



Tribe moves forward with poker room, says in compliance with law



The new 6-table poker room is set to have its grand opening on Friday - May 2, 2014. Photo by Lee Zahir

Director Jeff Anderson has interpreted the law differently and says the FIGRA exempts certain card games where a house bank is not in play but only if the state does not prohibit those games – poker is “specifically prohibited” within the boundaries of the State of Idaho.

Eric Shepard of the Indian Gaming Commission says that their office is analyzing the issue right now based on a request from Anderson to consider the issue and its legalities.

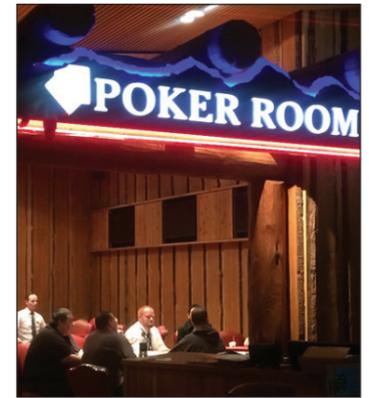
The Poker Room at the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel has been in the works for years. With competing Casino's just across the border in Washington who currently allow card games on the floor – the Tribe is trying to keep up with the demands of the customer base who want and seek these games out.

The Tribe's Legislative Director, Helo Hancock, has stated that the Tribe has been looking for ways to stay competitive in the gaming industry and that poker is one request they receive to provide at the bustling Casino.

With the addition of this new feature the Casino; which offers a world-class golf course, high-end spa services and luxury accommodations along with an expansive gaming floor full of a myriad of machines – the Casino will be able to attract a larger client base and in-turn bring in more business to help support the infrastructure of the Tribe.

The Tribe, despite the opposition will continue with its grand opening with 6 tables nestled in the Red Tail Bar and Grill right across the hallway from the main casino floors.

Read further details about the Poker Room in this month's Chairman's Corner on page 3.



By Jennifer L. Fletcher

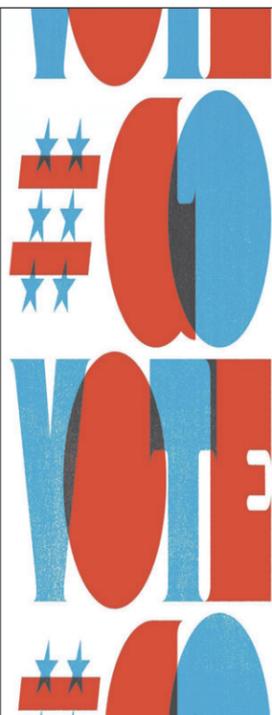
The Coeur d'Alene Tribe announced that it will open its Poker Room on May 2, 2014 at the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel.

The Idaho Lottery Commission

opposes the Tribe's statement regarding the legalities of the room; stating that the Tribally owned Casino does not fall under the ban imposed on poker games by the State of Idaho and the Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

The games to be offered, Texas Hold'em and Omaha are skill-based games where the players are betting against each other and not the house and therefore do not violate the current ban in Idaho.

The Lottery Commission



Tribal Council Elections are May 3, 2014 8 am - 8 pm at Tribal HQ in Plummer, ID

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Legislative session addresses taxes and water rights

From the Chairman's Office

As you know, the Tribe stays active in the Idaho State Legislature, tracking legislation that could impact the Tribe and tribal members. We had a couple of issues this year that we watched closely throughout the legislative session – two of which were income taxes and water rights.

Sometimes it may seem that what the state legislature does (or doesn't do) won't affect you personally. But if you were one of the hundreds of tribal members across the state who received shocking news about suddenly owing Idaho income taxes last year, you know that the state's actions can also affect you in very real ways. In 2011, the Idaho Tax Commission made a change in a rule and the result was that Indians who did not live and work on their own Tribe's reservation were charged with Idaho income tax. This affected many employees here on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation, including many

who are married or related to Coeur d'Alene Tribal members.

This came as a surprise because for the past 40 years or so, any Indian from any tribe who was living and working on our reservation, or lived and worked on any reservation for that matter, was not required to pay Idaho income tax. So this year we worked hard to clarify the tax status of income earned by Indians on Indian reservations and we were able to pass a bill that reversed that rule change. The new law statutorily protects Indians working and living on Indian reservations in Idaho from the whims of the Tax Commission. We're glad to see this changed back to the way it was and we're one of only a few states that have codified this exemption into law.

