



Tribal Members speak out on Coeur d'Alene Basin Restoration Project



A view of the St. Joe River Valley in Benewah County Idaho.

From June 13th to August 27th of 2013, Tribal members joined many others in sharing their views on natural resource restoration in the Coeur d'Alene Basin. The Restoration Partnership, co-lead by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe represented by the Lake Management Department, conducted a public scoping period aimed at getting input on the development of a restoration plan for the Coeur d'Alene Basin. Open house meetings were held in Kellogg, Harrison, Coeur d'Alene, and Worley.

At the end of scoping, over 229 distinct comments were received from over 100 people, several of whom were Tribal members. Although specific identities remain confidential, the

overall tone of the comments was very supportive of natural resource restoration in the Basin. While most comments focused on water quality or fisheries, many also expressed a desire to see work done in specific geographic locations.

Natural resource restoration is necessary due to the historic releases of mine-waste contamination that has injured, and continues to injure, some of the regional natural resources. The Environmental Protection Agency is responsible for clean-up of the contamination, but the Tribe and other natural resource Trustees (the Partnership) are responsible for returning the natural resources to a healthy condition. Funds

for this endeavor come from settlements received from the mining companies as a result of nearly 20 years of litigation that were led by the Tribe.

"From the time of Henry SiJohn, the Tribe has always taken the lead on restoring our region's natural resources as a result of the ill-effects of mine waste contamination," said Phillip Cerna, Director of the Tribe's Lake Management Department and Tribal representative on the Partnership's Trustee Council. "We filed the first lawsuit claiming natural resources injuries in 1991 and began pestering the feds until they finally joined forces with the Tribe in 1996." Since that time three federal agencies and two

state agencies have followed the Tribe's lead and the last of the major settlements was reached in 2011, with Hecla Mining Company.

"Now we have entered the planning phase where it's still important to make sure the Tribe's voice is heard," said Cerna.

Rebecca Stevens, the Tribe's Hazardous Waste Management Program Manager, concurs: "It was great to see participation from the Tribal membership on an issue that affects the Tribe's current reservation as well as its aboriginal homeland," she said. "This participation helps ensure that tribal values are taken into consideration when developing a restoration plan for the entire Coeur d'Alene Basin."

Stevens is active in the planning process and, as a Tribal representative, is the co-coordinator on the Restoration Team; the technical group responsible for developing the Restoration Plan. Another Tribal employee, Caj Matheson, serves as the voice for the entire Partnership as its Communications Specialist.

In the next steps, the Partnership will consider all the input, develop restoration alternatives, and analyze those alternatives. This information will be released as a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in the late spring to early summer. At that time, another public commenting period will take place where people can comment on the draft EIS.

"We hope that the Tribal membership will review the draft EIS and continue to make sure their voice is heard by commenting," said Matheson. "Tribal members can also speak with Phillip and Rebecca in the Lake Management Department about any comments they have as well," he added.

The Preliminary Scoping Report, including all the scoping comments, as well as more information about the Restoration Partnership can be found on the Partnership's website at www.restorationpartnership.org. For more questions on the Tribe's participation in the Restoration Partnership, please contact Rebecca Stevens at (208) 667-5772 or rstevens@cdatribe-nsn.gov.

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08(14) Approved Executive Operations donation Birds of Prey Northwest \$5,000; 5 for 0 against 0 abstain 1 out.

09(14) Approved Department of Education Nation Science Foundation (NSF) Discovery Research (DRK-12) HNYA'(PQI'N'M The Gathering Place project; 5 for 0 against 0 abstain 1 out.

10(14) Approved Social Services department Older Americans program Title VI application for the amount of \$86,000; 5 for 0 against 0 abstain 1 out.

11(14) Approved Social Services department Older Americans program Title VI, Part C-Caregivers application for the amount of \$21,620; 5 for 0 against 0 abstain 1 out.

12(14) Approved Natural Resources department Fisheries program Redband

Trout Conservation agreement; 5 for 0 against 0 abstain 1 out.

13(14) Approved Natural Resources department Environmental programs office Bureau of Indian Affairs Climate Change grant application \$228,310; 5 for 0 against 0 abstain 1 out.

14(14) Approved Avista Foundation application \$5,000; 5 for 0 against 0 abstain 1 out.

15(14) Approved Social Services department Kootenai Electric Trust Operation Roundup application; 5 for 0 against 0 abstain 1 out.

16(14) Approved Information Technology (IT) approve contract amendment Black Diamond Engineering; 5 for 0 against 0 abstain 1 out.

17(14) Approved Information Technology (IT) approve Robinson Bros contract amendment phase I Outside Plant Construction; 5 for 0 against 0 abstain 1 out.

18(14) Approved Information Technology department Fiber to the Home project administration signature authority; 5 for 0 against 0 abstain 1 out.

21(14) Approved Executive Operations Telephone/Electric voting policy and procedures; 4 for 0 against 0 abstain 2 out.

Star Employee Spotlight of the Month



Samantha Moore, is an Early Head Start teacher at the Tribe's Early Childhood Learning Center. Samantha Moore started out at ECLC as a substitute with no experience and very young. She immediately stepped in, took initiative to learn everything she could and quickly demonstrated her natural leadership skills by completing her Child Development certification, developing relationships with

children of all ages and quickly picking up on the required duties of a quality teacher. Since her first day at ECLC she has continued to learn, grow and take on leadership roles. She is a mentor for other teachers, she models how a quality classroom functions and she volunteers for opportunities outside her normal duties in order to strengthen our center-wide services. Examples include her current role as Teacher Representative, mentoring new teachers in Early Head Start, advocating for all teachers in the center, participating on various committees and speaking up about things that are important to the success of children and families. Samantha, (Sam) is an ECLC rock star and shines brightly in the eyes of children, families and co-workers. She began her career with the Center in 2009 as a substitute in the classroom. She is

now a full-time employee as an Infant/Toddler Teacher working with 2 and 3 year olds. As one of 7 children in her family she knew what it took to care for children and thought it was something she could do for a living. "When I see children reach a specific goal that's been set for them [that's my favorite part]. Nothing is better than the "they got it" moment." She plans to futher her education by working towards an Associates degree and has become interested in child health and nutrition as a focus. Moore lives in St. Maries with her husband of 3 years and their 1 year old daughter. She enjoys the outdoors by camping and 4-wheeling; she also spends time reading along with learning of her family history. Moore was nominated by her supervisor Shawna Daniels, ECLC Director.

