



Doctor, Lawyer, Indian Chief; elder Felix Aripa receives honorary degree



Coeur d'Alene Tribal elder Felix Aripa receives an honoray degree from the Gonzaga University school of Law.

Courtesy Gonzaga University

By Raymond Brinkman

At a private dinner honoring tribal elder Felix Aripa the evening before Mother's Day at the Jundt Museum on campus, Gonzaga University President Thayne McCulloh described Felix's career and called a Gonzaga degree the missing piece in a lifetime of achievements.

Felix, some family, and friends were there on the eve of Gonzaga's 2013 commencement, held Mother's Day in the Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena. A month before Felix was notified that the University wished to pay tribute to him by granting him an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Past awardees include former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Tom Foley, local philanthropist Harry Magnuson, Vice Chair of the Tribal Council and former Chair Ernie Stensgar, and last year's honoree, Nobel Prize winner Bishop Desmond Tutu.

Though the degree comes in the year in which Felix Aripa will

turn ninety, most of his young life was pointed in the direction of a Gonzaga education. Like his father Stanislaus Aripa before him, Felix attended the Jesuit boys' boarding school at the Sacred Heart Mission in DeSmet, ID. By the time he attended, however, substantial changes were under way in the manner and content of schooling for Felix's peers. Under the direction of Father Cornelius Byrne classrooms changed from a one-classroom model to classes wherein students were divided by grade level. Fr. Byrne recruited Jesuits from Gonzaga who often had graduate degrees in specializations, and instituted classrooms according to subject. Boys began taking math, science, Latin or other language classes from younger scholars in those specialties. At a time when an eighth grade education in Idaho was the standard end-point of schooling, and many children did not have an opportunity for any, or for limited schooling, Fr. Byrne started a high school at the mission. In order to further

prepare himself to then enter Gonzaga after he graduated, Felix attended the St. Joseph's Academy in Tekoa, WA for one year in order to take the chemistry, calculus, and physics classes necessary to meet the university requirements.

Felix entered Gonzaga with the intent of pursuing an engineering degree and there were no reasons not to believe that he wouldn't have been successful and thrive in the academic environment. He already knew some scholastics in residence on campus who had received some of their training at the DeSmet mission. Brother Buskin, for example, helped arrange a living situation for Felix on campus, and gave him some of the university's used athletic equipment to deliver back to DeSmet when he went home some weekends.

When the United States declared war on Japan after the attacks on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, however, Felix could not justify to himself remaining in college while many of his former classmates and peers were quitting

school and jobs in order to enlist in the military. He completed the school year at Gonzaga but then left to enter the U.S. Navy and train locally at Farragut Naval Training Center in north Idaho. The citation accompanying Felix's new doctorate mentions that, when he was in the Navy, he served on the destroyer USS Thompson, and was at Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944, for the beginning of the Allied invasion of Europe.

At war's end Felix was discharged from the Navy and had the opportunity to return to Gonzaga University. Soon thereafter he was offered a job in road construction and the training and opportunities instead led him to a career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs that lasted across four decades. While he always regretted missing the chance to complete an engineering degree, Felix's work experiences gave him an engineering career, based largely on the math skills that Fr. Byrne had recognized and encouraged.

The citation for the honorary degree goes on to mention several of Felix's contributions to the Coeur d'Alene tribal community. Felix Aripa served as the Tribal Judge and on the Tribal Council, including a term as Tribal Chairman. His honor mentions the Indian Lands Claim Commission case that the tribe initiated while Felix was Chair, that resulted in an historic award for compensation in 1958. It likewise points to two tax issues that resulted in case law. Felix's current activities as a member of the Natural Resources

Committee, and as a valuable consultant to a variety of tribal programs, including several in the Natural Resources department, the heritage language revitalization program, and the cultural resources program, were also recognized.

Felix's connection to Gonzaga University has been renewed in recent years in which he has participated in the students' annual pilgrimage to the Old Mission. On a designated weekend each Fall students under the direction of Campus Ministry complete a walk of reflection and prayer from nearby Enaville, ID to the Coeur d'Alenes Old Mission State Park. There they celebrate a Catholic Mass in the old church and hear about the historic connection between the Black Robes, the Coeur d'Alene people, and the founding of the Catholic Church in the Inland Northwest. Felix Aripa has met the pilgrimage in recent years and addressed them as a tribal elder who grew up accompanying his elders to the Old Mission for church occasions, particularly the Feast of the Assumption on August 15 every year. He has regaled the students with personal anecdotes and tribal history, as well as his own fondness for his Jesuit education and his chance to attend Gonzaga.

During the course of just such an opportunity last year, President McCulloh met with Felix personally and benefitted from the talk to students. Wendy Thompson, the university's Director of Tribal Relations, had submitted Felix's name in nomination for an honorary degree the year before, but the process accelerated after last fall's event at the Old Mission. The university administration, faculty, and Board of Trustees took up the matter in the ensuing months, until the decision was made in April to invite Felix to receive, finally, his Gonzaga degree.

On Mother's Day, Vice President of Academic Affairs Patricia O'Connell Killen read aloud on-stage an abridged version of the citation to the assembled faculty, students, parents, and families as Felix stood nearby in a commencement robe adorned with a Pendleton stole given him by the Native Studies program at GU. When she mentioned that Felix had left school to enlist in the Navy during World War II, the applause started. It subsided as she finished, but after she and President handed Felix his diploma and placed the doctoral hood with Gonzaga's school colors over his head and onto his shoulders, it began again. As he returned to his seat in the front row, the video later posted on the university's website captured the moment as the capacity crowd of ten thousand in the Arena rose to give him a standing ovation.

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~ Tribal Council Business ~

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88(13) Approved Natural Resource department Forestry program Revocable Road use Permit #2013-002; 6 for 0 against.

89(13) Approved Education department Bonneville Power

Administration Tribal Education grant \$20,000; 6 for 0 against.

90(13) Approved Public Works department OSPREY Spirit road grant of right-of-way easement; 5 for 0 against 1 out. **91(13)** Approved Public Works department Plummer

Housing authority road grant of right-of-way easement; 5 for 0 against 1 out.

92(13) Approved Public Works department Worley streets reconstruction project contract award; 5 for 0 against 1 out.

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94(13) Approved Information Technology(IT)approve construction contract Ginno Construction contract \$771,058; 6 for 0 against.

95(13) Approved Natural Resources department Lake Management department approve memorandum of understanding and accept property transfer from Idaho transportation department; 6 for 0 against.

Long flowing locks, more than just a fashion statement for Native Americans

This information about hair has been hidden from the public since the Viet Nam War. Our culture leads people to believe that hair style is a matter of personal preference, that hair style is a matter of fashion and/or convenience, and that how people wear their hair is simply a cosmetic

issue. Back in the Vietnam war however, an entirely different picture emerged, one that has been carefully covered up and hidden from public view.

In the early nineties, Sally [name changed to protect privacy] was married to a licensed psychologist who worked at a VA Medical hospital. He worked with combat veterans with PTSD, post traumatic stress disorder. Most of them had served in Vietnam.

Sally said, "I remember clearly an evening when my husband came back to our apartment on Doctor's Circle carrying a thick official looking folder in his hands. Inside were hundreds of pages of certain studies commissioned by the government. He was in shock from the contents. What he read in those documents completely changed his life. From that moment on my conservative middle of the road husband grew his hair and beard and never cut them again. What is more, the VA Medical center let him do it, and other very conservative men in the staff followed his example.

As I read the documents, I learned why. It seems that during the Vietnam War special forces in the war department had sent undercover experts to comb American Indian Reservations looking for talented scouts, for tough young men trained to move stealthily through rough terrain. They were especially looking for men with outstanding, almost supernatural, tracking abilities. Before being

approached, these carefully selected men were extensively documented as experts in tracking and survival.

With the usual enticements, the well proven smooth phrases used to enroll new recruits, some of these Indian trackers were then enlisted. Once enlisted, an amazing thing happened. Whatever talents and skills they had possessed on the reservation seemed to mysteriously disappear, as recruit after recruit failed to perform as expected in the field.

Serious casualties and failures of performance led the government to contract expensive testing of these recruits, and this is what was found.

When questioned about their failure to perform as expected, the older recruits replied consistently that when they received their required military haircuts, they could no longer 'sense' the enemy, they could no longer access a 'sixth sense', their 'intuition' no longer was reliable, they couldn't 'read' subtle signs as well or access subtle extrasensory information.

So the testing institute recruited more Indian trackers, let them keep their long hair, and tested them in multiple areas. Then they would pair two men together who had received the same scores on all the tests. They would let one man in the pair keep his hair long, and gave the other man a military haircut. Then the two men retook the tests.

Time after time the man with long hair kept making

high scores. Time after time, the man with the short hair failed the tests in which he had previously scored high scores.

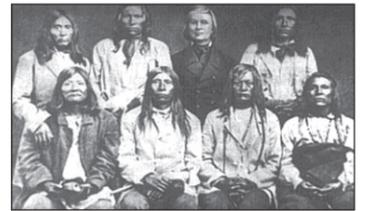
Here is a Typical Test: The recruit is sleeping out in the woods. An armed 'enemy' approaches the sleeping man. The long haired man is awakened out of his sleep by a strong sense of danger and gets away long before the enemy is close, long before any sounds from the approaching enemy are audible.

In another version of this test the long haired man senses an approach and somehow intuitively that the enemy will perform a physical attack. He follows his 'sixth sense' and stays still, pretending to be sleeping, but quickly grabs the attacker and 'kills' him as the attacker reaches down to strangle him.

This same man, after having passed these and other tests, then received a military haircut and consistently failed these tests, and many other tests that he had previously passed. So the document recommended that all Indian trackers be exempt from military haircuts. In fact, it required that trackers keep their hair long."

The mammalian body has evolved over millions of years. Survival skills of human and animal at times seem almost supernatural. Science is constantly coming up with more discoveries about the amazing abilities of man and animal to survive. Each part of the body has highly sensitive work to perform for the survival and well being of the body as a whole. The body has a reason for every part of itself.

Hair is an extension of the nervous system, it can be correctly seen as exteriorized nerves, a type of highly



evolved 'feelers' or 'antennae' that transmit vast amounts of important information to the brain stem, the limbic system, and the neocortex.

Not only does hair in people, including facial hair in men, provide an information highway reaching the brain, hair also emits energy, the electromagnetic energy emitted by the brain into the outer environment. This has been seen in Kirlian photography when a person is photographed with long hair and then rephotographed after the hair is cut.

When hair is cut, receiving and sending transmissions to and from the environment are greatly hampered. This results in numbing-out. Cutting of hair is a contributing factor to unawareness of environmental distress in local ecosystems. It is also a contributing factor to insensitivity in relationships of all kinds. It contributes to sexual frustration.

In searching for solutions for the distress in our world, it may be time for us to consider that many of our most basic assumptions about reality are in error. It may be that a major part of the solution is looking at us in the face each morning when we see ourselves in the mirror.