We have been watching the water rights discussion as it has travelled across the state and now it has finally reached the Coeur d'Alene/ Spokane River

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Approved Executive Operations stick game donation battle of the sexes 5 for 0 against 1 abstain 0 out.

Star Employee Spotlight: Caj Matheson, Communications Specialist- Restoration Partnership



We are pleased to nominate Caj as a Star Employee in the Lake Management Department. Caj started working in the Hazardous Waste Management Program (HWMP) in 2012 as the Communications Specialist for the Restoration Partnership. Caj came into this position with little to no background knowledge of the natural resource history in the Coeur d'Alene Basin, but he fully embraced his new found role and was a quick study. After getting up to speed on the Tribe's historical role in the Natural Resource Damage Assessment case, Caj took initiative to start learning

more about the condition of natural resources, wildlife, and waterfowl life stages and habitats. "We are so pleased to have finally placed a Coeur d'Alene Tribal member in a leadership role to guide future restoration of the Tribal homeland." -Phillip Cerner, Director Lake Management Dept. "He is a joy to have in the office and exuberates a natural love for life and working with others." -Rebecca Stevens, Program Manager-HWMP.

"Caj is a very caring person to his family and friends. He has a great heart and always tries to be the best listener and role model. He's my husband and best friend. To our boys he's strict when he needs to be, in offering guidance, but also their friend when they need it." - Kim Matheson.

Caj and Kim met through a friend and his cousin. Kim came up to work in Worley during the summers and he worked at the same place. They had an instant connection as friends at first and their relationship grew from there. Caj and Kim have been married for 18 years and have

two wonderful boys, Qwna-age 16, and Simeon- age 10.

Caj started his career working for the Tribe at the Coeur d'Alene Casino in the late '90s. His education in Business Management and Marketing made him a natural fit at the Casino as he assisted with developing promotional materials and event coordination. Caj marketed and assisted with concerts and boxing matches. He also represented the Casino when he worked closely with the State Boxing Commission. Caj soon found another calling within the ministry and left the Casino to work at Living Water Ministries as a pastor, ceremonial officiator, adult educator, and marital counselor. "He was always the most positive person in the room and people were always drawn to his strong leadership style," quoted during a phone conversation with Terry Butcher, ministry partner. Caj still to this day, is called upon to help with weddings and other ceremonial gatherings

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Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council

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Charlotte A. Nilson term expires May 2016

Alfred M. Nomee term expires May 2016

Leta Campbell term expires May 2015

Don Sczenski term expires May 2015

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.

LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

Cheyenne Sepulveda and Darnell Curtis Jr.

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION NOTICE OF HEARING TCSP 13-0283/tl SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION/ NOTICE OF HEARING CASE NO. CV-CS-2013-0064 Summons And Notice By Publication Of Hearing Re: Petition For Establishment Of Child Support, In Re: Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Cheyenne Sepulveda, Petitioner, And Darnell Curtis Jr., Respondent

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe to the Respondent Darnell Curtis, Jr.: You are hereby summoned to appear not less than sixty (60) days after the date of first publication of this Summons and Notice.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in this Court a Petition praying for the establishment of child support for the child born on June 13, 2012, and for a final ruling on the paternity.

The Court hearing on this matter shall be on the 15th day of July, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.,

in the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Court, 1115 B Street, Plummer, Idaho 83851.

YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING MAY RESULT IN A DEFAULT ORDER ESTABLISHING PATERNITY AND CHILD SUPPORT. An order of child support may obligate you to pay child support until the child reaches the age of eighteen (18) or until the child graduates from high school or turns nineteen (19) whichever is the later.

You are further notified that the Tribal Child Support Program

may subpoena evidence of your income or earnings, or if unemployed, impute income to you in order to calculate a child support obligation according to the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Child Support Guidelines.

You are further notified that the Tribal Child Support Program may seek garnishment of your Tribal per capita payments, employment wages, and/or other benefits for payment of the child support obligation.

DATED this 9th day of April, 2014 BY Clerk of the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Court.

Clarice A. Matt and Joseph R. Stensgar

In The Tribal Court Of The Coeur D'alene Tribe Of The Coeur d'alene Reservation, Plummer, Idaho TCSP, ex rel S.L. Matt, a minor child No. CV-CS-2013-0223

Clarice A. Matt Petitioner, and Joseph R. Stensgar, Respondent.