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

NCAI President: Walker "Just took a big step backward"

In response to a controversial bill signed into law on Thursday, December 19th by Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, making it easier for schools with Native American mascots to keep them and harder for people who want to change the nicknames to challenge them, National

Congress of American Indians President Brian Cladoosby issued the following statement: "I was deeply saddened to hear that Wisconsin Governor Walker signed a misguided bill that protects racist stereotypes reinforced by using Native American names and images as school mascots. Many

communities, even some in Wisconsin, have recognized that these nicknames do not honor Native people and rejected these outdated notions. Wisconsin just took a big step backward in the journey toward a more inclusive and respectful society."

Obama nominates first Native American federal judge to bench



In a move that could bring more diversity to the federal bench, President Obama nominated a Native American woman, Diane

J. Humetewa, to serve on the U.S. District Court for Arizona on Thursday. Humetewa, a member of the Hopi tribe, was the U.S.

attorney in Arizona between 2007 and 2009, a position to which she was nominated by former President George W. Bush at the urging of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. If the Senate confirms her nomination, she would become the only active member of a Native American tribe to serve in the federal judiciary, and the first female Native American to do so, according to AZCentral.com. Prior to serving as Arizona's top federal prosecutor, Humetewa was an appellate court judge for the Hopi Tribe Appellate Court. She is currently serving as a special adviser to the president of Arizona State University on American Indian Affairs.

McCain said, according to AZCentral.com. There are currently six vacancies on the federal bench in Arizona, which has left the judiciary ill equipped to process the crushing caseload it faces. In his statement, McCain expressed hope that the four new nominations could break the logjam. "The recent judicial vacancies in Arizona have created an unsustainable situation for the Court and are a serious impediment to the administration of justice for the people of Arizona," he explained. "The need to fill these vacancies is critical as the District of Arizona ranks as one of the top ten busiest district courts in the country."

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 deadline for submissions will stand at the 20th of every month or the previous business day

Please have any and all items you wish to see in the next issue to our office by this time.

In a statement, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., lauded Humetewa's nomination and the nomination of three others who were announced at the same time. "The nominees to serve on the United States District Court for the District of Arizona have demonstrated devotion to public service and commitment to justice, and I believe they are uniquely qualified to address the legal issues facing our state,"

Mr. Obama has previously nominated a Native American man, Arvo Mikannen of the Kiowa Tribe, to serve as a federal judge, but Mikannen's confirmation was blocked by Senate Republicans during the president's first term in office. If he had been confirmed, according to Indian Country, he would have been only the third Native American in history to sit on the federal bench.

~ Chairman's Corner ~

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Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed the holiday season with your friends, family and loved ones close by. One of my favorite parts about Christmas is getting to spend it with my children and seeing it through their eyes. I especially love when we watch the children open their gifts. The anticipation and excitement they feel is unmatched by nearly anything we feel as adults and their joy makes the stress and the hustle and bustle of the season completely worth it.

The holiday season always brings cheer to my heart as I get to spend time with my family. I consider myself fortunate to live so close

to my relatives. Of course, whenever my family is together, there is laughter and smiles. And if your family is anything like mine, along with the good times comes some bad too. But here's the thing. Family is family. And I know that my family will be by my side through thick and thin.

Each January, we reflect on the year past and look forward to another year that will no doubt bring many opportunities as well as some challenges. The love of our families and friends means that we will always have people to celebrate with and share our victories, making our good times that much better. And when the going

gets tough, the strength we each get from our loved ones and our relatives will carry us through trying times. That is what makes our Tribe so great – that at the end of the day we are all family. When we face obstacles, we can lean on each other to get through it. Our combined strength makes us a force to be reckoned with and it means that together we can overcome anything we face.

Our Tribe is thriving. Our membership is growing. Our economic ventures are successful. We continue to play an active role across the state and the region. We're looking forward to another legislative session in 2014 where we plan to monitor and hopefully impact the policies



that might affect our tribe, our members and our businesses.

So as we look forward to 2014, hug your family and loved ones and be grateful for the time you have with them. Throughout this year to come,

help each other to get through the hard times and remember celebrate the good times. We are always greater together.

Chief Allan

JANUARY - 2014

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12	13	14 CDA Tribal Credit Board Meeting	15 ECLC: Graduation Committee Mtg. 12 - 1 pm	16	17	18
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~ Community Announcements ~

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Concession opportunity for Cd'A Tribal members

Here's an opportunity for you to run the food concession stand at the CDA Casino inside the event center during the Stick Game Tournaments held at the CDA Casino 3 times a year. Our next tournament is on April 4, 5, and 6, 2014.

Here are the guidelines in order to be considered to run the food stand at the CDA Casino during the mentioned events only. We strongly encourage OUR Tribal Membership to submit a letter for this opportunity.

Concessions- Stick game concessions will be available to CDA Tribal Members only. Individuals wanting to run the stick game concessions

will have to submit a letter along with a menu, to the Stick Game Committee at least one month prior of the tournament. We do read each and every letter and look at the need, purpose and past performances if applicable. The next deadline to submit your letter will be no later than March 7, 2014.

At least one person working in the stand must have a food handler's card. You can contact Mr. James Helmstetter @ 208-686-6412 or by email address jhelmstetter@cdatribe-nsn.gov to apply for a food card.

The concession stand will be required to be open at a minimum, of the following times and days: Friday- 4pm-3am; Saturday- 9am-3am

(varies on opening time due to our feed this day); Sunday- 9am-4pm.

The Stick Game Committee will meet and discuss each submitted letter and make a decision of who is awarded the concession stand. The committee will then notify all who submitted a letter of the decision made by the Committee.

Please submit your letters to the following address:

CDA Casino Stick Game Committee - Attn: Stickgame Committee/Philip Barnaby - P.O. Box 236 - Worley, Idaho. 83876; Email: mpnomee@gmail.com; Office Ph# 208-769-2644 or Cell Ph#509-671-3504.

Staying healthy in winter conditions

Shelby Rush, MD, FAAFP, FACS

We all prepare for winter by storing food, stocking the wood pile, filling the propane/kerosene tanks, weatherproofing our cars and houses, but what else can we do to prepare ourselves? Winter brings snow and ice and hazards associated with travel, whether by car or foot. We see many people at BMCWC in the winter months who have injured themselves due to the weather. Here are some simple ways to help prevent back and hip injuries in the wintertime.