The story of Sampson and Delilah in the Bible has a lot of encoded truth to tell us. When Delilah cut Sampson's hair, the once undefeatable Sampson was defeated.

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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.

Monthly deadlines for Council Fires

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

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

Our final deadline is the 20th of every month.

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

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Those that wish to see the video of Gonzaga's commencement can do so by following this link: <https://www.gonzaga.edu/campus+resources/Offices-and-Services-A-Z/university-events/Commencement/2013/Video-Senior-Commencement-2013.asp> Note that the segment featuring Felix begins at approximately 38 minutes into the four hour ceremony. Those that wish to view photos should follow this link to a slideshow of the event: <http://news.gonzaga.edu/commencement-2013-slideshow>.

~ Chairman's Corner ~

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Well, another election season at Coeur d'Alene has passed.

First I would like to congratulate Alfred Nomee and Charlotte Nilson for retaining their positions on our Tribal Council. I look forward to continued work together as a unified group who all care deeply about the advancement of our Tribe.

Additionally, I want to thank the candidates who ran for the seats. It is challenging to put your neck out there and your name on the ballot. And most importantly, I appreciate the participation of the tribal community too. The dialogue we have leading up to elections, and the actual day of voting are critical to our way of life. Ultimately, it is our Tribal Membership that keeps our community alive and well,

checked and balanced.

Lastly, thank you again to my colleagues for their continued support of my position as Chairman. It is a very humbling experience to have your colleagues evaluate and decide whether or not you fit the bill. I am very grateful for their votes of confidence, and once again I dedicate myself to the business at hand, and to doing my best as we continue to forge ahead on many different areas of work.

Election season is a time for reflection. What is working? What is not working? How can we evolve? How can we improve?

For me, it is an exciting time to look forward at all the projects on the horizon, the challenges too, but also I am comforted by looking back and remembering the progress



our Tribe has made just in my lifetime.

Life has changed dramatically since I was a young man. I hope that my children can also look back one day and say the

same, with pride, as they look out and see the numerous ways the Coeur d'Alene Tribe is self sufficient, whole, healthy and prosperous.

Until that day, spring is here,

so enjoy today. Life is pretty good right now!

Warm regards

Chief Allan

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SUNDAY <i>st(eti'wes</i>	MONDAY <i>chdi'k'w</i>	TUESDAY <i>asasq'it</i>	WEDNESDAY <i>cha'lasq'it</i>	THURSDAY <i>mosq'it</i>	FRIDAY <i>tselchsq'it</i>	SATURDAY <i>chli'i'</i>
						1  Lakeside High School Graduation Ceremony at 2:00 pm
2	3  Wildland & Firefighting guard School	4 Lakeside: 8th grade presentations	5 Tribal Credit Applications Due	6 Grower's Market Lakeside Last Day of School	7 Healing Lodge information seminar 1pm-4pm @ Gonzaga Law	8
9	10	11 CDA Tribal Credit Board Meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17 Inter-Tribal Youth Natural Resource Camp Begins June 17-21	18 Cd'A Tax Board Meeting	19 Tribal Credit Applications Due	20 COUNCIL FIRES DEADLINE @ 4PM	21	22  Garden Irrigation Workshop @ 10am
23 IronMan	24	25 CDA Tribal Credit Board Meeting	26	27	28	29
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~ Community Announcements ~

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Pathways fundraiser set for June 1st

Pathways Community Development Corporation is hosting a fundraiser 6PM Saturday June 1st for Westside Rendezvous and Plummer Day! Funds will help pay for the kids entertainment! Award winning Blues musician Cary Fly will play with his band at Agte's private residence. A \$25 ticket covers the music, a delicious buffalo brisket dinner and a couple micro-brews. Sheppard Winery will also host a wine tasting. Cary Fly Band was awarded the 2011 Inland Empire Blues Society Muscian's Choice Award. To buy tickets you can call 528-1008, 582-1137, 274-2211 or 686-1629 or talk to Pathways President, Bill Weems, president@pathwayscdc.org or Pathways board member Iris Mayes, imayes@cdatribe-nsn.gov. Thank you to those who purchased beef brisket lunches to help support the Westside Rendezvous! Pathways CDC is an emerging nonprofit community-based organization created to anchor capital locally to promote economic stability. Pathways CDC will promote the improvement of the physical and social infrastructures in neighborhoods and communities with populations significantly below the national median income, which unfortunately, includes most of the communities within and surrounding the Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation. For more information check their website at <http://www.pathwayscdc.org/>

Garden Irrigation Workshop and Workday to be held June 22

One Sky One Earth Food Coalition and UI Extension will provide hands on instruction in irrigation systems at the Plummer Community Garden 10AM - 3PM Saturday June 22. Come see the new sign made by the Welding Class! All community members are invited to take part in Plummer's new community garden, located in the lot next to the old firehouse. Anyone who helps out with this will be able to enjoy a share of the produce as it comes in. Bring your favorite digging tool and wear your grubby clothes. We will have a lunch potluck so bring a dish to share. We will have a cooler available to put your dish in.

The Food Coalition would like to thank the new land owner Paul CIPHERD for allowing us to keep the community garden in its current location! We would also like to thank the UI Plant Science Club for donating flowers! Thank you to the many volunteers and Americorps volunteers who attended and worked at the May 11 Garden work day! Thank you to the Americorps volunteers for providing and cooking lunch!

For more information about the irrigation workshop or garden workday on June 22 on you may contact: Iris Mayes UI Extension Educator - Coeur d'Alene Reservation Phone 208.686.1716 imayes@cdatribe-nsn.gov

University of Idaho

2013 Multicultural High School Journalism Workshop

July 11 - 13, 2013 in Moscow, ID

Open to students enrolled in grades 10-12 in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington State.

Applications and submission materials due by June 14, 2013

For more information and applications please contact:

Rebecca Tallant at the U of I School of Journalism & Mass Media 208-885-8872 or rtallent@uidaho.edu

Be an Ironman volunteer on the rez or in town

Be one of the 4,000 volunteers supporting the athletes during this years race!!! We need your help for tasks around this years Ironman. There are 11 staff/community members participating in Ironman CDA. We need: a big group (10-12 volunteers) for the Lost and Found Tent on race day. A group (20 volunteers) for the

awards banquet the day after the race.

And our bike aid station from last year (20+ volunteers).

The shifts range for a few hours to how ever long you like to help out. If you like you can sign up for the race day and the banquet help.

You will get a free t-shirt, lots of fun, get to see/support 3000+

athletes and even some world class athletes.

Sign in at the Front desk of the WC and fill out the Volunteer Questionnaire email to us.

For any questions, please contact Eva: ewindlin@bmc.portland.ihs.gov or Kjell: kschioberg@bmc.portland.ihs.gov

June 23, 2013 is Ironman Day.

Grower's market back for summer

Grower's Market starts Thursday June 6 One Sky One Earth Food Coalition Grower's Market will start Thursday June 6 from 4PM - 7PM in the lot next to the Gateway Cafe. Crafts, baked goods, food products some produce will be available! Come support your local vendors! To register as a vendor please contact Iris Mayes imayes@cdatribe-nsn.gov, Phone 208.686.1716 or Becky Walrod, rwalrod@live.com.

Inter-Tribal Youth Natural Resource Camp scheduled for 2013 dates



the Idaho Panhandle National Forest

Who: Native American Youth
Ages: 12 through 19

To pick up application please stop by Strengthening the Spirit program located at the Wellness Center. Please turn in your completed application to Strengthening the Spirit Program to Barrie or Eric.

If you have any questions regarding the camp please contact Bobbie White or Gina Baughn from Natural Resources 208-686-0131

When: June 17-21 2013
Where: Camp Four Echoes Worley, Idaho
Host: Coeur d' AleneTribe &

Youth Golf

Coeur d'Alene Tribe Youth Sports Program

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe Youth Sports Program and the Circling Raven Golf Club will be offering a **FREE** introduction to golf for ages 9-18. If your child is interested in learning about golf you can sign them up at the Youth Programs Office located at the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Wellness Center. You can call, email, or stop by to sign your child up. (Name, Age, T-Shirt Size, Contact Information)

Start date will be determined by number of participants registered.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact Cheffrey E. Saito

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Coeur d'Alene Tribe Youth Programs

Graduates of NIC welding program in Plummer get certificates



Pictured above are some of the recent graduates of the welding program. Back row left to right is Jessie Sproul, Vance Campbell, Austin Porenta, David Church, Bottom row left to right Daniel Jolibois, Kathy Albin (Dept. Of Education Instructor) Andrew Davison.

This month, North Idaho employers will have nine new prospective employees qualified for entry-level welding positions.

Thanks to a partnership between the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, North Idaho College, and the Plummer-Worley School District, nine students will be graduating from NIC on May 17 with a certificate in welding technology and will be qualified to start careers in welding technology. This year was the first year that residents in Benewah County have had access to NIC's welding certificate program, which was offered in Plummer this year.

"We couldn't pass up the opportunity to offer something unique like this to the tribal community and all those living in rural North Idaho. Many of these men would have a very hard time completing a program like this if it wasn't offered in Plummer," said Chris Meyer, director of education for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe said. Students from Plummer, Worley, Tensed and Desmet took advantage of the new program, which ran Monday through Thursday from 3 -9 p.m. and perfectly mirrors the Welding Technology Certificate Program offered at NIC in Coeur d'Alene. Graduation day will mark the culmination of two semesters of coursework in welding techniques and theory as well as core courses in English and math.

The partnership that made this program possible is a unique one. North Idaho College, in conjunction with the Tribe's Native American Career and Technical Education Program Office provides admission and advising services to students who are enrolled and registered for the class through NIC and serves as the educational institute that grants the technical certificate upon graduation. The instructor, Milt Turley, has taught welding courses for more than 20 years at NIC, the St. Maries School District, and now in Plummer as the primary welding instructor for NIC's Outreach Center. The Plummer-Worley School District provides the physical space for the program – a retrofitted welding classroom that was available for use in the evenings. The Tribe reimburses the district for the electricity costs incurred and works closely with the students from their entrance application through graduation.

Judi Sharrett, superintendent of the Plummer-Worley School District, said the partnership was a no-brainer. "We had the space and we weren't fully utilizing it," she said. "Each organization pitched in to make this a win-win for everyone involved."

Of the nine students slated to graduate, all are males and six of them are tribal members. The majority of the class is made up of non-traditional students.

Some are focusing solely on their studies while others, like Coeur d'Alene Tribal member Andrew Davison, a recreation technician for the Tribe's Lake Management Department, are working full time. Davison said he was lucky to get the full support of his supervisors, who "recognized that they would get some benefit" around the workplace from his newly acquired skillset. Vance Campbell, who works part-time for the Tribe's Facilities Department, agreed saying, "Once word gets out that you know how to weld, everyone wants you to help."

