for a few days you may find that it is easier to have a neighbor pick up your mail and newspaper, but it is important that this is done in a timely manner to avoid tipping off potential intruders. Leaving newspapers in the driveway is one of the first signs that your home is unoccupied and if you have a regular mailbox leaving mail inside is an easy way for burglars to determine whether or not you are home. Some homes utilize lock box mail systems which avoid the necessity for stopping mail when leaving town for just a few days; however, homes that don't use this system should stop mail for even the shortest absence as their mailbox can be opened easily by passersby.

6. Arrange For Home Maintenance: Arranging for home maintenance is not an issue when leaving home for just a few days; however, if you plan on taking a long vacation or even if you are going to be in the hospital recovering from surgery for a little while it is important to arrange for home maintenance. Being away from your home for an extended period means that there is no one home to cut the grass and do the normal chores that get done when a home is occupied. Hiring someone that you trust to come by and cut the grass and do any other home maintenance that you routinely do is a great way to indicate that your home is occupied.

7. Place Drapes Or Blinds On Timers: Much as your patterns of light use can tip off potential thieves as to when you are and are not home, your use of blinds and drapes does the same thing. Fortunately there are a few options on the market that can be fitted to blinds and drapes to open and close them on a timer. While these systems are more expensive than light timers due to the complexity of the technology in them, they are worth purchasing particularly if you are intending to be out of town for an extended period of time. If you cannot afford a timer system like this, another solution is to pay a trusted neighbor to come to your house each afternoon to pull your blinds or drapes. Having a neighbor perform this task provides the

benefit of human action, meaning that if your timer malfunctions your blinds and drapes will still be pulled; however it also brings the worry that perhaps your chosen neighbor is not as trustworthy as you initially thought.

8. Avoid Leaving Telling Garbage Out Until The Last Minute: Garbage is one telltale sign that tips off burglars to a variety of situations and as such it should be monitored whether you are or are not at home. When you are home your garbage can be used by potential burglars to determine what items you have in your home that are worth stealing, this is particularly important to keep in mind over the Christmas holidays and when making large purchases. It is important to hold on to boxes from valuables and big purchases until the last minute on trash day rather than leaving them out over night for thieves to take note of and plan a burglary. Garbage is also telling when you are not home; leaving out no trash cans on garbage day or having a neighbor pull out your empty trash cans can also tip off burglars to the fact that there is no one home. The best way to avoid this situation is to ask a neighbor to use your trash cans and leave them out for you on trash day so that when they are left out, they will at least be filled with garbage.

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DAVID J. GALLER
August 20, 1944 -
December 7, 2012

Funeral Mass for David J. Galler, age 68, will be held Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Evangeline Abraham Longhouse at DeSmet, Idaho. Rosary will be Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Longhouse. Father Robert Erickson will officiate at the services. Cremation will be held following the services. Mr. Galler, a lifelong DeSmet area resident, died Friday night at his DeSmet home. He was born August 20, 1944 in Omak, WA to Herman and

Alice Mary (Vincent) Galler. He attended the tribal school at DeSmet and high school in Plummer, Idaho. Following high school, David entered the United States Army and served in Vietnam. Following his service, he returned to the DeSmet area. Mr. Galler worked as a laborer for most of his life, working several years for the railroad up on the St. Joe River area. Mr. Galler has been in failing health for the past few years. David had married Elizabeth Cook at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on March 28, 2006. He had been previously married. He was a member of the Colville Tribe, a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in DeSmet, a veteran of the US Army, and a

member of the American Legion. Survivors include his wife Elizabeth 'Liz' Galler at the DeSmet home; one daughter, Teresa Galler of Mead, Washington, one son, Joseph D. Galler of Cusick, Washington; one daughter in law Ima Meshell, one granddaughter Lindsay Galler; three brothers, Jerald Galler of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Peter Galler of DeSmet, and Gabriel Galler of Plummer, Idaho and numerous other relatives and friends who all stopped by to say their final farewell to David. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Vivian Galler and Alvina Galler, a brother, Charles Galler, and his parents, Herman and Alice Galler. Kramer Funeral Home of Tekoa, WA handled the arrangements.