Falling on ice or snow is a winter hazard. Before you venture from your house, make sure the walkways surrounding your house are winterized. You can prepare for the ice and snow by keeping a shovel outside the door and a broom inside. Shovel all the top snow off the stoop, steps and walkway, then prevent the slippery ice layer from forming by brushing away the remaining snow with a broom.

An alternative to sweeping is spreading ice-melt over the remaining snow, but you still need to scoop off the top. When you scrape off the top layer of snow, the remaining snow is often smooth and compacted, increasing the risk of black ice formation. This may appear invisible as you step out of the house, increasing your risk of falling. If you cannot sweep the snow and do not have ice-melt, then make sure to wear shoes or boots with deep tread, preferably rubber, and take small steps.

Angling the feet to one side or the other reduces your forward momentum, or forces, and can help to prevent a fall. If there is a hand rail available, always use it. Take special care as you step out of a car as the ground outside may be icy. Make sure to test your footing and hold onto something.

When shoveling snow, make sure to alternate sides: for instance, scoop and throw 5 times to the right, then 5 times to the left. Use this same technique when sweeping. We all have a dominant side, which we will favor in hard work like shoveling snow. Shoveling only to 1 side increases the risk of low back

strain.

Snow shovels are now designed with special handles that are curved, to reduce back strain, and longer handles to help people who cannot bend over. Regardless of the type of snow shovel you use, make sure to bend your knees while scooping, move your feet as you turn to empty the shovel, and use your hips and abdomen to throw the snow. Keeping your feet static—or unmoving—and using only the low back to twist and throw greatly increases your risk of low back injury. Scooping the snow with your feet staggered, with the foot opposite the side to which you are throwing forward, will help to reduce injury also.

Also make sure to wear gloves to prevent blisters and frostbite on the hands. Although the gloves may reduce your grip, the reduction in strength will also help to prevent an overuse injury from trying to move too much snow with each scoop. Some shovels have foam handles to lessen the strain on your hands, but the foam will not help prevent frostbite. Even though shoveling snow is hard work, you need to bundle up to protect yourself from the cold. If the temperature is below freezing, make sure to cover your head.

Most of our body heat is lost from our head, much like the heat in a house escapes through the roof. People with asthma can bring on an attack from exercising in cold air; covering the face with a scarf or bandana helps to warm the air and prevent asthma problems. Depending on the depth of the snow and the distance needed to be cleared, cleaning the walkway and driveway of snow can be a demanding physical activity. So be prepared.

If you need any help with injuries associated with winter conditions, please visit us at BMCWC. The exercise specialists at the Wellness Center can help you with stretches to relieve any strain, and specific balance and strengthening exercises directed at winter time safety. More serious aches can be evaluated by your provider or the Urgent Care clinic. Enjoy the winter conditions and stay safe.

Food Handlers class/certification schedule for January

The next Food Handlers Class and Certification is scheduled for January 2nd from 1:45pm until 3:15pm. Send this to anyone who would like to attend. It will be held in the Human Resources Conference Room at the Casino.

The course is open to any Tribal member, Tribal employee or anyone who lives on the reservation. Home cooks are welcome.

To get back to the pre- holiday schedule. Classes will be offered on the last Thursday of the month, starting January 30th, 2014.

Please let me know who will be attending. Call me if you have any questions. Thanks - James Helmstetter,BS,RS,MPA- 208-686-6412

January 2014

Upcoming Events
At ECLC



**Reminder ECLC will be CLOSED
January 20th for MLK Day!**

What: Scrapbook Page Night

When: January 8th 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Where: ECLC Conference Room

Come to ECLC to find pictures of your child and make your own scrapbook page!
Call Alison to RSVP 686-0401

What: Graduation Committee Meeting

When: January 15th 12:00 to 1 p.m.

Where: ECLC Family Service Room

The Huckleberry Classroom is graduating this year you or your family members can be part of the graduation committee.
Call Alison Dundas 686-0401

What: Marriage & Relationships

When: January 22nd 12 to 1 p.m. lunch provided

Where: ECLC Family Service Room

Would you like to strengthen your marriage or are you thinking about getting married?
Come listen and talk with other couples about how to build strong relationships.
Call Alison for more information 686-0401

What: Dads' Movie Night

When: January 29th from 5:00 to 7:00,

Where: ECLC Gym

Uncles, Grandpas, Dad's, and Cousins, come spend some time with your little ones eating pizza and watching the movie Toy Story 3. Everyone is welcome to attend!
Call Alison 686-0401

~ Health News ~

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BMC: winter news; more about AFC

Happy New Year! We hope your holidays were joyous, peaceful and safe. Speaking of safe, winter is here and we want you to be aware of what to do when the roads are particularly bad and you are scheduled for an appointment or meeting that day. First, as soon as a decision is reached regarding a possible closure or delayed opening/early closure, it will be announced on television stations 2, 4 & 6. Second, you may also call our main phone line, 686-1931 and if closed or delayed, you will hear a recorded message regarding the status. Third, the Wellness Center may remain open so contact them directly at 686-9355 for the latest update. As a precaution, we recommend contacting us before you leave home as conditions can rapidly change. Thanks for your patience. It's rare that we close the Medical Center and we will strive to minimize closures/delays where possible.

As we begin this New Year, with so much information being communicated concerning the Affordable Care Act and health care in general dominating the news, the timing seems fitting to provide a reminder about what we call Protected Health Information or PHI. PHI is regulated by federal law under the Privacy Act. There are very strict standards, guidelines and

regulations concerning how health information is to be protected, received, transmitted and communicated internally and externally. We maintain strict standards outlined in our policies concerning health information including severe consequences should a privacy breach occur. Staff sign confidentiality agreements and are held to stringent requirements. The majority of staff do not have access to PHI; access is determined by the job function. Because we operate with electronic health records, extra security precautions are in place and computer use is monitored and tracked. Unauthorized entry is easily detected, recorded and investigated if an alleged breach is reported. In spite of what the media may portray, your health information is secure and protected at BMWC.

As our strategic plan has been finalized we have several tasks and initiatives identified this year that will improve our services, enhance the quality of care and keep the staff trained and focused on our mission. 2014 will no doubt see us continue down the path of healing, strength and changing lives one person at a time. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve!