After graduation, some of the students plan to pursue a new career in welding, some intend on staying in the jobs they have, while still others hope to enroll in a second year of classes in Coeur d'Alene and Post Falls, which would allow them to earn their Associate of Applied Science degree in Welding Technology. While the men have different goals following graduation, all nine appear to agree on the fact that the one-year certificate program provides them with viable options for the future. "Employers need welders in nearly every industry you can find," Turley said.

Continuation of the Welding Outreach Program will be dependent on available funding, but all participating organizations hope to be able to offer the program again next year.

New location for annual wildland and firefighting guard school

The North Idaho Training Zone is hosting its annual Firefighting Guard School at Camp Sanders in Tensed, Idaho on June 3-7, 2013. This multiple agency event is the cooperative effort of the Coeur d'Alene and Nez Perce Tribes, Idaho Department of Lands, Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service.

Firefighting Guard School is designed to train and educate new wildland firefighters providing real world skills required to suppress fire in our nation's forests and grasslands. During the week long training, new firefighters learn the basics of fire behavior and fire suppression techniques in a simulated learning environment. Guard School is designed to mimic a real fire camp where students experience camp chow, sleeping outdoors, crew cohesion and fighting an actual fire.

On Thursday, June 6 at 1:30 p.m., experienced firefighters

will simulate wildfires on a parcel of Coeur d'Alene Tribe land bordering the north side of Old Sanders Road and the south side of Fox Road in Tensed, ID. Students will work in teams to locate and extinguish the fire. We invite the media to join us at Camp Sanders for this exercise. Safety is our number one priority and thus we require each media person to arrive "fire ready" with a hardhat, nomex pants and shirts, and eight inch high leather boots with vibram soles. All media will be escorted to the fireline by a designated firefighter. Limited cell phone coverage at Camp Sanders makes it essential to arrange media visits in advance. If you are interested in joining us at Camp Sanders to observe our new wildland firefighters, please call Shoshana Cooper at (208) 765-7369 before 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5 to arrange a site visit and necessary nomex clothing.

Rural repair, rehabilitation money available to low income families



Purpose: The Very Low-Income Housing Repair program provides loans and grants to very low-income homeowners to repair, improve, or modernize their dwellings or to remove health and safety hazards.

Eligibility: To obtain a loan, homeowner-occupants must be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere and must have very low incomes, defined as below 50 percent of the area median income. They must need to make repairs and improvements to make the dwelling more safe and sanitary or to remove health and safety hazards. Grants are only available to homeowners who are 62 years old or older and cannot repay a Section 504 loan. For Income and Property Eligibility please see our Eligibility Site.

Terms: Loans of up to \$20,000 and grants of up to \$7,500 are available. Loans are for up to 20 years at 1 percent interest. A real estate mortgage and full title services are required for loans of \$7,500 or more. Grants may be

recaptured if the property is sold in less than 3 years. Grant funds may be used only to pay for repairs and improvements resulting in the removal of health and safety hazards. A grant/loan combination is made if the applicant can repay part of the cost. Loans and grants can be combined for up to \$27,500 in assistance.

Standards: Repaired properties do not need to meet other HCFP code requirements, but the installation of water and waste systems and related fixtures must meet local health department requirements. Water supply and sewage disposal systems should normally meet HCFP requirements. Not all the health and safety hazards in a home must be removed with Section 504 funds, provided that major health and safety hazards are removed. All work must meet local codes and standards.

Basic Instruction: 7 CFR Part 3550 and HB-1-3550

For more information about this program, or to file an application, contact the local Rural Development office in your area.

Wood permits now available to Tribal members, allotment sale on the agenda

General: Fire wood permits will be available to Coeur d'Alene Tribal members starting June 1. Stop by the Forestry office to get a permit. As a reminder, we are now located in Plummer across from the Wildlife building. Also, now that roads are open from snow, I want to remind the membership that we have gates on the Grassy Mountain access road off of Rosewood Drive and into the Eagle Peak area. We had some problems maintaining the locks last year so we put new locks on. Keys are available to CDA Tribal members and can be checked out at the Forestry office also. As always, please don't drive on wet, muddy roads. This causes

erosion and ruts that damage the roads and make them more difficult to travel on during dry periods. Thanks for your consideration.

As a reminder, effective May 10, open burning is no longer allowed. Permits can be obtained from either the Idaho Department of Lands or through Boom at the Air Quality office.

Timber Sales: The Ch'ets'tene'st Environmental Assessment (EA) has been finalized for the sale up at Moses. Sufficient snow has melted for the marking and the cruising to commence. So far this spring, four out of the eight cutting blocks are completed.

The logger for the Chsp'a' Logging Unit on Eagle Peak has

continued ground operations. Since he started this spring 45 loads have made it to the Idaho Forest Group log mill in Chilco, Idaho. Inspections are ongoing about 1-2 times a week to ensure all contract specifications are enforced.

The Timber sale crew has completed marking and cruising the next allotment sale, Sq'aq'i'shmalqw, in the Casino area with the exception of a small piece of ground that is off the Cottonwood Road north of Worley. About 90 percent of this sale will be ponderosa pine, and it is hoped that log prices will be very high when the sale sells. We are planning a mid-summer sale with logging commencing

during dry conditions in late summer and early fall. About 8,000 trees were marked for this sale. Once this sale is advertised, field work will proceed on the next allotment sale in the Setters area. Forestry staff participated in Water Awareness Week held down along Lake Creek. Students were taught tree identification methods, discussed how trees grow and demonstrated techniques for getting tree diameters and heights. We also taught some of the Strengthening the Spirit kids how to build wigwams from willow sticks for growing garden vegetables that like to climb, such as beans and peas.

Fuels: The Fuels/Fire/Forestry

Program understory burned an estimated 477 acres on T337, A605, T189, A322, and T277. (All in the DeSmet area). This has been a record year for spring understory burning. I would like to take this time to thank all the prescribed burn staff for their hard work this spring to implement the prescribed burning safely and without any major incidents. Hopefully this reintroduction of fire into the ecosystem will complement the thinning/pruning/mastication we did in previous years and continue to reduce the likelihood of uncontrolled wildfires in these areas. Other benefits

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From nowhere and nothing to a major player: Cd'A Chamber honors Matheson, Tribe



By Bob Bostwick

With powerful words and equally powerful business experiences, resort Chief Executive Officer Dave Matheson shared the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's story with area business leaders in Coeur d'Alene on Tuesday, providing insight into and passion for a unique success story.

The gathering at the Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce May Upbeat Breakfast responded with a standing ovation, having heard Matheson's creative ideas. The talk included a showing of the recently completed film, "From the Heart: The Miracle of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe."

"We started from nothing," Matheson told the crowd, which numbered about 225. "I had 95 applicants for bingo (in 1993) and I hired every one of them. We had days when we weren't sure we'd make payroll, but we got past that and the rest is history."

Of course, those 95 jobs became

1,100, the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort being "the rest of the story."

The Chamber also had a surprise in store, completing the monthly event by honoring Matheson and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe with its Kyle M. Walker "Champions of Tourism" Award, presented "in recognition of ongoing achievements in tourism promotion" in the region. This award, initiated in 2012, is among the highest honors given by the Chamber.

Matheson spoke at length and without notes about developing a destination resort on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation, the nearest incorporated city being Worley, where the population at the time wasn't much more than that of the crowd he was addressing.

"We had unique challenges because of the remote area, and our social responsibilities—providing jobs for tribal members—also separates us from doing business like everyone else," Matheson said. "We've been able to meet

our responsibilities with the tribe and become very successful at the same time."

Matheson was also very clear about the tribe's economic impacts on the region."

"The Coeur d'Alene Tribe has always had the approach that our success would benefit people and businesses all over the Inland Northwest," he said. "Our goals include being an active partner in tourism, and supporting schools, economic development and various causes with our donations. We were always committed to being an active player, and we are."

A hushed crowd heard those sentiments and more, reacting even beyond the standing ovation.

"I've been to most of these and heard a good many speakers," one businessman said to this writer. "This was by far the most interesting and the best. Dave's speech was very inspiring."

To be sure, several others told us the same thing.

SiJohn graduates with Master's

By Brenda Palmer

After eighteen months of school, a full time job and two little kids, Margaret SiJohn has earned her Master's in Business Administration. As a young female tribal member, this accomplishment is worthy to share. Her graduation was on May 6, 2013.

SiJohn, Hotel Manager since 2007, oversees the daily operations of the hotel which includes the front desk, the call center, Housekeeping, Hotel Sales, Hotel Laundry, Child Care and Banquets/Catering.

Her parents are Rob SiJohn and Zetta Wynne. She is the mother of two kids, Tyson, 5, and Laila, 3.

She graduated from Lakeside High School in 1997 and went on to Eastern Washington University to receive her Bachelor's Degree in

Social Work in 2002. Her Master's in Business Administration is earned from the University of Idaho via the EMBA program.

Other positions she has held include: Executive Assistant for the Chairman's Office; Social Services Representative for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Social Worker for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

Her free time is spent with family and friends and she is very involved in her children's extracurricular activities.

Kathy Anton- Galietti brought this accomplishment to our attention.

"As a young female, tribal member" said Kathy, "I think this accomplishment is worthy to share."

Thank you, Kathy. And Congratulations go out to Margaret on a job well done. What can we expect next, a doctorate maybe?

Cd'A Casino's 2012 Safety Awards

The Safety Committee's purpose is to promote safety within our working community and also for our valued guests. The Committee meets monthly to discuss issues and review accident history. From these meetings we recommend changes which affect the safety of all. The other members of the committee are: Francis SiJohn, Butch Nomee, Justin Friedlander, Michelle Montee, Pat Nigh, Carrie Roecks, Wakai Pluff and Wanda Peters – Retired April 1.

The reason for this presentation is that the Committee would like to recognize what we consider the "Most Improved Department for Safety" for 2012 - that department who has made an effort to reduce their accidents and provide a safer place for our family.

In order to select a winner for this year's award, the Committee studied several trends. Initially we wanted to recognize a department for their reduction in reported accidents but we felt that this would cause some departments to not report accidents in order to be recognized in future years. Accident reporting is essential

to defining problem areas and being able to correct them, so we encourage reporting of all accidents and near-misses.

Instead, we decided to look at departments who actually made a concerted effort to reduce accidents. There were two departments that stood out to us -

HONORABLE MENTION:

Valet had a pretty high accident history. As such, our insurance provider hired a consultant to provide training for the employees. Following this training Valet revised their procedures resulting in reduced accidents. They did well and should be commended on their efforts.

The award for Most Improved Department goes to department 33 – Banquets/Catering. We believe their reduction in accidents is a result of their Risk Management attitude toward safety. This department previously had a high rate of accidents and they recognized it. The department worked with a representative of the State Industrial Commission to determine weights and measures

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It's the little things that yeild big results

By Annie LaSarte

I am very proud to know and work with everyone in the extended family called the CDA Casino and Resort Hotel team. I see the effort, the commitment and the character involved in so many ways you all do your jobs, and it's amazing to me. I love to be here. I enjoy weekends and evenings here even more, because that's when we are super busy and really pushed for our very best. My heart soars with pride and a sense of commitment is re-kindled, when I see so many of our employees step up under stress, and just work hard at keeping all our guests happy and satisfied.