STEVEN J. HODGSON
January 4, 1962
December 10, 2012

A mass of Christian Burial for Steven J. Hodgson, age 50, will be held Thursday, December 13, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Evangeline Abrahamson Longhouse at DeSmet, Idaho. Rosary will be held Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Longhouse. Father Robert

Erickson, S.J. will officiate at the services and burial will follow at the DeSmet Mission Cemetery. Mr. Hodgson died Monday at Valley Vista Care Center in St. Maries, Idaho. He was born January 4, 1962 at Spokane, Washington to John and Ramona (Vincent) Hodgson. He grew up in Benewah County in the Plummer, Idaho area. He attended schools at Plummer. Following high school, Steven worked as a logger in the local timber industry. He was injured in an accident in 1998, and had worked sparingly since. He had made his home at the Valley Vista Care Center in St. Maries for the past 7 months. He was never married. He was a member of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, and a member of

Sacred Heart Catholic Church at DeSmet. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and bowling. He also enjoyed playing Chess, and collecting coins. Survivors include his parents, John Hodgson of Plummer, Idaho; his mother, Ramona Hodgson of Worley, Idaho; his children, Kristopher Hodgson of Coeur d'Alene, ID, Shirley Weems of Milton-Freewater, OR, and Kenedee Hodgson of Plummer, ID; his brother, Ronald Hodgson of the Benewah Valley near St. Maries; sisters, Leslie Hodgson of DeSmet, Idaho and Justina Hodgson of Plummer, ID; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Kramer Funeral Home of Tekoa, WA handled the arrangements.





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assessment be completed prior to a referral for detoxification as very specific criteria must be met, as well as funding sources must be secured. It is often the case that there is a wait for a "bed date", in which during the client will be engaged in individual counseling sessions. If we encounter a client who is experiencing a potentially fatal emergency, the client will immediately be referred to the nearest emergency room. Once the client is medically cleared, detoxification or other treatment may resume. If a client should be referred to detoxification, the client will also be recommended for additional treatment once discharged from detoxification.

At the time of the assessment the client and the counselor work together to obtain sufficient information to determine the recommended level of treatment. Information comes from the client interview, testing, and relevant outside information provided by agencies such as courts, law enforcement, repositories, social service, etc. Once this information is gathered, it is compared with the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) placement criteria to help determine the appropriate level of care needed to best support the client on their road to recovery. Depending on the assessment outcome, recommendations can be made for inpatient treatment, IOP treatment, OP treatment, education, or no treatment or formal education. The recommendations for treatment are shared with the client at their next meeting and treatment planning begins.

The treatment plan is jointly developed by the client and the counselor. Mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual

components are considered and included to support the person in the recovery process.

If the recommendation is made for inpatient treatment, and agreed upon by the client, several simultaneously processes begin. Contract Health eligibility is determined, contact is made with treatment facilities to determine availability of bed dates, in-patient admission documentation and required medical procedures are arranged with the client, and the process of establishing relationship with the client begins. We have learned that the relationship between a client, the program, and the counselor are significant components to successful recovery. Establishing this relationship leads to more consistent follow up with treatment, and better outcomes for sobriety and long-term recovery.

Relationship building begins with treatment planning and strengthens with continued contact with the client who is waiting for the inpatient portion of treatment. Clients begin the relationship building by attending a minimum of 6 sessions (3/week) as they prepare to embark on inpatient treatment. Once inpatient portion of treatment is completed, the client is expected to continue the next phase of treatment in an IOP program. As the person progresses in their sobriety, they can "step-down" to a less intensive support process and enter an OP program. After graduation, the person remains in after care support for 3-6 months or more. People are encouraged to be involved in community support (e.g., AA, NA, etc.) throughout the treatment process and beyond.