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION/NOTICE OF HEARING Clerk's Action Requires TCSP 12-0235/tl Summons And Notice By Publication Of Hearing Re:

Petition For Establishment Of Child Support, In Re: Coeur d'alene Tribe, Clarice A. Matt, Petitioner, And Joseph R. Stensgar, Respondent

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe to the Respondent Joseph R. Stensgar: You are hereby summoned to appear not less

than sixty (60) days after the date of first publication of this Summons and Notice. The Court hearing on this matter shall be on the 15th day of July, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. in the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Court, 1115 B Street, Plummer, Idaho 83851.

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.

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Basin. Last fall, in anticipation of the upcoming adjudication, we worked with our north Idaho legislators to get a letter signed saying that they supported negotiations between the state and the Tribe (as opposed to going to court, which would be more expensive and time-consuming for everyone involved). In addition to the letter that supports negotiation between the two parties, we worked with the legislature to pass a House Concurrent

Resolution this session to the same effect.

Right now we are waiting for the Governor and the Idaho Attorney General's office to develop the details of the negotiation process. We are hopeful that open and honest negotiations will be in the best interest of all of the parties involved and that we will be able to establish the Tribe's water rights in the Basin through this process. We will continue to track this issue and make sure that our tribal water rights are set aside for future generations to come.

~Chairman's Corner~

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By now, most of you have probably heard that our Coeur d'Alene Casino will be offering poker very soon. Tribal Council and Casino Management have been looking at adding poker as an amenity for several years for one simple reason: as one of the biggest employers in the region, we need to be able to adapt to shifts in the market in order to compete. Offering poker as an attraction is a strategic move that will put us in a better position to compete with the other casinos and card rooms in the region. We know people want to play because we have received many requests over the years from patrons who want to play poker at the Casino and we would like to keep as many tourism dollars in Idaho instead of seeing them make their way across the border to Washington.

We're hoping that adding poker games will help us to attract additional customers to the Casino. And we hope while they're here that they'll stay and play a round

of golf at the Circling Raven, eat at one of our restaurants or enjoy some relaxation in our spa. Poker will help to protect our economic well-being and tribal self-sufficiency.

We've had multiple legal teams evaluate the pros and cons of adding poker and we believe we're well within our rights to offer poker on the reservation. The poker games we intend to offer are non-house banked, player on player card games such as Texas Hold 'Em. These types of poker games are played regularly around the state and up until the point when we notified the state of our intentions to offer poker, the state did nothing to stop poker games.

If you've seen the articles about poker in the *Coeur d'Alene Press* and the *Spokesman Review*, you may have some questions about where the state of Idaho stands on poker and how that would impact our operations. The legal analyses our lawyers have completed find that non-banked cards games such as Texas Hold 'Em are considered

Class II gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and as such, poker should be regulated by the Tribe and the National Indian Gaming Commission, not the state of Idaho. To date, we have not received anything from NIGC or the US Attorney's office telling us we are incorrect in our opinion that poker is Class II gaming.

Although it doesn't surprise me, it makes me sad to hear that the state is publicly opposed and already taking measures to stop us from offering player on player poker- it's a double standard that apparently only applies to Tribes. This past year, Idaho gave the nod to expand casino-style gaming off of Indian reservations with the adoption of "historical horse racing" (also known as Instant Racing) which was sold to lawmakers as "pari-mutuel betting." The proponents of these machines claim that they offer pari-mutuel betting on anonymous horse races from the past. The term "pari-mutuel" means player-on-player, which is exactly like the

Texas Hold 'Em poker games we plan to offer. As a matter of fairness and equality, we should be allowed to expand our operations to protect our position in the market just as the horse tracks have received the blessing to expand their operations. So if expanding pari-mutuel games is alright off of the reservation, it should be okay on the reservation. On the other hand, if the state intends to attempt to stop our poker operations from moving forward, they better take identical action to stop the addition of Instant Racing.

Interestingly, it turns out that these Instant Racing machines are nothing more than video game slot machines that the state appears to be doing nothing about. When Tribes in Idaho wanted to bring gaming to our reservations, we went through a long process of working with the state to educate them on the benefits gaming would bring to the Tribes and to the entire state. It was only through open and honest discussions and eventually, a vote of support from the people of Idaho

that allowed us to expand gaming at the casino. I fully expect the state to enforce the same standards and processes to businesses on and off the reservations, just as I expect the state to treat all people of all walks of life in the same fashion. Unfortunately, it appears that we have taken a step backward to a time when we have different rules for different groups of people.