Some of my older folks of

generations past, loved to talk about life, its many purposes, and the sacred responsibility that comes with it. They always said this life has a beginning, and it has an end, no matter who we are or who we think we are. The Great K'u'Intsutn Creator promised no one a tomorrow, or an easy time. When the new day comes, count your blessings, they would emphasize, because each new day is an extension of the lease of the sacred miracle called life. When we are thankful and appreciate all the little things in our lives, then we can be truly happy. People who are unthankful, they are never happy, no matter what they do or what they have.

These wonderful elders

explained it is the good we can do for others that really makes all the difference in the world for any of us. A cause bigger than one's own advancement or enrichment, like making a difference for children so they have hope and opportunity, or improving the quality of life for the impoverished are all examples of such great purposes. These are just some of the benefits brought to the Coeur d'Alene Tribal communities and lives by what we do here at the CCRH.

Even though the years and decades will fly by, these simple understanding bring a pristinely, pure and peaceful strength to the "here and now", and it can never

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Casino's April RAD award winners

Each month the ONB Employee Morale Committee meets to choose the winners of the RAD Awards from among the nominations. This month was more difficult than usual as there were so many worthy nominations; all of them fine examples of Traditional Tribal Hospitality. Congratulations to all of this month's nominees. Well Done!

Our RAD award winners for April are:

Ronald Roche, DigiDeal Host. Ron was nominated anonymously for going out of his way to take one of our guests home after losing her keys. Ron even went so far as to pick her up and bring her back here the following day so she could retrieve her vehicle. Now that's going the extra mile, Ron!

Patty Duncan, Hotel Front Desk. Patty was nominated by Theresa Nickerson for doing that little bit extra for others by bringing flowers, cookies

and toys to the Little Hummingbirds Daycare for all the children to enjoy. Way to go Patty!

Krista Weems, Guest Services Ambassador. Krista was nominated by Anna Hendrickx for helping an elderly woman in a wheelchair to the restroom and then to the Smoke Shop. Great Job, Krista!

Don Yeager, Surveillance. Don was nominated by Marlon Jamison for helping a guest in need and giving him a ride to his sister's house in St Maries. Awesome Customer Service, Don!

Dawn Wilson, Beverage Services. Dawn was nominated by Joanna Curley for assisting with the difficult task of changing out the peach tea even though it was her day off. Kudos to Dawn for

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The 2014-2015 Tribal Child Care and Development Fund Grant for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 is open for public comment and review June 14th, 2013 in the gymnasium at the ECLC from 11:00 am to 1:00pm. Lunch will be provided. Any questions can be directed to the Child Care Coordinator Janene Johnson (208) 686-1107 or jjohnson@cdatribe-nsn.gov

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

LeAnn Marchand, has been appointed Personal Representative for the Estate of SIMONE K. HENDRICKX-ZEPEDA by the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Court of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation, Plummer, Idaho.

All creditors having claims against the deceased, SIMONE K. HENDRICKX-ZEPEDA to serve such claims upon the Personal Representative and to file them with the Clerk of the Tribal Court within two (2) months from the date of the first publication of this notice which is May 23, 2013.

The Personal Representative may be served by mailing copies of the claims to him/her at: LeAnn Marchand P.O. Box 222 Worley, Idaho 83876. Copies of the claims may be filed with the court by mailing copies to: Clerk of the Court Coeur d'Alene Justice Center 29 Route 22 Plummer, Idaho 83851.

Students make the trek up to Steptoe for Antelope Run



Runners of the Coeur d'Alene Tribal School participate in the Annual Antelope Run. Students, family and other community members relay their way from DeSmet to the top of Steptoe Butte. The purpose of the Antelope Run is to recapture this spirit of understanding and knowing of the strength and endurance of our people. Also this event is to bind and build the unity and closeness of Schitsu umsh. We run to gain strength of our minds and bodies and to know the hearts and lives of our people. Photo by Harold L Dunkle

Tribal school students complete marathon distances



Third, fourth and fifth grade students from the Coeur d'Alene Tribal school spent their lunchtimes racking up mileage on the pavement. The students had the opportunity to complete a total of 26 miles during their lunch periods in order to qualify for a marathon relay run from Skyline Drive through McCrosky State Park. They had been working on their miles since February and completed the relay marathon on May 13, 2013. Congratulations to their dedication and hard work to achieve this goal. Photo by Harold L Dunkle



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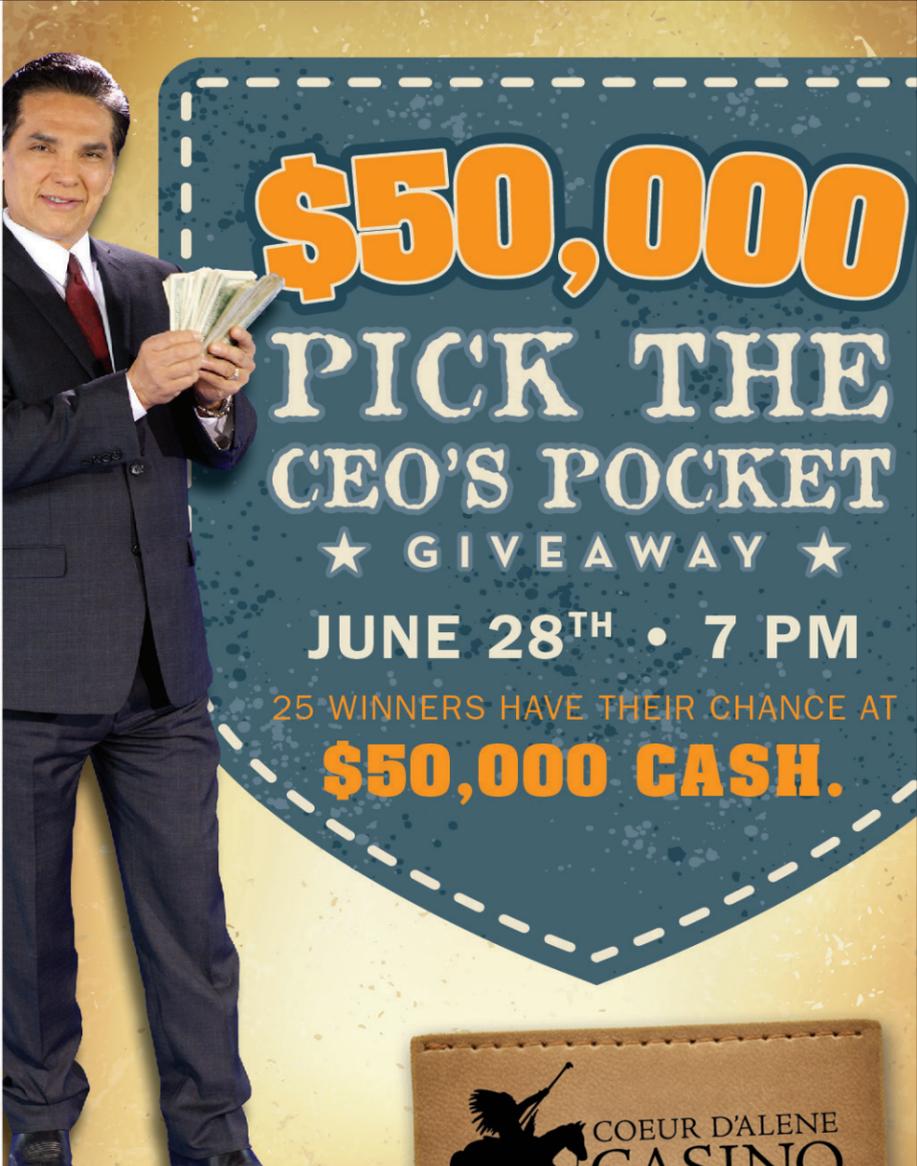
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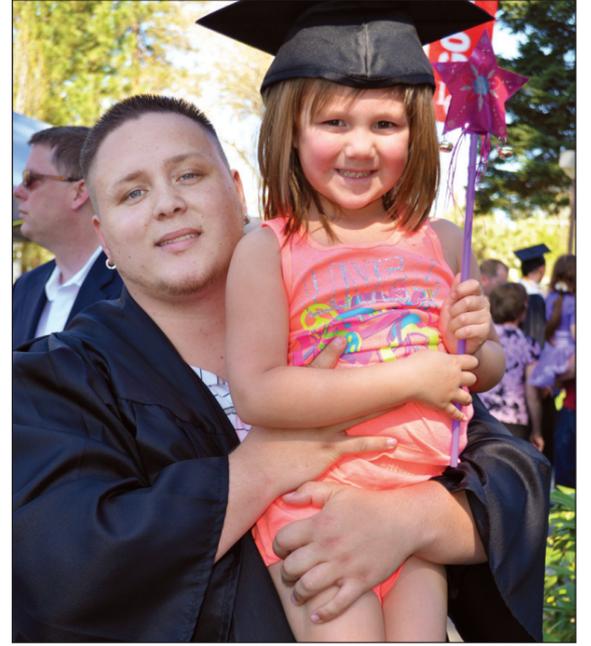
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Courtney L. SiJohn attended North Idaho College and received a Post-Secondary Certificate in Business Leadership-Human Resource Management on May 17, 2013. I am currently employed at the Coeur d'Alene Tribes Casino as the H.R. Manager. I have been working in H.R. since 1997. Plans for the future includes; continue at N.I.C. to finish my AAS degree and then continue on to EWU to get my Bachelor's degree. I would like to thank my husband Ernesto, kids; Jazmin, Skye, Ernesto Jr, and Jose, and all my family for their support.



Matilda Bob received a Post-Secondary Certificate in Human Resource Management at North Idaho College on May 17, 2013. Future plan is to continue with my higher education with a goal of getting my business management degree. I would like to express many thanks to my parents Tom and Wilma Bob for their continuing support and prayers. Many thanks to siblings; Tom Bob Jr., William Bob, and Elizabeth Fulton for all their support. And many thanks to two wonderful kids; Levi and Terai Bob. I appreciate all the support and prayers from many people that have invested their support and encouragement in me.



Norbie Seres graduated with his bachelor's degree in Social Work May 5, 2013 from Lewis-Clark State College. He says that it was a very long and tough ride but knows that it's going to pay off. He is very happy and couldn't have done it without the support of his family. Norbie plans to start his Master's degree this fall in Adult Organizational Learning and Leadership at University of Idaho. His biggest and long term goal is to establish a job with the tribe because he wants to pay it forward and work with and help the people in the community. This is just the beginning to a brighter future.



Imani L. Antone graduates from Wellpinit High School with her HS Diploma on June 8, 2013.

While in school Imani was named Miss Coeur d'Alene Tribe 12/13, All-around athlete and participated in Varsity Basketball (Team Captain), Volleyball, Track and Cross Country. Senior Class President, JROTC.