Those whose recommendations include IOP or OP can begin the outpatient treatment process immediately

following the treatment planning session. Outpatient treatment involves both individual and group sessions. Individual sessions are initially scheduled bi-weekly or more often as needed. We provide several group offerings which include, Early Recovery Skills, Moral Reconnection (reasoning) Therapy (MRT), Thinking for Good, Thinking for A Change, Men's and Women's groups, Process, and Relapse Prevention. Additional group options include Anger Management and Circles of Security (parenting).

When an assessment shows need for education only, the person is offered the opportunity of attending the Alcohol and Drug Information School course and DUI Victims Panel. They are offered approximately every other month to support this need. Both adult and adolescent ADIS courses are available.

We have a combined seven permanent licensed and certified chemical dependency and mental health staff and master's /doctoral student interns/externs as well. If you have any questions about SUD services offered by our Counseling Services Department please contact us at 686-1449.

Please join our staff for Family Support/ Education night on Tuesday, January 8th from 5-7pm, dinner provided at Benewah Medical Center lower level conference rooms. This is a time for family members to come and learn about the disease of addiction, ask questions and get answers from the skilled providers employed in the SUD program, network with others, and gain support and encouragement. This is free, please call Benewah Medical Center counseling department to sign up or for questions.

All the best to everyone for a healthy and prosperous New Year!

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9. Inform A Trusted Neighbor When You Are Leaving Town: It is always helpful to have a neighbor that you trust in the neighborhood, someone that you can leave a spare key with and have keep an eye on your home when you are not there. While a neighbor watching your home may not be able to prevent a burglary from occurring while you are not home, it is a good way to have someone actively watching your home so that you can find out if something is amiss. A trusted neighbor can also inform the police and you if something unusual has occurred at your home while you are out of town. In the case of burglaries that involve theft items are rarely recovered but when they are it is because of fast action that tipped off the police and local pawn shops to be looking out for certain items that were stolen from your home. Having someone watch over your home is also a good way to handle other emergency situations such as fires, broken pipes that cause flooding, or other damage occurring as a result of natural disasters.

10. Increase Lighting Around Your Home: Increasing lighting around your home is always a good idea whether you are leaving town or staying at home. Dimly lit properties are far easier targets for thieves because there are more places to hide and more areas of the home that provide covert access. Keeping your house well lit with spotlights or, preferably, motion detection lights, is a good way to deter burglars from targeting your home. Reducing the ability for burglars to break in to your home without being spotted is one of the best, yet affordable methods to lower your chances of being burglarized.

11. Display Alarm Decals: Whether or not you have a security system installed in your home, often times all it takes is

the presence of an alarm system sticker or decal in the window to deter break-ins. Having a fake decal rarely works for this purpose; however, displaying a real decal from a legitimate alarm company works well in preventing burglaries since inexperienced burglars cannot tell if you actually have an alarm system installed or not. Note that this is not always the case and experienced burglars will be able to determine whether or not you actually have a system installed.

12. Avoid Hiding Keys Outside Your Home: Many households keep spare keys hidden under planters or doormats or even fake rocks in the front garden; however, none of these methods escapes the seasoned burglar and the chances that they will get caught lower based on the fact that they had a key to gain entry. Rather than hide a key outside the home it is always a better idea to leave a copy of your house key with a trusted neighbor who can not only let you in if you lose your key, but also let themselves in to check for issues around the home when you are out of town.

13. Keep Valuables Away From Windows: While keeping valuables away from the windows may seem like a common sense suggestion, there is no telling how many homes position laptops and big screen televisions where they can be spotted from the outside of the home. Certainly big screen televisions are harder to conceal but placing any type of valuable within plain view serves to lure in a passing thief who may see your valuable and be unable to resist temptation. This concept does not just apply to electronics; however, it also applies to jewelry and antiques.