Gary Leva, CEO

Understanding alcoholism as a disability

A guide to understanding Alcoholism as a Disability and Ways you may be eligible for Vocational Rehabilitation Services:

Do you have a disability? Is your disability an impediment to employment? Alcoholism is a disability.

Just because a person has a drinking problem does not mean they need or qualify for vocational rehabilitation services. There must be ways that they can demonstrate that their drinking is creating problems with their ability to enter into, engage in, or retain employment.

Let me give you some examples of how this is done.

The person demonstrates a lengthy history of alcohol abuse.

The person demonstrates problems with school because of drinking.

The person demonstrates problems at work related to their drinking which can include:

Person quits jobs because of drinking.

Person loses jobs because of drinking.

Person calls in sick because of a hangover.

Person does not return to work after lunch because of drinking.

Person cannot find work due to employer prejudice- employers know the person's history of alcoholism.

For more information please contact Wilma Bob at Career Renewal.

For winter weather closures at the Benewah Medical Center please call the main line at 208-686-1931; watch for the announcement along with school closures on the local radio and television stations or visit the BMC facebook page for these announcements. They will be updated as soon as a decision is made regarding closures.

Sticking to your fitness goals for the New Year

By Eva Windlin-Jansen

As we are wrapping up 2013 and heading into 2014, New Year's resolutions are looming. It's an annual ritual and come March we will all have forgotten about the good intentions. Well, let's make this year different! Here are a few ideas on how to get started and keep you going throughout 2014.

Set a realistic goal: Find something that's attainable and worthwhile for you. It can be an event or simply to exercise at least 3 times per week. Revisit your goal and adjust or update it periodically.

Make it fun: I know exercise is drudgery for many but mix it up. You can get a good work-out doing fun things like dancing, playing games like table tennis, racquetball, and soccer. Add some group work-outs to change it up or go outside. As long as you're moving, it's exercise.

Don't expect perfection: So what if you're a little slow catching up on the moves in Zumba or struggle to run for

5 minutes? It's that you're doing it that matters. Keep on keeping on.

Keep track of your progress: You want to feel successful to continue but how do you know if you make improvements if you don't where you've been. There are very simple and painless ways you can assess and keep track of your progress. See one of the fitness professionals at the Wellness Center to help you.

Don't compare yourself to others (or to 20 years ago): This goes along with #4. You're keeping track of your progress only; it's about you not about your co-worker, neighbor or anybody else.

Get support: Enlist the help and support of people close to you. They can exercise with you or push you out the door when you need it. Everyone can use the encouragement or company when things get hard.

Plan ahead: Get everything ready ahead of time. Workout clothes are ready, bags are packed, schedule your workout time; all that make it easier to follow through. Make

working out as convenient as possible.

Be flexible: no matter how well you plan ahead, things will happen. Adjust the workout for the day and get back to your routine when things return to normal. Sometimes you need to break up your workout into 10 minute segments, go for a walk, or do a workout at home. There are a million ways to get and keep moving.

Celebrate success and reward yourself: Take the time to periodically look back and enjoy the progress you have made. Pat yourself on the back and reward yourself...but keep on moving.

There are lots of ways to get fit in 2014. The Fitness staff is here for you if we can help in any way. We offer fitness assessments, training programs, group exercise classes, fitness challenges, races and race preparation, triathlon club, volleyball and basketball leagues and much, much more. If any of that helps you achieve your goals, call or stop by the Wellness Center.

Wellness Center to hold swim meet in January

When: January 18, 2013;
Where: Wellness Center Pool; **What:** Low key, fun, competitive Swim Meet with a demonstration of diving from the Start Blocks before hand. Then, 25 yard (one length of pool) races in Freestyle, Back and Breast for ages 17 and under and 50 yard (two lengths of the pool) races in Freestyle, Back, Breast and Butterfly for ages 18 and over. At the end will be a 100 yard relay with a mix of any gender and age who wants to participate.

Time: 9:30 am Start Block demonstration and warm ups. 10:15 Competition starts.

Who: Everyone of any age who can swim the distance and wants to see how fast they can do it in.

Cost: WC membership or day pass. **Prizes:** First through third place ribbons.

Want more information? Contact Joel Kopf at: jkopf@bmc.portland.ihhs.gov or the Wellness Center pool staff at 208-686-9355 ext 508. Please sign up before hand for the meet at the Wellness Center Front Desk.

Recap of December swim meet at WC



On Saturday, Dec 14 a swim meet was held at the Wellness Center. It was meant to be a low key, fun event and succeeded at that, with just four swimmers showing up but all having a good time. The participants were all ladies in ages ranging from 14 to 62 years old which made some of the events only have one swimmer in their age group. But with a little encouragement and juggling around, in the end each event had two swimmers racing head to head.

Thanks go to Mikayla Goodson for entering the 50 backstroke against Adrienne Darr even though Mikayla just learned to swim the competitive backstroke a month ago. Mikayla put on a very impressive race with very good results. Thanks

go to Christine Miller for entering the 100 Individual Medley Relay against Adrienne leading to a very close race to the finish. Thanks also go to Brylin Hendrickx for entering the 50 Breast against Christine which also led to a good race. And congratulations to all four ladies for doing the 100 Free Relay in 1:21:99, giving a fast time for other teams to beat at future WC swim meets.

The next Wellness Center swim meet will be held on Saturday, January 18 and it is open to all swimmers, boy or girl under 18 who can swim one length of the pool, and men or women 18 and over who can swim two lengths of the pool. At the end will be the 100 Freestyle Relay which can be combined of up to four people of any age or gender. The time to beat in this event is 1:21:99. Diving block instruction and warm ups will start at 9:30 am and the swim meet will start at 10:15 am. For more information call the pool staff at 686-9355 ext 508 or email Coach Joel at jkopf@bmc.portland.ihhs.gov.

A LOOK BACK AT



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2013 IN PICTURES



~Casino Corner~

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Gunn to be sponsored by Cd'A Casino & Resort



Jimmy Gunn wrote his ticket to the PGA Web.com Tour with a 6th place tie in the tour qualifying finals at PGA West in LaQuinta, California. Now, he's looking at all kinds of tickets—airline tickets to the tour's early tournaments in Chile, Bolivia, Panama and Brazil.