She plans to attend Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence Kansas

Congratulations Imani! We are ALL SO PROUD of you and all that you have accomplished thus far! The sky's the limit!! We Love You! Mom, Ky, and all of your family in Idaho, Washington, and Arizona!!!



Daisy Marie Garvais graduated from Lakeside High School with her high School Diploma on June 1, 2013.

While in school she was recognized for Outstanding Community Service hours.

"My future plans include either getting a higher education in Conservation Biology or Enlisting in the Navy.

"I would like to thank my Moms: Dion Fry and LoVina Louie, My Dad: Duane Garvais, my three little sisters North Star, Dolly, and Unity, Tah-wy-ah and Willie Davis, and Ervin Fry for all your love and support."



Brianna "Bubba" Louie received her High School diploma from Lakeside on June 1, 2013. Future plans; Attend college, major in entrepreneurship, minor in photography, and start my own business. I am the daughter of Norma Jean and Deb Louie, KiKi Laurell Louie-Franklin (daughter). I'd like to thank my family and friends for all the love and support I've received from you all throughout the years. Also, I'd like to thank my daughter for making life so amazing.



Christopher Luke graduated May 11, 2013 from the University of Idaho with a Bachelors of Science in Business Management. His Mother is Margaret Coffey & daughter is Shantelle Luke



Tillie K. Torpey graduated received her High School Diploma from Lakeside High on June 1, 2013. During my high school years my Accomplishments and Awards are; Salutatorian, NISTAR Award, Idaho Top Scholar, National Honor Society, Honor Roll all 4 years of high school, and Dual enrolled at North Idaho College. Future plans are; Attending Washington State University with a Cougar Academic Scholarship. Either major in Animal Science or Biology for a bachelor's degree. Then after a bachelor's degree, hopefully attend an exotic veterinarian school for four more years. I'd like to thank my mom and dad for supporting and helping me throughout my life, especially my senior year. I'd also like to thank my daughter Jayda Armani for motivating me to push myself more than I imagined. Finally, I'd like to thank my sister-in-law Krista Torpey and Debbie Donnerberg for taking care of Jayda while I had school.

ALL OUR GRADUATES!



Sarah Carrillo Freeburg graduated from Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington with a Bachelor of Liberal Studies in Humanities in December 2012 and Participated in commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 19, 2013.

While at Whitworth Sarah received the AmeriCorps Students in Service Award, 2011-2012, she Studied in Applied Radio Journalism, 2011-2012 and volunteered at Whitworth's student-run radio station, 2011-2012.

In over 10 years of service with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Sarah has worked at the Wellness Center, in the Tribe's Broadband Internet program and in the Tribal Chairman's Office. In her current position in the IT Department, Sarah has been responsible for overseeing the construction and daily operations of the Tribe's new non-commercial radio station. She is scheduled to take the Law School Admission Test at the Gonzaga University School of Law this summer, but will be taking a break for some much needed family time before applying to law school in fall 2014.

"I am blessed to have had forgiveness and understanding from my husband and loved ones while I focused on construction of the radio station and on finishing my degree. I am also thankful to Norma Peone, Stacey Parr, my supervisors, my coworkers and the Coeur d'Alene Tribal leadership for their support and encouragement."



Sydney Rae Wakan graduated from Lakeside High School in Plummer, Idaho with her High School Diploma on June 1, 2013.

While in high school Sydney participated in 4 years Basketball, 1 year Football, 2 years Volleyball and 1 year FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America).

Sydney plans to attend the Institute for American Indian Arts in Sante Fe, New Mexico this fall Sydney is the daughter of Dalberta and Aaron Faletogo and Nolan Wakan, grand-daughter of Joyce Swan and Roger Sutherland (deceased); Annette Washines and LaVern Wakan; great-grand-daughter of Bertha Swan and Loren "Bud" Swan (deceased); Sister to Nakota and Samuel Sutherland and Nina Brough. Thank you to all my friends and family for being there and the continued encouragement.



Jonathon Henry Nomee graduated from Lakeside High School with his High School Diploma on June 1st, 2013.

He wants to go on to NIC for Business Management then move on to the University of Idaho for the PGA Management courses, then return home and become the first Tribal Member to successfully manage the Circling Raven Golf Course.

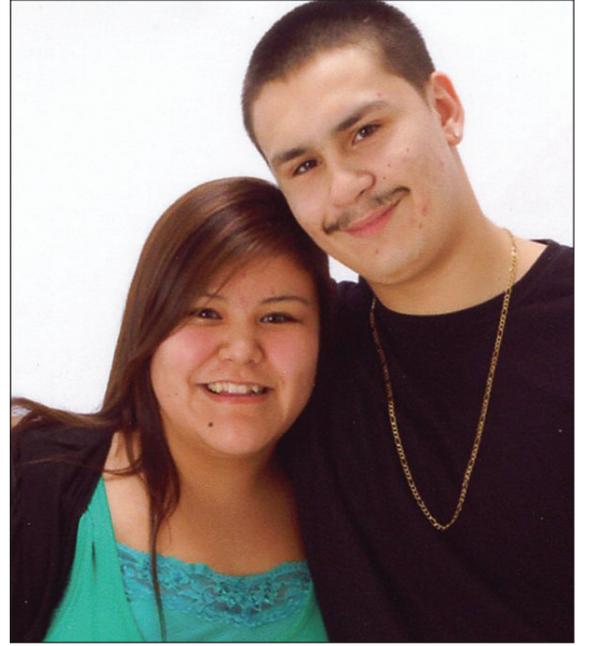
"I would like to thank my mom Dee Janson, my dad Butch Nomee, my yaya Philomena Nomee, my brother Joseph Nomee, my sister Jordyn Nomee and the rest of my (very large) family for always believing in me. I love you guys."



Zachary Delorme graduated Lakeside High School on June 1st with his diploma.

Zachary is the son of Kimberly Delorme and the grandson of Virginia Delorme. His siblings are John & Gina and Aunties are Lori Delorme and Theresa Chapman.

Congratulations Ducky! We are proud of your hard work & we love you very much! Love your entire family!



Kayleena Anastashia Allery and Joseph Anthony Lenoir received their High School Diploma on May 13th 2013 and both received a \$1,000. Scholarship. Their future plans are to attend NIC and decide what they want to be. Kayleena is the daughter of; Arna Lee Michael of Worley, Idaho and Donald J. Allery of Spokane, Washington, grandmother; Julanna Wilson of Worley, Idaho and LouAnn St. Claire of Spokane, Washington. Joseph is the son of Leonora Gaze and Teddy Gaze, grandparents; Ken and Judy Lenoir and Teddy Gaze Sr.



Christina Pearl Nilson graduated from Lakeside High School on June 1, 2013.

While in school Christina was named the 2013 North Star League All Star, she also participated in Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Basketball 2 years, BPA 1 year, FCCLA 2 years, Lettermans Club 4 years and was Homecoming Queen Junior Year.

She plans on attending North Idaho College and entering into the Nursing Program.

Proud parents are Charlotte and Jim Nilson, Brothers, Tim Wolfe, Jordan Nilson and Niece Kyleigh Wolfe. Grandparents are Juanita Wolfe, Merle SiJohn Sr., Lenny Friendlander, Eugene & Marilyn Nilson and my Dee Dee Pearl Perry! I love you family and thank you for all that you have done!



Margaret SiJohn, Shawna Campbell-Daniels graduated from the University of Idaho with her Master of Business Administration Degrees on May 6, 2013 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

She currently works as the Hotel Manager for the Coeur d'Alene Casino and has two children, Tyson and Laila.

support and encouraging words and all of my family for believing in me. Dr. Meyer, thank you for always pushing me beyond what I think is possible! God puts the right people in your path at the right time.

Thomas Rickman completed his Executive Master's Degree of Business Administration and plans on Coming to a casino nearest you!

First I would like to thank the Coeur D'Alene Tribe for giving me this wonderful opportunity to further my education and advance my career. I would like to thank my family and friends for all their support these past two years. I would like to send a special thanks to my parents Thomas and Wendy Rickman, for always pushing me in the right direction and encouraging me to go farther in life. I also would like to thank my girlfriend Natalia and my daughter Brioni for putting up with all my late night reading sessions and countless hours on the computer.

Lakeside sends two golfers to state tournament



In its second season, the Lakeside golf team once again earned spots in the state golf tournament - held this year on "home court" at the Circling Raven Golf Club. Jordan Nilson (left) and Sierra Shamburg (right) along with coach Jess Arthur attended the tournament on May 13 & 14 along with other contenders from across the state. Although neither placed high in the tournament, the fact that the school has developed player's skills enough to qualify for the tournament is a testament to the golf talents of our area youth. Congratulations to Jordan, Sierra and the rest of the Lakeside Golf team for their tremendous efforts this year!

A night on the town, Lakeside celebrates end of year with prom



As is tradition with any American high school - Lakeside is ending the school year in style with the Annual Junior Prom. Students gathered at the Parkside Event Center in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on April 27, 2013 to dance the night away in their very best formal (or semi-formal) wear. Sparkles and bright colors seemed to dominate the venue as the girls swayed in flowing gowns.

The first proms were held at colleges and were simple, home-grown events meant to teach good manners. More specifically, the dances got their start in the Northeast in the late 1800's. According to historians, one of the earliest references to prom comes from the journal of a male student at Amherst College who, in an entry from 1894, describes his invitation to, and experience at, an early prom at the nearby Smith College.

Photo by Lee Zahir

ECLC celebrates the Week of the Young Child



Teachers, students and community members take part in the Annual ECLC WOYC parade in Plummer, Idaho. The event is held to draw focus to the needs of young children. Photos by Lynn Lowley



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be diminished by the negative or hateful people of the world. We formalized the "attitude of gratitude" in what we do here at the CCRH, which in turn enables service with a smile because we have happy, thankful employees.

Most of all, I believe in people so empower them to do the greatest job possible, while rewarding the great ideas that lead to our improvement. The results have been phenomenal.

The road to even greater success is really not any more complex or difficult. The formula is simple: quality product, beautiful facilities, and exemplary customer service. These are the things that will lead to greater revenues, additional profit, more jobs and bigger per capita payments to tribal members. I know some people are trying to say construction and remodeling projects comes right out of profits or per capita payments, but this just isn't true at all. It may make for good fodder in political circles where harsh judgments are made on personnel for no good reason. However, these kinds of investments are capitalized and depreciated over time, so in any one year the cost charged to that year is negligible.

For example, a building remodel costing let's say 300,000 may be depreciated over 15 years, so the cost charged any one year is only \$20,000 (using straight line depreciation and not considering salvage value). Yet, the net result

may be the improvements greatly enhance the facility's ambience and atmosphere bringing in more guests and millions more in revenue. Then, it's a no brainer: make the improvement!