Rest assured, Tribal Council has taken the appropriate steps to implement poker and we have done our due diligence to ensure that implementing it can be done in a way that is legal and that complements the rest of our first-class offerings at the Coeur d'Alene Casino. If the state, however, attempts to take some sort of action against the Tribe to prevent us from offering poker, we will do whatever it takes to fight for tribal sovereignty and protect our economic livelihood.

Chief Y Allan

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				1 Lakeside High School Track Meet @ Post Falls	2	3 Coeur d'Alene Tribal Elections 8:00 am - 8:00 pm Tribal HQ
4  Bloomsday	5	6 Lakeside Middle School Track Meet @ Timberlake	7 Sports Physicals @ BMC 1-6pm Cd'A Tribal Credit Applications Due	8	9	10
11  Mother's Day	12	13 Cd'A Tribal Credit Board Meeting	14	15 BMC: Mediterranean Cooking Class @ 12pm and 5:00 pm	16	17  Armed Forces Day
18	19 Lakeside Elementary Middle School Spring Concert @ 6:00 pm	20 COUNCIL FIRES FINAL DEADLINE	21 BMC: Cd'A Language Bingo @ 5:00 pm Wellness Center Cd'A Tribal Credit Applications Due	22	23	24
25	26 Cd'A HQ CLOSED Memorial Day	27 Cd'A Tribal Credit Board Meeting	28	29	30	31 Lakeside High School Graduation @ 2:00 pm

~ Community Announcements ~

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Firework applications can be picked up in the Tax Commission Office located upstairs of the Tribal Headquarters. Deadline is May 19th @ 4:30PM.

Housing to raise late fees June 1st

Effective June 1, 2014 the CDA Tribal Housing Authority will be raising the late fee from \$15 to \$20. Rent is to be paid in full no later than the end of business day on the 10th of each month otherwise a late fee will be applied to your account the next business day.

However, if you are an elder, you technically have until the 17th of each month to pay your rent because we understand you do not receive your elder monies until the 15th.

If rent is not paid in full or other payment arrangements have not been made by the 20th of each month the tenant will receive a Notice of Termination. For more information regarding late fees or any other questions please call the Housing office 686-1927.

How to make homemade "Green" cleaning products

Clean nearly everything in house with simple non-toxic ingredients.

Whether you're worried about the chemicals you're using, want to save money, or your hoping to save yourself from all those horrible added dyes and fragrances-these methods of cleaning are for you.

1. Mix ½ cup of distilled white vinegar and ¼ cup of baking soda into ½ gallon of water to create an all-purpose cleanser that can be used on almost any surface, including windows. Wipe the surfaces with a clean cloth, the vinegar smell will dissipate when the mixture dries, but you can add several drops of essential oil to mask the sent, if desired.

2. Splash full strength vinegar under the rim of your toilet bowl and let it sit for several minutes before scrubbing. The vinegar will eat away at hard water stains and other buildup. Sprinkle the toilet brush with backing soda for extra scrubbing power and deodorization.

3. Scour painted or ceramic surfaces, such as walls, stovepipe

or bathtubs, with baking soda and a damp sponge. Soak your sponge in vinegar for especially tough jobs, but avoid cleaning tiles this way. Vinegar can soften tile grout.

4. Slice a lemon in half, sprinkle it with baking soda, and scrub your tables and counter tops with the fruit. Rinse the surface completely. Your home will smell great.

5. Mop your floors with 1 cup of vinegar mixed into a gallon of warm water. Add a dash of mineral oil for shine, essential oils for a pleasing scent or ¼ cup of borax for extra cleaning power. This mixture will work on most floors. Check a small area to see if it will work on your floors. It may become slippery.

6. Polish your furniture with a mixture of 1 part lemon juice and 2 parts olive oil. The scent and shine is incredible.

The ingredients for these cleaning mixtures are easy to obtain, you may already have them in your home: Distilled white vinegar, lemons, olive oil, mineral oil, baking soda, essential oils and spray bottles.

WSU Leadership Camp set for June

Once again, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe is proud to offer the WSU Science, Leadership, & Sports Camp from June 8th-13th.

This camp is fully funded by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, and housed on the Washington State University campus. While at the camp, participants will work with WSU Professors and graduate students to explore various science fields, build leadership skills to bring back to their community, and stay active playing sports with current WSU athletes.

Participants must be between the ages of 13-18 or entering into

the 8th grade for the 2014-2015 academic year. With only 50 spots available, this camp will fill up fast. It is a first-come-first-serve program; the sooner you get your application in, the more likely you get a spot. Application deadline is May 30th, and can be submitted to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Department of Education, Wellness Center, or Lakeside High School. If you would like your son/daughter to participate in this camp, please call or email Justin Marsh to receive an application.