Gunn is native of Dornoch, Scotland and has been sponsored over the past five years by the Coeur d'Alene Casino and Circling Raven Golf Club, having made that connection in 2005 when a team from the revered Royal Dornoch Golf Club competed here with a team representing the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

Now, he's completed what's probably the most grueling test in golf, a 252-hole October to December marathon from first round qualifying to second round, then another 108 holes over six days at PGA West.

Through those 252 holes since October, he was 44 under par, including 22 under in the finals, a performance putting him not only on the lucrative Web.com Tour and solidifying some status among the world's great players, but only a win away from exemption to the PGA Tour, itself.

He's exempt for the first 12 of the Web.com's 25 scheduled events. A "reshuffle" at that point will determine further exemption for all players. But, Gunn only has to win \$15,000 on the tour to remain exempt and free from a reshuffle.

Qualifying for this level of competition began in late summer with over 1,000 hopefuls from the United States and across the globe, players competing at top courses all over the U.S. Only the top 20 and ties advanced from first round to second, and the same from second round to the finals, where a field of 155 elite players strove to write their own tickets.

"I just feel like I can play with anyone, anywhere," Gunn said. "The support from the (Coeur d'Alene) tribe, the casino and Circling Raven have allowed me to keep playing, keep improving. It's taken five years to get here and the support and faith shown me are worth more than I can say. I'll carry it with me for my entire career."

His career now will take him to Panama City in February for the Panama Claro Championship and a shot at a \$600,000 purse. From there, he's on to Bogota for the Columbia Championship, then to Santiago for the Chile Classic.

Gunn won't return to the States until the fourth event in Broussard, Louisiana. Play should bring him close to Circling Raven, his home course, in July for tournaments in Sandy, Utah and Boise.

This week, he's enjoying a triumphant return to his hometown, where family and friends have followed the results, raising more than a few pints in the process. After the holiday season, Gunn will be back to his current home in Mesa, Arizona, playing in local events and preparing for a new grind, all with a new ticket to life in the PGA.

Casino upgrades emergency plan



Safety Coordinator Pat Allen (left) and Security Operations Manager Justin Friedlander present components of an Emergency Plan at the Casino's December Managers Meeting. Photo by Bob Bostwick

By Bob Bostwick, Director Public Relations/Communications

Emergency situations, natural or manmade, are always a concern at a resort where thousands of people gather every day. Dealing with sudden emergencies, even disaster, and dealing with them effectively, is a goal set forth by Chief Executive Officer Dave Matheson as he calls on directors and managers to upgrade emergency planning.

And a comprehensive plan will be in effect within a few months. It will call for training, positions of responsibility in an emergency, a chain of command, evacuation procedures and areas designated for guests and employees to gather.

Justin Friedlander, Security, and Pat Allen, Safety Coordinator, presented managers with components of emergency planning and an outline of whom and what will be involved here. Recent events provided some examples of why it's important.

Just this fall, a deadly shooting incident happened at the Muckleshoot Tribe's casino in Kentwood, Washington. That evacuation effort led people straight into the parking lot—where the gunman was.

History shows fires and other disasters at resorts costing human lives. And, just two weeks

ago, broken pipes and a small kitchen fire created some levels of emergency here, and a brief evacuation.

"When you don't have planning, you have panic," said Matheson at this month's meeting with managers. "If anything happens here, we'll know what to do. We must all be very, very serious about this, and I want people to take this (planning and training) to heart."

The property as a whole will be divided into five sections, each with a warden responsible for both guests and employees. The ranking Manager on Duty will direct emergency operations, each department head and his/her staff already knowledgeable and trained for whatever action must take place.

Dangers include fire, robbery, armed intruders and much more. The plan will include communication with law enforcement and emergency services. It will also include communication with local media, if necessary.

"We'll take the time and the effort to provide proper training," Matheson said. "We'll make sure every shift is covered, every day. Further, we'll have follow-up training for everyone involved."

The plan is designed to provide either training or awareness for everyone in the building, Matheson said.

Cheer, sing, shout to promote Cd'A Casino

By Tim Yovanovich

We would like to generate excitement on the floor. Here are a couple of ways that we are going to implement some.

If anyone has ever been to a baseball game, to keep it interesting between plays, music is often played which the crowd joins in. Neil

Diamond's "Sweet Caroline" is one that comes to mind. Every time the song gets to a certain part the entire stadium yells, "BUM—BUM—BUM." Or, everyone sings together at the seventh inning stretch or dances along with "The Chicken Dance" song.

With that said, we are going to try some interaction on the

floor which hopefully our guests will join in with us.

We need for either a MOD or a VGS (or appoint someone) to announce at least once an hour over the PA the key words: "Winning is just the beginning!"

Then all the floor staff—Floor Attendants, Bench Techs, DigiDeal and Maintenance...hopefully even get the Cage crew and VIP involved, should say in a loud but not startling voice: "AT THE COEUR D'ALENE CASINO!"

Perhaps employees can give away random \$5 EPC to customers that join in or carry around some candy or we can purchase some trinkets, and if they hear a customer yell the phrase along with them, they can give them the candy or trinket.

We would like to do the same thing with Jackpots. Anytime a Jackpot is announced, everyone could reply: "CHA-CHING!"

Many people already do this one...when a Lucky You Jackpot is announced everyone yell: "YAHOO!" in time with the announcer.

Employees treated to party at Resort



Coeur d'Alene Tribal Casino employee Josh Fletcher and his wife Jennifer attend the annual Christmas party held at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. Employees enjoyed a buffet dinner, trivia, raffle prizes, a best dressed contest and dancing that lasted late into the evening. Photo by Bob Bostwick



Tasty Teepee? As is her tradition, Darlene Wise created another holiday display piece for the High Mountain Buffet, this one a break from gingerbread house to gingerbread teepee. And a nice "welcome home" to go with it. Photo by Bob Bostwick