We have made these kinds of improvements, and not borrowing \$86 million as was done a few years ago. That \$86 million borrowing resulted in an additional cost to the casino of \$1 million per month just for the loan payment alone, coming right out of the bottom line and per capitas. Further, the building of non-revenue generating spaces actually results in additional costs for maintenance, utilities, insurance, upkeep, etc., at the peak of a million dollars per month, which does come right out of the bottom line and revenues for per capita payments. We've done everything possible to mitigate the negative effects, make the interior and exterior design and look compatible (rather than the schizo-industrial, hard airport look the new additions had), and provide convenient parking for guests.

The results have been phenomenal. Our guests are back in droves, our overall performance is near record levels every month, and we've come a long ways toward making up the deficiencies from borrowing and runaway expansion (\$86 million borrowing).

Let's keep our pedal to the metal, keep driving towards our collective success and see the beauty that can come from a group of people working together, hoping together and believing together. I'm proud to know and work with all of you.



First time all three grandkids together: Philip and Ruth LaSarte with Granddaughters; Princess Aubrey, Princess Daisy and Princess Hadassah.

What is the “Idle No More” movement - an explanation of the cause by Blackfeet member

By Gyasi WorldPeace Ross
Author & Attorney
Member of the Blackfeet Nation

What The Heck Are All These Indians Acting All Indian About, Eh?

Lately, Native people have taken to the streets malls in demonstrations of Public Indianness (or “PI”) that surpasses the sheer volume of activism of even Alcatraz and the Longest Walk.

There’s a heapum big amount of PI going on right now! Many people, non-Native and Native alike, are wondering what the heck is going with their local Native population and how this so-called #IdleNoMore movement managed to get the usually muffled Natives restless enough to be Indian in public.

I mean, like Chris Rock said, he hasn’t ever even met two Indians at the same time. He’s seen “polar bears riding a tricycle” but he’s “never seen an Indian family just chillin’ out at Red Lobster.”

Yet, now people can’t seem to get away from us.

And that’s cool, but isn’t that what pow-wows and November

is for? People (non-Native and Native alike) can only take so much PI, right? Is that what the #IdleNoMore movement is -- an extended Native American Heritage Month, where non-Natives have to act like they’re fascinated by Native culture?

In a word, no. It is much more. Please consider this a fairly exhaustive explanation of the #IdleNoMore movement, what it is not and what it is . If for some reason you cannot read the next 1,000 or so brilliant words, they can be summed up thusly: the #IdleNoMore Movement is not a new movement. Instead, it is the latest incarnation of the sustained Indigenous resistance to the rape, pillage and exploitation of this continent and its women that has existed since 1492. It is not the Occupy movement, although there are some similarities. It is not only about Canada and it is not only about Native people. Finally, and probably most importantly, it (and we) are not going away any time soon. So get used to it (and us).

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Movement: What it is about
 “The ground on which we

stand is sacred ground. It is the blood of our ancestors.” --Chief Plenty Coups, Apsaalooke
 “...you have come here; you are taking my land from me; you are killing off our game, so it is hard for us to live.” --Tasunke Witko (Crazy Horse), Oglala Lakota

As the above quotes display, the Indigenous Resistance to the raping and pillaging of the Earth is not new. Likewise, Indigenous peoples’ efforts to protect the mothers of our Nations -- the women -- are not new either. The #IdleNoMore movement is simply the latest chapter in that resistance.

It’s About: **PROTECTING THE EARTH.** First and foremost, the #IdleNoMore movement is about protecting the Earth for all people from the carnivorous and capitalistic spirit that wants to exploit and extract every last bit of resources from the land.

Therefore, anybody who cares about this Earth should be interested in the #IdleNoMore movement. The engineers were Nina Wilson, Sheelah Mclean, Sylvia McAdam and Jessica Gordon. It was a response to

Canada’s Bill C-45, which overhauled the Navigable Waters Protection Act and removed protections for many waters that go through First Nations.

Changing the Act literally moves the emphasis of the protection -- it morphs from protecting the waterways to protecting the navigation on those waterways. Now, instead of 30-some thousand lakes being protected under the old Act, only 97 lakes will be protected. As Canadian Parliament Member Kirsty Duncan eloquently states, “The days when Canadians take an endless abundance of fresh water for granted are numbered...”

These mobilized Native people wanted to ensure that children two, three and 12 generations from now would have clean water. The children that will benefit from the Native mobilization are not just Native children it’s for all children. Lakes and rivers tend to be either clean or dirty for Native and non-Native children alike.

It’s not a Native thing or a white thing, it’s an Indigenous world-view thing. It’s a “protect the Earth” thing. For those transfixed

on race, you’re missing the point. The #IdleNoMore Movement simply wants kids of all colours and ethnicities to have clean drinking water. It’s also not a “Canada” or “United States” thing. Multinational corporations do not care about borders and neither should we. Despite legislation to intended to prevent pollution, corporation pollute freely with almost complete impunity and our children are the ones that suffer. We likewise should not care about borders -- we are mobilizing on both sides because we understand that what we do affects one another.

We will continue to aggressively organize and be #IdleNoMore about the attempts to destroy our sacred lands, whether its Keystone XL Pipeline or Tar Sands Mining in Canada. We will be #IdleNoMore on SSA Marine’s attempts to create a deep-water shipping terminal for water and air poisoning dirty coal in the Lummi waters near Puget Sound, WA or any disrespect to our lands.

We’re not going anywhere, we’re not going to be silent, we’re #IdleNoMore!

Palouse Discovery Science Center visits Cd’A Rez



Students take part in experiments provided by the Palouse Science Center. Photo by Lee Zahir

The Palouse Discovery Science Center is bringing hands-on science and learning experiences to people of all ages. We are a non-profit organization whose purpose is to further the public’s understanding of science and technology through the use of educational programs, exhibits, teaching collections, and activities which emphasize the physical participation of individuals. The Center’s offerings will support and enhance science in both formal (such as school systems) and informal situations involved with life-long learning.

The PDSC offers an outreach program with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) exhibits. They travel to various locales bringing portable experiments with them in order to enrich the mind of those students interested in the Program. The PDSC offered a few exhibits to the Coeur d’Alene reservation and invited people to the Wellness Center to partake in those. The program was a success and enjoyed by those in attendance.

In 1999 an intrepid group of science minded Moscow-vites chartered a non-profit science center and began bringing science demonstrations and activities to outreach events all around the Palouse region. In 2003, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. provided an 11,000-square-foot facility valued at \$750,000 for the PDSC. In November 2003, the PDSC celebrated its Grand Opening in the new facility located in

Pullman, Washington. Then, in 2006, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. pledged one million dollars for a permanent facility for the PDSC. The grand opening in this facility took place January 12, 2008. For the past several years the Science Center has provided interactive science exhibits for the public, programs for visiting school classes and preschoolers, workshops for

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Success Center holds 4-H showcase



Success Center Art students painted tiles to create mosaic pieces that were highlighted at the Showcase on May 16th. Photo by Lee Zahir



Gardening accomplishments by the students were also highlighted during the 4-H showcase. Photo by Lee Zahir



The Beading and Cd’A Language group, along with Success Center manager Jacquie Hoffman (far right) are shown with students expressing introducing themselves in Schintsu’umsh at the 4-H showcase night. Photo by Lee Zahir

~ Health News ~

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Indian health joins CDC smoking cessation program

IHS has joined the national CDC tobacco education campaign, "Tips from Former Smokers," to help deter the use of commercial tobacco in Indian Country.

The health consequences of smoking are staggering; each year, an estimated 443,000 people die prematurely from smoking, and an estimated 49,000 of these smoking-related deaths are a result of secondhand smoke exposure. And the consequences are even more dramatic in Indian Country:

American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) have the highest prevalence of smoking and other tobacco use of any population group in the United States.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, 17.8 percent of AI/AN women smoked during their pregnancy, compared to 13.9 percent of non-Hispanic white women. Tobacco use during pregnancy is one of the key preventable



causes of adverse pregnancy outcomes.

Nationally, Native American youth living on reservations have the highest smokeless tobacco use of all U.S. population groups. Smokeless tobacco can cause cancer of the esophagus, mouth, and pancreas.

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death among AI/ANs, and tobacco use is an important risk factor. Cancer is the second leading cause of death among AI/ANs nationally, and lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death.

Most smokers—nearly 70%—say

they plan to quit, and half make a serious attempt for a day or longer each year. The "Tips from Former Smokers" campaign was designed to create a sense of immediacy about the damage smoking causes to encourage people to stop smoking now or not to start.

Please help us spread the message throughout Indian Country about the benefits of quitting and not starting the use of commercial tobacco products. Further information on commercial tobacco use among AI/ANs is available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/campaign/tips/groups/american-indian-alaska-native.html> and <http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/research/factsheets/pdf/0251.pdf>.

General information on the national campaign and tips for quitting smoking are available at <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/educationCampaign/> and <http://betobaccofree.hhs.gov/index.html>.

What disabilities do we find in Indian communities?

Submitted by Wilma Bob

Every type of disability that is found in the general population can also be found in the AI/AN population. Several small studies have surveyed tribal communities to identify most frequent types of disabilities. These studies (Clay, 1992; Rural Institute on Disabilities, 1995; AIDL, 2000) generally found that the following types of disabilities are most often reported in Indian community surveys:

Spinal cord injury (see Vocational Rehabilitation [VR] section for more information); Diabetes complications; Blindness; Mobility disability; Traumatic brain injury (see VR section for more information); Deafness or hardness of hearing; Orthopedic conditions; Arthralgia; Emotional or mental health conditions (see VR section for more information); Learning disabilities; Alcoholism or drug dependence (see VR section for more information)

Not all disabilities are easily seen or can be seen at all. Many individuals have hidden or unseen disabilities, such as emotional or mental health problems, learning disabilities, alcohol/drug dependence, or deafness. Some people are born with their disability, or develop the disability early in life. Other people acquire their disability later in life as a result of disease, age, or injury.

If we live long enough, we will each experience life with a disability.

Barriers and Challenges:
Attitude: Most nondisabled people do not understand people with disabilities. Too often we see the disability and not the person. This is also true in our AI/AN communities. You can help change this!

Employment: Federally recognized Indian tribes are specifically exempt as employers under Title I of ADA, which prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in employment and requires that employers make reasonable accommodation for employees with disabilities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.). This exemption is a barrier for Indians with disabilities in Indian country, particularly in rural areas where tribal governments are the largest employer. Some tribal governments have voluntarily complied with ADA or adopted their own codes to protect people with disabilities from employment discrimination.

Housing: Homes are not generally designed to meet the needs of people with disabilities.

There is limited funding at the tribal level to cover the cost of retrofitting tribal or private housing. This housing barrier can mean the difference between an individual with disabilities living independently or living under the care of others. Every home should have some means for "visitability" for people with disabilities.

Healthy Living

Healthy living expands the scope of health care by integrating a wellness approach, including sport and recreation activities. Wellness involves the mind, body, spirit, and context of the individual. Many Native American cultures emphasize harmony between mind, body, spirit, and one's relationship with one's community and the environment. In this way, today's health and wellness model may be highly compatible with the values of tribal members with disabilities.