14. Lock All Doors And Windows Whether You Are Home Or Not: Locking doors and windows is another tip that seems like common sense, but for

many people who believe that they live in a small safe town this step of home security is one that goes unheeded. Locking doors when you are not home is another line of defense against home intrusion and locking doors when you are home is not only a way to protect areas of the house that you cannot see from your location, but it is also a way to protect yourself from intruders. Some homeowners find that installing alarms on their doors and windows to signal when they are opened is another affordable method of keeping the home and its contents safe.

15. Install Good Locks On Patio Doors And Garages: Two areas of the home that are favorable points of entry for burglars are garage doors and patio doors, these two locations are commonly left unlocked and unsecured. Installing a good deadbolt on garage doors helps to prevent this area of the home serving as an easily accessible break-in point. Patio doors are a little more difficult when it comes to installing locks; however, there are rods that can be placed inside the sliding door track to prevent it from being opened from outside the home. If you find yourself unable to afford a professional rod, one can easily be fashioned from a sawn-off shower rod or curtain rod so long as it fills the length between the door and the wall to prevent opening.

16. Purchase Insurance And Take Inventory Of Your Belongings: Purchasing insurance and taking inventory of your belongings is not actually a method to protect your home from burglary, but it is a way to recover some of your lost items monetarily should you become a burglary victim. Keeping an inventory of valuable items with pictures is also a good way to help identify missing items after a burglary and provide evidence with your insurance claim.

17. Be A Vigilant Member Of

The Community: Not everyone is cut out to play a part on the neighborhood watch committee but being a vigilant member of the community does not mean that you have to take such a position. You can be an important member of your community by keeping open lines of communication with trustworthy neighbors and tipping off your community if you notice something suspicious. By playing a role in keeping your community safe your neighbors are more likely to return the favor and keep their eye on your home and suspicious activity that may occur when you are or are not home.

The Traditional Methods: Those methods of home security listed above are not the end all and be all of protecting your home from burglars, there are many other options available including the two most recommended methods: installing a security system or investing in a dog. Installing a security system can be expensive, but so too can owning a dog. Security systems seem to be the most reliable method of home security but homes with dogs also prove less likely to be broken in to when the dog is of a breed that has either size or a reputation of aggression (this does not mean that your dog should be aggressive.) If you opt for either of these more traditional methods of keeping your home secure make sure that you are prepared for the consequences of each.

Owning a security system means that you must be strict about keeping it turned on when the home is empty, you must also commit to a monitoring system if you want an alarm that ensures full protection. Monitoring systems require monthly payments and while this may seem like an added expense, you pay for what you get in terms of monitoring, a good monthly plan doesn't have to cost a fortune but it does ensure that someone will be watching your

home at all times. If you choose to purchase a dog you should first of all be a "dog person" and understand the commitment and responsibility that comes with owning a dog. A dog should never be purchased with the soul intention of keeping it as an alarm system, dogs are living creatures that value being part of a pack, so unless you are prepared to provide a secure home life and cover mandatory veterinary expenses you should consider an alarm system instead. Many people believe that an alarm system will incur more cost when monthly payments are factored in; however, a dog requires vaccinations, food, vet visits and more so in the long run there really is no case of saving money by purchasing a dog rather than a security system.

The Bottom Line Of Home Security: In the long run, many of the steps that you can take are a matter of common sense but in the everyday hustle and bustle of things we tend to forget. We forget to lock the door as we run out fifteen minutes late for work and we forget to lock the door when we race in after a long day at work unable to wait to change in to the comfortable sweats. Leaving reminder notes throughout your home is a great way to stay on top of the small things that help to not only keep your home safe, but also keep you and your family safe as well. If you have ever been a victim of theft or a home invasion, you know well the feeling of violation and anger that come with the territory and you are much more likely to remain vigilant in staying on top of these little things. If, however, you have never been the victim of any crime, it is easy to forget these steps but talking to someone who has experienced that situation will give you an insight in to why it is so vital to protect your home and family every chance you get.

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