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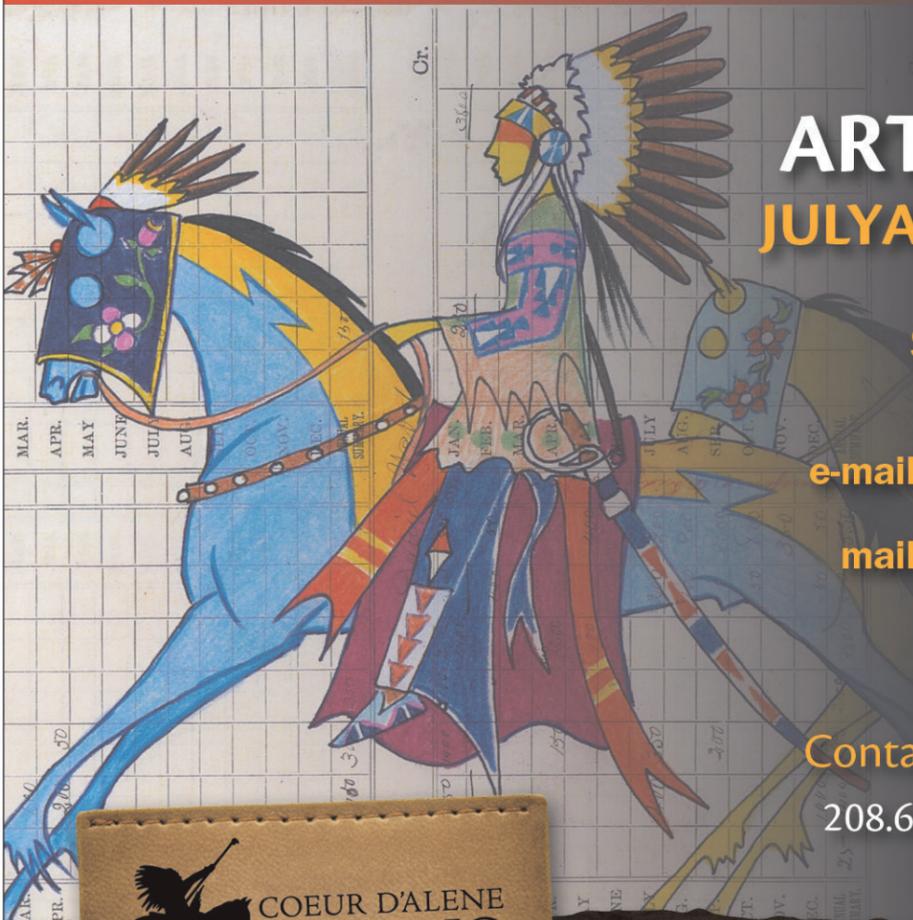
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~ Editorials ~

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White: years at Cataldo have been memorable



My husband Ray, myself, and 5 children arrived at the Mission on November 2, 1955. At that time the Mission was owned by the Catholic Diocese of Idaho. We were assigned the role of caretakers by the Bishop for as long as we wanted to live there. Who would have guessed that journey that started on that early winter day would continue for 58 years?

In 1955, the Mission and parish house were in considerably different conditions than they are today. When we took up residence in the parish house, things were in great disrepair. The house did not have a bathroom or running water. There were only a few electric lights. The church and other buildings were likewise in need of attention and the mission grounds were overgrown.

Over the course of the next twenty years we built, made repairs, and landscaped the Mission. We gave tours and welcomed various groups who made pilgrimages to the Mission, the highlight of which was the Feast of the Assumption celebrations that occurred each year on August the 15th. Many Tribal Elders and Priests of the region would gather and celebrate.

There have been many changes over the years. In addition to the improvements my family made, we witnessed the construction of Interstate 90, restoration of the

Mission, and the Mission becoming a state park. Meanwhile, our family had grown to twelve children. Every member of the family contributed to care and upkeep of the property. When I look at the cost of the current operations with four wheelers, multiple vehicles, snow plows, and several full-time employees, it makes me wonder how only Ray, myself, and our children made it happen.

In 1972, we bought part of the Mission land and constructed a new home. Following the restoration, the Mission property was given back to the Tribe with a lease to the State of Idaho so it could be used as a state park. Since our property was privately held, it was not part of that exchange. In 2000 we sold our home to you with the provision that we be allowed to live in the home until I was ready to move on. Not long after that, my husband Ray passed away. Since my husband's death, I have continued my residence at the Mission. Although the Mission has become a State Park, I feel I still serve the role of night watchman, assisting stranded motorists, and notifying park employees of after hour activities.

There is little wonder why the Tribe considered this location special and why the Jesuits chose it as a Mission location. It truly is one of the most beautiful places

on Earth. And while our stay at the Mission has been with many hardships and challenges, it has been a source of great memories. It is where many of our children were married, where I celebrated my 50th wedding anniversary and where we held the funeral mass for my husband.

I have enjoyed my stay at the Mission and only wish that I could be here forever. However, it is not meant to be. Like many of the Tribal Elders and Catholic Priests that I have known over the years, I too have grown old and my history with the Mission must come to an end. For the past few years I have found it harder to keep up with everything that needs to be done with a home of this size. With all the children grown and now some of the grandchildren grown as well, I recognize that it is time for me to move on.

I realize I could keep the home until my passing, however I would find that difficult and feel it would be better to transfer the full ownership now. My husband, Ray, found comfort in the fact that the property we called our home would return to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and that the entire Mission would once again belong to you. I feel the same. I am giving notice that as of December 2, 2013, I will no longer occupy my home at the Mission and serve notice that the house will be vacated and once again be in the ownership of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. However, my goal is not to have the worries of such a burden anymore so I am transferring the property on the contingency of completing my life estate agreement, being held harmless and free of liability to the property, and with the knowledge that it returns to its historic owners the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lois White
Coeur d'Alene Mission
Cataldo, Idaho

Bell: Thanks from the Coalition

The Christmas Families Coalition received wonderful support from our Reservation communities again this year. We would like to thank everyone who helped us provide for 48 families with 133 children. I do not have a complete list right now of all the businesses that donated to us; but, they include Benewah Market, Fred Meyers, WalMart, Costco, Grocery Outlet, Safeway, and Walgreens.

In our local community, I do not have a list of all the local businesses that have supported us, we do want to thank the Tribal Council, Worley Community Church, Cd'A Tribal Housing Office, BMC Employees, Worley Grange, BMC Community Health employees, NIC Native American Students Association, Ladies of Grace, LES teachers, Cd'A Tribal Elders, Worley Senior Citizens, Cd'A Tribal Department of Social Services, Cd'A Tribal Domestic Violence Program, the Warpath,

Plummer Senior Citizens, Sacred Heart Mission.

We especially want to thank Hilma Bloomsburg for the beautiful hats she knit and Joseph Renaldo, Wayne Foxworth, and Trask Silva for the wonderful wooden whistles they made. Again the students at the Tribal School and all the Lakeside schools donated a huge amount of non-perishable food which will be a blessing to our Christmas families.