Today's wellness model focuses on the optimal functioning of individuals regardless of disability or health status. Wellness spans a continuum that is unique to each individual and his or her context—a context composed of environmental factors such as culture, community, family, social networks, social history, and physical environment. More specifically, health and wellness may be measured in the following ways: the ability to function and have the option to do what one wishes; being independent and having self-determination with regard to choices, opportunities, and activities; having physical and emotional states of well-being; and not being held back by pain. Individual factors relating to health and wellness are: Pain management; Rest; Exercise; Nutrition; Weight; Skin care; Medication; Bodily functioning; Sexuality; Aging; Attitude; Identity; Beliefs; Self-determination; Social contribution; Consumer knowledge; Personal growth and development; Health management; Social support; Employment; School; Accessibility accommodation; Personal assistant services; Housing; Transportation; Knowledge and sensitivity of others, including health care providers.

Eligibility is found thru a documented disability by a physician that consists of a barrier to your employment. If this is you, make an appointment, come in and talk with a counselor. Let us see if we can help you to continue in gainful employment.

THE HEALING LODGE OF THE SEVEN NATIONS



Yapqinem: Gathering of the People

The Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations will provide a presentation on 1) the services offered at the Healing Lodge, 2) our therapeutic approach and the neuroscience behind it, 3) challenges, 4) funding, and 5) admissions.

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~ Editorials ~ sne'kunmn

Mahoney: grateful to Charlotte Nilson

At the Swearing in Ceremony, Charlotte Nilson had presented eagle feathers to three individuals, individuals that had served along her term as a council member. I was one of the three who had received an eagle feather along with our Chairman and Vice-Chairman. I have worked for our Tribe for over eighteen years. During that time I have

worked for twenty-three different Tribal Council Members, two Chairman's, eight Vice Chairman's and six Secretary-Treasurers. I have the outmost respect and administration for Charlotte. I will treasure my eagle feather forever.

*Lim Lemtsh
Vicki Mahoney*

Doyle: absentee ballots would be nice

We all have prejudices as a human race but usually not against our own clan. Hundreds of tribal members, family names known and unknown, do not reside on the "rez". Nonetheless, we are all from the same fabric and should support our members, be they young, old, rich, poor, sick, educated, or not.

Which brings up an issue to many who do not live on our Cd' A reservation in Idaho: why can't tribal members who cannot make

the trip to vote every May do so by mail?? It would be simple: put the ballot in the April tribal paper and make it due the weekend of voting. The ballot could be notarized or with copy of tribal ID to be counted. This would especially help the elders who usually need to depend on younger members to transport them to tribal functions.

*B. Doyle
Cd' A elder*

Pakootas: thank you for donations

I would like to thank the people that donated to the dinner of my Uncle Christopher Moctelme and to those one that came, and ESPECIALLY FOR BONNIE FELSMAN MARTINEZ AND HER HELPERS. She had to cook for the funeral before so a special thanks from the Moctelme Family.

*Thank you
Sharon Moctelme Pakootas*

Sharrett: levy failed - but thank you for the support

As you may have heard, the levy failed. Results were as follows:

YES - 349 VOTES 44.9% NO - 426 VOTES 55.1%

We want to thank everyone for their positive attitudes and relentless advocacy of our students. It was wonderful to see a united front supporting education and our community. We will continue to do everything we can to provide the best educational services for your children.

*Sincerely,
Judi Sharrett, Superintendent*

SiJohn: congrats to winners and thank you for the support

I would like to Thank everyone for their support in this year's Tribal Election. I appreciate the opportunity I was given to run this year. The experience I gained is invaluable to my continued commitment to grow and learn. I believe unless we continue to try new things beyond what we already know we will never grow.

Congratulations to both Alfred Nomee and Charlotte Wolfe for their re-election. I wish you two the best in the upcoming years. To all the candidates who ran for Tribal election many thanks to your efforts and I appreciate your dedication to our Tribe. Thru perseverance, hard work and belief anything can be accomplished.

*Thank you for your time,
Margaret A. Sijohn*



Ari Jordan won 2nd place in the 400 meter race at the Washington State School for the Blind Track Meet on May 16th in Vancouver, WA. This is Ari's second year competing with other blind children from Washington and Oregon. She also competed in the 50, 100 and 200 meter races. Ari is the daughter of CDA Tribal member, Janice Jordan and adopted daughter of Kevin Bichler, both of Spokane Valley.



Congratulations Andrew James Davison!
We are so proud of you!
Your dedication and hard work paid off!

Love Your Wife and Children



Congratulations on this important milestone in your life Son!
We are very proud you.

Love Mom, Dad, Sakima and Matoska.

A family that runs together - stays healthy



A family picture of Yvonne Bermudes, Jeanne Givens, Teresa Iyall-Williams, Jack Williams, Susan Garry, and Maria Givens, all ran and completed Bloomsday this year in Spokane, WA. Family members have made this Spokane staple a tradition.

Keeping the traditions alive - family style



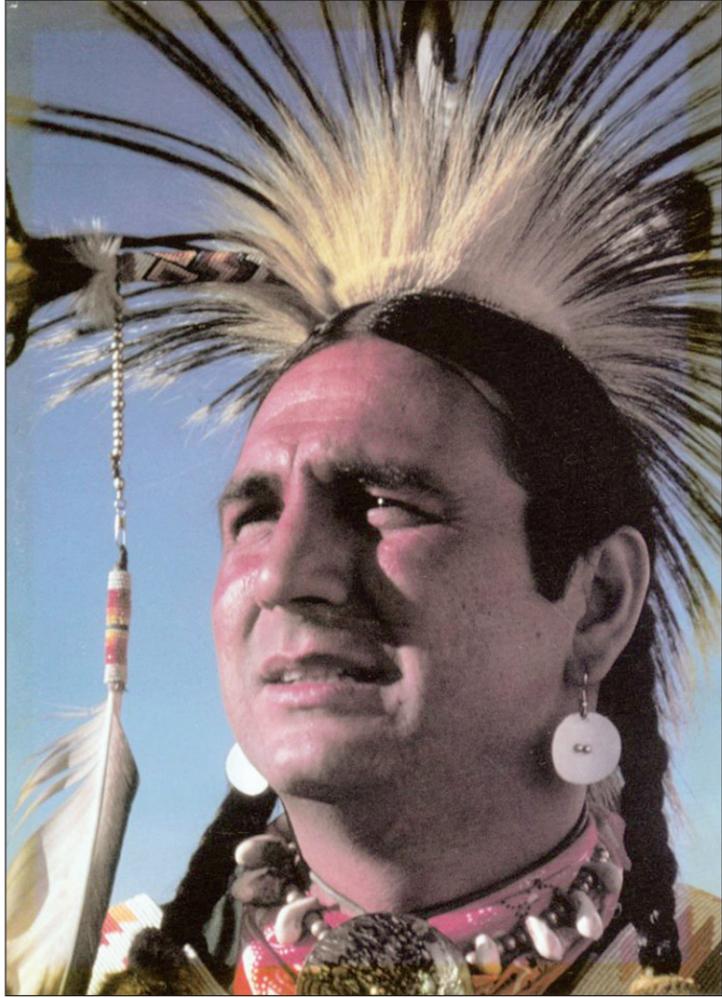
Attending the annual Univeristy of Washington Pow-wow are family members Mrs. Teresa Iyall-Williams, Mrs. Jeanne Givens, Susan Garry and Gabriel Zarate. This is the largest student-run event on the UW campus bringing in an average of 8000 people every year, this year's event was themed "Our beating hearts, dance to our health."



The One Sky Community Garden was recently adorned with a new sign. The garden is located in Plummer behind the old fire station and allows anyone who would like to participate in its care. Photo by L. Zahir

~ In Passing ~

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Darrel Wayne Abrahamson 10/28/52 – 5/1/13

Darrel Wayne Abrahamson passed away peacefully on May 1, 2013, on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation.

He was an enrolled member of the Colville Confederated Tribes, as well as the Spokane and Coeur d'Alene Tribes. He was born at home in Spokane, Washington to James Abrahamson Sr. and Violet Friedlander Abrahamson.

Darrel was a well-known powwow traditional dancer and had traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada, as well as over-seas. He was a champion in his dance style, and was asked many times to be a head dancer, arena director, and head judge at powwows and gatherings. His noted position was a two-time head drum judge at the Gathering of

Nations, one of the largest events in Indian Country. He was very proud of his Native heritage, and appeared in numerous documentaries and coordinated cultural events, and gatherings.

Darrel was a veteran and was proud of his service to protect our homeland. He was in the U.S. Army from 1972-1974, and asked many times to bring in the American flag for cultural events and gatherings as a veteran.

Darrel is survived by his wife, Rose Ann Abrahamson, a member of the Shoshone Bannock Tribes, and four daughters, Dustina (Jamie Farmer), Lacey (Kyle Bacon), Willow (Clair Fox), and Leela Abrahamson, and four grandchildren (Elijah, Zahnive, Nakeezaka, and Mika Rose). He is also survived by his father James Abrahamson Sr., his brother James Abrahamson Jr., nieces and nephews, and many extended family members. He had also extended his love to others and adopted many people throughout Indian Country and the Powwow

Circle, and is survived by them all.

He was preceded in death by his mother Violet F. Abrahamson, brother's Kenneth L. and Gary Lee Abrahamson, his granddaughter Maliah Jack, paternal grandparents Milo James Abrahamson and Millie Wynne of Wellpinit, Washington, and his maternal grandparents Sam Friedlander of Nespelem, Washington and Margret Vallee of DeSmet, Idaho.

Funeral services begin on May 2, 2013 with a Sunrise Ceremony at his home on Pokibro Lane on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, followed by a farewell feast at 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., followed by a military service at 1 p.m.

Afterwards, Darrel will be transported to Wellpinit, Washington on the Spokane Indian Reservation for traditional Interior Salish "Washut" Services on May 3, 2013 at the Longhouse. This will be followed by Mass and Burial on Saturday at 10 a.m. in Ford, Washington at the Hubert (Indian) Cemetery on May 4, 2013.

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for the work they do. Then they adjusted their daily operating procedures based on these findings, focusing on safety. Furthermore, the department works hard to try to keep employees working when they are injured by offering "light duty" jobs. This gets the employee off short term disability and back on the payroll, thus reducing the cost to the Casino. Their attitude toward safety is the reason we want to recognize them.

To show our appreciation of their "Safety Sense" we would like to present to each team member this pin for them to wear.

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stepping up and helping out a fellow employee!

Our Honorable Mentions for the month of April are:

Ray LaSarte, Bingo Beverage Service; Jose Duenas, Floor Maintenance; Raeanna Hendrickx, Floor Maintenance; Maria Huerta, Floor Maintenance; Jessica Younger, Beverage Service; Denise Ross, Hotel Front Desk; Joyce Flower, Bingo Admin. Assistant; Sarah Regnier, Floor Maintenance; John Crispin, Beverage Service; Josh Jeremias, Banquets; Bryan Ross, Facilities Maintenance; Jill Brislin, C-Store Cashier; Merle Bighead, Host; Nancy Daley Zehm, Hotel Front Desk; Kavin Lewis, Facilities Maintenance; Jason Flower, Facilities Maintenance.