A huge thank you to the LHS Girls Basketball Team who moved the non-perishable foods and sorted them. We also want to thank everyone who came to our gift wrapping party, including several high school girls who were able to gain community service hours while helping the Christmas Families. It is a community effort to help community members and we thank everyone who helped.

Sincerely – Emily Bell, Chairman

Moffitt: feeling like my rights have been violated

I am not a volunteer for the Cd'A Victim program; but it has been proven; I am the burden of proof here on the reservation housing, police, medical departments. Oh, community property too it seems. I get a lot of feed about me and medications; does everybody have a crystal ball and got my 411?

Does the Coeur d'Alene Tribe know and believe in having rights; human rights that is?

Julie Moffitt

Sharrett: Senior Project insight

There was a lot to do when I was a senior in high school. A senior project as a graduation requirement was not on the list. Many of us in the older generation can't relate to what students go through these days to complete a senior project. Maybe you'll have a better understanding by the end of this article.

I believe there are two great purposes to the senior project. Students get the opportunity to show skills gained during their public schooling in a way standardized tests cannot achieve. An equally important purpose is to help nudge students in the direction of future dreams. Creating a life of purpose rarely happens by chance.

Many requirements make up a senior project which space does not permit me to go into here. The first step is to submit a letter of proposal to the senior English teacher sometime in the winter of his or her junior year. Leading up to this letter, students engage in plenty of brainstorming sessions with staff and other students to spark ideas. Toward the end of the senior year, all seniors have to present their year of work in a public presentation to family and invited guests. A panel of judges determines the grade earned.

To give a sense of what a student may learn from a senior project, I would like to present three seniors and a sketch of two senior projects.

Dalton Atwood is passionate about writing. For his project, he writes for the Council Fires as the spokesperson for events happening about campus. His

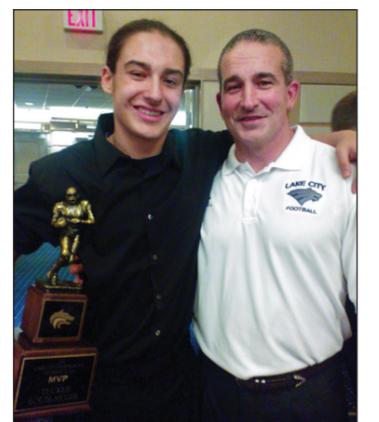
last piece was on the Career Fair hosted by Lakeside High School this fall. Dalton says he has enjoyed learning new formats of writing. Whether he goes toward a career in writing or not, he knows the development of this critical skill will be a valuable asset in college as well as in any career path he chooses. The Council Fires welcomes him to their office every Friday.

Allyssa Haynes and Kimberly Duncan-Hall taught traditional dances celebrated by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe to 8th graders in our district as well as to high school students in Fairbanks, Alaska online through Skype. Dances taught were the Round Dance, the Happy Dance, and the Owl Dance. Allyssa is a member of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Shooting Star Dancers. Although it makes her sad culture may not be a high priority right now to the younger students, she felt proud to share the rich cultural tradition of dance with them. Kimberly plans to be an elementary teacher some day and felt doing the hard work it takes to make lesson plans was a valuable experience. She still wants to be a teacher! Both Allyssa and Kimberly agree it is hard to teach over the internet.

The Plummer Worley School District required senior projects long before they became a graduation requirement. We know how senior projects are a great way to prepare for life after high school.

Judi Sharrett
Plummer Worley School District

Johnson: thank you for your love and support



Congratulations to Tucker Louie-McGee who was awarded the Most Valuable Player award for Football at Lake City High School in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. You're family is very proud of you and all you've accomplished!

Vernie and Margie Johnson greatly appreciate all the generosity, support and love from their children Vernie jr., Beth, and Pam Johnson, the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council, Sacred Heart Mission, and family and friends for their Best Wishes on our 50th Wedding Anniversary. Also the Ida Curley family for the big feast. We had an enjoyable, fun and spiritual day. Love you all.

Vernie and Margie Johnson

Happy New Year
to all our readers!
We wish you all the
best in 2014 and
hope you prosper
and find happiness!
Council Fires Staff

Thunderin' Buffaloes donate fundraising money to Police



The motorcycle club "The Thunderin' Buffaloes" ride for charity. They embark on road journeys together and hold fundraisers in order to provide for programs that are in need that in turn help those

in need in the community.

This past year they decided to put their efforts to the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Police department's program "Shop with a Cop," which takes needy families under their

wing for the Christmas season and provides funds for a limited amount of children to shop for their families for the holiday.

This year the program raised over \$1000 with help from the Buffaloes. They were able to take 3 children to the Post Falls Walmart to get presents for their family.

This club is available to help not only tribal members but all those in need. Contact Violet or Nick Nicholai for more information about joining or for fundraising needs.

The club consists of President Nick Nicholai, VP Todd Johnson, Treasurer Don Scezinski, Sargent at Arms Pete Vallee, Road Captain Cliff Curley and Tailer Andy Green.

"We want to thank all who donated in one way or another."

Spotlight on dedicated 4-H leaders

The Success Center afterschool program has 4-H club groups on Thursday evenings. The Fall Session's groups included sewing, horse, photography, mosaic, baking, gardening and cooking, and painting.

The photography group has been led by Mr. Bear, the new art teacher at Lakeside Middle School. The photography group has learned how to use a tripod, take pictures from different viewpoints, use the time release shutter, and even touched on lighting and composition. Wow! Great job!

The painting group leader is Pattie Stanis, a Special Ed Para Pro at Lakeside Elementary. She has dedicated many hours working with Success Center and we are so thankful for her contribution! The painting group has been working on a variety of painting techniques including dot painting with q-tips and will also be trying out painting with marbles.

The mosaic art group is led by Kim West. They have learned how to take small pieces of dull glass to create mosaic art. Their main mosaic piece has been a bird house.

Our gardening with cooking group has been led by Becky Walrod, the Success Center Assistant Director and Community Garden Coordinator. Over the Fall months, they made potato chips and potato bread with ingredients from the school garden. They have also planted herbs to grow through the winter.

The horse has been led by

Meagan Arrott, an AmeriCorps Vista volunteer with University of Idaho Extension. She has been in this position since April and will continue her yearlong service through April 2014. The horse group has continued to hone their knowledge about horses and also had a community member, Sarah Lampert, bring a live horse to meet and groom.