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.

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

The winners will receive their awards on Tuesday, May 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the employee lounge.

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to underburning is to recycle nutrients and stimulate grass and forb growth for wildlife use.

In addition, the Fuels Crew has been working on pile burning at A149B off of Mowry Road. Once the prescribed burn window closes, the fuels crew will be starting the hazardous fuels reduction (HFR) operations on A177 and A178 north of Mowry Road near the Sub Agency. The Fuels Program has 1 active hazardous fuels reduction (HFR) Project under contract and Sczenski Contracting will begin their operations on the Moses Mountain Road Brushing Project once weather conditions are favorable. Please be cautious near the above mentioned areas and signs are posted during active operations. If you have any questions, contact Chuck Simpson – Fuels Specialist - at (208) 686-5030.

Forest Development: Tree planting was completed on May 10, along with the 36 acres that needed spot spraying with Rodeo herbicide. All tree seedlings were planted, so we have no extra available to share this year. In between planting days, Ron has been removing shade cards from established plantations on allotments 438 and 567 to shelter seedlings on allotments 64 and 619. An Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) contract with the Natural Resources Conservation Service was routed to help fund Forest Development work in the Eagle Peak Management Unit. Where white pine is a significant part of the stand, it will be pruned to remove or prevent blister rust infections. Some areas will also be thinned to concentrate growth

on fewer trees, to increase the average stand diameter and improve forest health. Open areas will also be interplanted with desirable species in conjunction with tree planting for an active timber sale in the area.

Forest Management Inventory & Planning: Now that spring planting and prescribed burning are over, progress on the Inventory Analysis Report should improve.

Fire Management: Fire season is nearing and activity nationally is picking up, here at home we are still green with fire activity still low. Our engine crew was on the Miller Creek fire in Rathdrum, Idaho, a small 3 acre fire assisting the Idaho Department of Lands.

The remaining staff has been finishing up inventory of our fire cache and engines, getting equipment serviced and ready for use during fire season, finalizing our annual agreements, and lastly finishing up the spring prescribed burning here on the Rez (we burn 477 acres this spring).

As our fuels dry, be careful when you're out enjoying our beautiful home lands and report any fire quickly.

The North Idaho Guard School training session for 2013 for new and some of the advanced firefighter training is being hosted here on the reservation at Camp Sanders. The session will be held the first week of June with students from the Forest Service, Idaho Department of Lands, Nez Perce Tribe, and of course the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

I know we always put something about fire safety and home safety, but if you have not gotten started with creating

a defensible space around your home, it's never too late to get started, here's a reminder. A little work now can go a long ways for protection of your home's (a little effort now will go a long ways). If you have any questions or want our staff to come visit your home and give you some pointers give us a call at 686-1199.

Maximize "Defensible Space"

Mow your lawn. High grass is like a race track for flames heading straight toward your house. Keeping the grass mowed substantially reduces a wildfire's fuel supply in the last few dozen yards before your house.

Eliminate shrubs that grow close to your house. Shrubs catch fire quickly if struck by burning embers – and are like kindling to your home.

Clear any dead or overhanging branches from around your house. Those same trees that provide shade in the summer could also point a fire right toward your house.

Clip the lower branches on all trees, and prune back nearby shrubs, to keep fire from climbing trees.

Move your LP/propane tank at least 30 to 50 feet from your home.

Trim shrubs, cut grass and clear branches away from your fuel tank, just as you would from around your home.

Don't forget sheds, barns and other outbuildings.

Fireproof Your Home

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

Replace flammable siding with nonflammable.

Maintain your hose in good

working condition and check it for leaks, dry rot, etc.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Decks

Use metal or other nonflammable boards for deck construction. If you've inherited a flammable hardwood or composite deck, use a fire retardant treatment.

Clear brush and other materials that could fuel a fire from underneath decks. Don't use the underside of your deck or home as a storage area.

Tribal school gives final performance of "Circling Raven"



Students at the Coeur d'Alene Tribal school perform their last show of "The Vision of Circling Raven" on May 10. The story tells the story of Circling Raven's prophecy that the "Black Robes" will come to the land and help the people against new diseases and new invaders. That message was carried on by Circling Raven's son Twisted Earth after his passing - a message that came to be when the Jesuits first crossed onto the lands.

Federal spending worsens as time passes

By Mark Trahant

Indian Country has already been hit hard by the sequester.

Lacey Horn, treasurer of the Cherokee Nation, recently told National Public Radio that the tribe had been planning for the impact for some time with cost-cutting measures, a hiring freeze for all non-essential positions, and canceled training and travel. "We're delaying or foregoing any capital acquisitions, both large and small. And we're looking at our encumbrances to see if there's any changes in scope or quantity that we can make and strictly enforce the employee overtime."

Horn's goal is to try and absorb the sequester "to the greatest extent possible before we start making reductions in jobs and services."

This is exactly what a tribal government should be doing. Looking for ways to "absorb" the cuts with as little impact as possible on direct services or jobs.

But can tribes do that over and over for the next decade? The Budget Control Act, the law that governs the sequester, is a ten-year austerity effort. As the Bipartisan Policy Center describes the law: "Sequestration's effect will be akin

to that of a slow motion train wreck ... the ramifications will steadily worsen as time passes."

The Congressional Budget Office reported that the president's budget would "lower the caps for 2017 through 2021 on discretionary spending that were originally set by the Budget Control Act and extend those caps through 2023. However, much of that lower spending would be offset by eliminating the automatic spending reductions that have occurred or are scheduled to occur under current law from 2013 through 2021. In total, those changes would lead to discretionary outlays that are 6 percent lower in 2016 than they were in 2012 but that would grow later in the decade; as a percentage of GDP, such outlays would fall from 8.3 percent in 2012 to 5.0 percent in 2023, 0.5 percentage points lower than the amount in CBO's baseline and the lowest level in at least the past 50 years."

Think about the last part of that sentence. The president's budget would lift some of the hard spending caps under the Budget Control Act, but even then federal spending for domestic programs would be at the lowest level since President Kennedy's time. And, as I have

written before, the president's budget represents a decent outcome. The president's budget, according to CBO, would trim federal deficits by \$1.1 trillion over the coming decade. Not a bad outcome. But the president's budget would require a "yes" vote from both the House and the Senate. That's not going to happen.

In the weeks to come, the House Appropriations Committee will move next year's spending bills through that body. Chairman Hal Rogers, R-Kentucky, supports an increase in Defense spending -- at the expense of domestic programs, such as those that benefit Indian Country. The Hill newspaper said: "The House Appropriations Committee outline — known in budget parlance as 302b allocations — makes clear that the heaviest cuts will fall on health, education, jobs programs, foreign aid and environmental programs."

Under Rogers' plan the Interior Department, for example, would get hit with cuts at 16 percent below the current sequester. (That budget line includes both the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service.)

If the president's budget doesn't stand a chance of becoming law, then neither does Rogers' budget. But it does show how deep the divide in Congress is and why it's getting wider. It will be impossible without an election or two to restore budgets beyond austerity (despite the growing evidence of the economic damage caused by spending cuts).

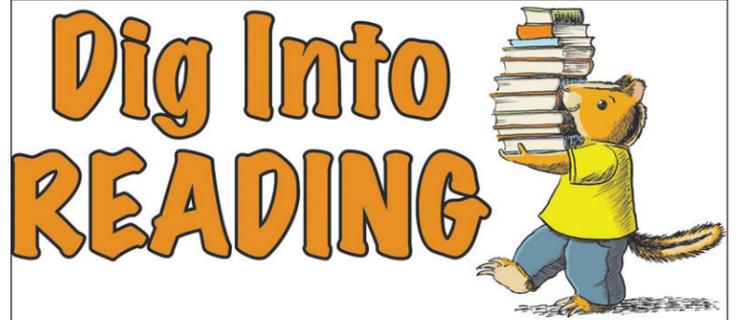
What this means for Indian Country is that the most likely outcome of the budget fight is another temporary budget, or a Continuing Resolution, along the lines of the current sequester. The bottom line is a budget outcome that steadily worsens as time passes.

Mark Trahant is a writer, speaker and Twitter poet. He lives in Fort Hall, Idaho, and is a member of The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. Join the discussion about austerity. A Facebook page is open at: <https://www.facebook.com/IndianCountryAusterity>

PCAT awards Tribe for service



Members of the Plummer Community Action Team (PCAT) present the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council, thanking and recognizing them for the work they put into the community.



Dig Into READING

Summer Reading Program for kids
1st - 5th grades at the Plummer Public Library. Starts June 13th. Gardening theme for activities, cool prizes, music, food, fun and literacy. (Reading is important!) Please contact Paulina Freeburg at the Plummer Library for more information about the program. 208-686-1812

CRGC offering golf academies in July

Circling Raven Golf Club - located in the scenic Idaho panhandle, adjacent to the recently expanded Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel - is once again welcoming Pros2Go and the Brian Mogg Golf Academies this July.

Returning this summer is the Brian Mogg Golf Academy. Mogg is listed as a "Top 50 Best Teacher" by Golf Digest and has instructed PGA stars such as Y.E. Yang, D.A. Points, Skip Kendall and John Cook. Sessions will be two to four hours on July 1 and July 26. Cost is \$300 per person and includes a light breakfast and full game instruction.

Pros2Go Golf Academy provides in-depth learning with on-course application through its student-centered model. LPGA golf instructors Susan Briske and Carla Glasgow will conduct three-day camps in three sessions: July 12-15, 15-18 and 19-22.

Cost of each camp is \$799 per person and includes three days of instruction, lunch every day, two rounds of golf and many discounts at Circling Raven and the Coeur

d'Alene Casino.

"We are excited to have leading instructors at our resort and work with golfers to enhance their skills," said Circling Raven Director of Golf Tom Davidson, PGA. "We strive to provide exceptional experiences and these academies are top notch."

Set on 620 pristine acres, Circling Raven is a Gene Bates-design that has garnered multiple awards since opening in 2003. Celebrating its 10-year anniversary, the course will hold a drawing on the 10th of each month for a stay, play and dine package. Golfers who play the course and complete an entry form are eligible.

Stay-and-play packages start at \$219 and include golf for two players and one overnight stay. Daily rates through Sept. 29 are \$80 Monday-Thursday and \$95 Friday-Sunday and holidays, including cart, GPS and range use. To book a tee time or stay-and-play package and for more information please visit www.cdacasino.com, www.circlingraven.com or call 800.523.2464.

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educators, educational birthday parties, and a variety of community events. The PDSC serves a 4,720-square-mile area in northern Idaho and eastern Washington that

is rural and largely agricultural, with approximately 134,000 residents. Three higher-education institutions are in the region: The University of Idaho, Washington State University and Eastern Washington University.

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