The kids in baking have made some yummy pancakes and biscuits! Jyl Gardapie from Natural Resources has been leading this group.

Cheryl Lockard and Iris Mayes, from University of Idaho Extension, had their sewing group make aprons. They even learned to applique and embroider. Way to go!

Last but not least, the lego robotics group, led by University of Idaho graduate student Alex Halverson, helped his kids get excited about becoming engineers. They are learning the computer software and how to create real robots!

If you are interested in volunteering as a 4-H leader for the Spring session, February 13-May8, please contact Yolanda Bone at bone.yolanda@lakesidesch.org. We meet Thursdays from 4-5pm at Lakeside Elementary School.

*Thank you,
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Forestry planning for Intertribal Timber Symposium

General: Forestry is in the middle of our paperwork season although we do have several active timber sales still. We hope to complete much of our paperwork to allow us to hit the ground running come spring time. We are also busy planning for next year's Intertribal Timber Council Symposium as the Coeur d'Alene Tribe will be hosting during the last week of June 2014. The symposium will be held at the Tribal Casino/Resort and will include representatives from tribes throughout the country. The symposium typically brings together 350 or so forestry and other tribal representatives for a week of information sharing and keeping up to speed on issues affecting tribal forestry. As a reminder wood cutting permits

expire December 31 or each year and new ones aren't issued until June.

Timber Sales: The three allotment timber sales continue to progress. Cold winter weather has allowed log trucks to haul logs to the mill and keep operations progressing. There are currently active operations just north of the Casino Resort, just north of Worley, and just northeast of Plummer. Another allotment sale, Si'lmtsu Logging Unit, in the Setters area is planned for next summer. Plans and environmental analysis for timber work in the Hangman Creek area will resume in the spring.

Forestry technician Larry LaSarte attended US Forest Service Qualified Cruiser training

held on the Lolo National Forest. He received formal classroom training and passed the written examination in October of 2012 on the Superior Ranger District. The Northern Region field examination was held September 25 and 26 at the Lolo Forest test site on Blue Mountain. Larry passed both the written and the field examination and was presented with a certificate from the US Forest Service by his instructor during a small awards ceremony at Tribal Forestry. He is now considered a Qualified Cruiser. Good work Larry!

The writing of the Isdo Environmental Assessment (EA) has started. On Monday, November 25, 2013 the

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Kimimila T'o Wakiyan K'ci Omani Fast Horse was born on September 20, 2013 to proud parents Edward Desmoine Fast Horse Jr and Lizette Iron Cloud Fast Horse.

Mettler's team takes state Championship



Congratulations to Aaron Mettler, starting defensive end for the Freeman Scotties. Freeman took 1st place at the Tacoma Dome on December 7 and completed the season 13-0.

The varsity team had two senior Coeur d'Alene Tribal Members, Aaron Mettler and Josiah Thompson. Aaron was selected all conference second team on defense. Extended family from both mom (April) and dad (Kurt) were in Tacoma to cheer them on the final victory of the season.

We are all very proud of how the team played hard all year and a big congratulations!

LaSarte receives forest certification



Larry LaSarte attended US Forest Service Qualified Cruiser training held on the Lolo National Forest. He received formal classroom training and passed the written examination in October of 2012 on the Superior Ranger

District. The Northern Region field examination was held September 25 and 26 at the Lolo Forest test site on Blue Mountain. Larry passed both the written and the field examination. His instructor, Eddie Bringenberg, commented "We enjoyed having Larry participate in the training and appreciated his initiative and determination to further develop his timber measurement skills. His decision to do so will greatly benefit the forest measurements program, and particularly your agency. I would like to congratulate Larry for obtaining this high degree of proficiency in timber measurements, and ask that his peers take a moment to recognize his accomplishment as well."

5 generations bless the Coeur d'Alene Tribe - twice



The Seltice family welcomed a 5th generation girl to its family in September 2013. Laila Moon Haines was born to Isabella DeGraffenreid; Laila is the grand daughter of Anna DeGraffenreid; Great-Grand daughter of Kae Mae Lowley and Great-Great Grand daughter of Irene (Seltice) Lowley. Laila is also a Coeur d'Alene Tribal member - as are the previous generations of her maternal family.

Taryn Allan is the fifth generation on both paternal and maternal sides. On her paternal side her pipe' (father) is Elijah Reshawn Allan. Her paternal Naryat's (Great Great Grandparents) are Geraldine & Kenny Sherwood of Worley, Idaho. Her paternal tupeya (Great Grandparent) is Molly Zachary of Worley, Idaho. Her qhipe' (Grandparent) is Ralph Allan Jr. of Worley, Idaho



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Interdisciplinary Team had the chance to visit some of the areas of the upcoming timber sale. Also at the December Natural Resources Committee meeting, this project was presented for feedback. This is part of the Scoping process of the EA. It is expected that the EA will be written over the winter months.

Forest Development: As available, fire crew members and forest technicians are working on the Agency Block precommercial thinning, cutting trees and piling slash for later burning. Approximately 4 acres are completed out of 17 acres in the project, and the project will soon be suspended for the winter. The Fuels Crew started pruning on T574 to protect young stands with grass understories from fires that may spread from adjacent field burning. By removing lower branches, fires are less likely to flare into tree crowns and kill the trees. Pruning will also allow prescribed burning to stimulate understory diversity by reducing grass cover.

Fuels: There are no Fuels related contracting activities going on at this time, and no future contracts are planned. The Fuels Crew has pile burned over 150 acres of activity fuels from harvesting and hand/machine piling. The crew blocked off the road on the north boundary of A367 with concrete blocks, and they are assisting a Lake Management project in the DeSmet area. Currently, the

Fuels Crew is starting operations on a Forest Development Project on T574 of an estimated 92 acres. 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.

Fire: We are currently working on finishing up our thin/prune project along Agency road and getting all equipment put away and winterized. We will be laying off our seasonal staff, so

Anthony, Leonard, David, and Micah will be off till next spring and will be around for their scheduled training sessions that they need to attend throughout the winter/spring months. Tom will be the only staff around the office for the winter months. So if you have any questions or need to contact us our number is 686-1199. We will try to answer all questions or if you need something we will try to help you out. Thanks have a happy and merry holiday season.

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