Contact Information: Justin Marsh - (208) 686-5310 - jmarsh@cdatribe-nsn.gov

Timber Sale bids accepted until June 5 by Forestry

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SALE OF TIMBER
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Sealed bids in duplicate, on forms available from Coeur d'Alene Tribal Forestry, marked outside, "Proposal for Timber, Ch'ets Logging Unit", will be received until 10:00 A.M. local time at the Coeur d'Alene Natural Resource Building, 402 Anne Antelope Avenue, Plummer, Idaho on June 5, 2014. The sale is located in Sections 1, 12, 13, & 24 of T44N, R4W; and Sections 6, 17, 18, & 19 of T44N, R3W, Boise Meridian, Benewah County, Idaho. Approximately 234 acres will be logged with an estimated 4,279 thousand board feet (MBF) of sawlogs and 3,668 tons of weight wood. Estimated volumes/species and minimum acceptable bids/MBF are: 1,559

MBF of DF/WL at \$240; 214 MBF of PP at \$120; 78 MBF WRC sawlogs at \$500 (non-biddable); 27 MBF of LP/ES/AF at \$200, 2,402 MBF GF/OS at \$190; Undetermined amount of western redcedar product at \$110 (non-biddable, optional removal); 2,646 tons of tonwood at \$10.00/ton (non-biddable, required removal) and 1,022 tons pulp at \$2.00/ton (non-biddable, optional removal). Stated volumes are estimated and are not guaranteed.

A bid deposit in the form of a certified check, bank draft or irrevocable letter of credit, drawn payable to the order of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, in the amount of \$28,000 must accompany each sealed bid. The deposit of the apparent high bidder and of others who submit written requests to have their bids considered for acceptance will be retained pending acceptance or rejection

of bids. All other deposits will be returned following the completion of the bidding.

The deposit of the successful bidder will be applied as part of the purchase price against timber cut on this unit only, or retained as liquidated damages if the bidder fails to execute the contract and furnish a satisfactory performance bond in the amount of \$47,000 within thirty (30) days of the acceptance of the bid. Indian preference per Coeur d'Alene Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) will apply. Sale information including the Prospectus and bid package may be obtained from: Kurt Mettler - Tribal Forestry at (208) 686-1315 or from <http://www.cdatribe-nsn.gov/natural/Forestry/forestry.aspx>.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2014 at Portland, OR, Kerma Greene, Acting Superintendent, Coeur d'Alene Agency.

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Let's Get Physical



Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council Candidates



Tribal Council Elections will be held May 3, 2014



I am asking for your vote to renew my position on Tribal Council. I feel that I can continue to make a difference in our tribe. I understand the importance of each decision that is made, taking into consideration your voices as well as the betterment of all. I am not afraid to voice

my opinion on our issues. I am able to base my opinion on thirty years of experience working with and for our tribe as your tribal councilman.

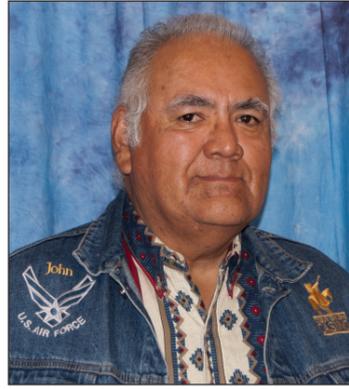
I have witnessed greatness within our own people and tribe. I understand the basis of many important decisions that have been made and accomplished. I have seen and been part of your leader's investments in many successful endeavors. I understand the basis of our rights and the investments made to preserve and protect our natural resources and economic development as the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

We have always been proud, even when we were poor. Actually, we have never been poor. We have always been

rich with fortitude, hope and promise that if we are tight and true to our battle of regaining our sovereignty, good things will come. And this is so. We have reaped the fruits of our labor. However, our battle is ongoing. There is still the threat of assimilation and basic rights of our sovereignty on many different levels: county, state, and federal.

I am currently the Chairman of the Trust Reform Committee (as part of my work with the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians) that is at the forefront of protecting our sovereignty. The committee's purpose is to assure that the United States lives up to its trust responsibility

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Evangeline and John Abraham are my parents and my name is John. Two facts that I am very proud: my parents and being a Coeur d'Alene (Schitsu'umsh). I would not consciously dishonor either. I am asking for your vote on 2 May 2014 for a position on our Tribal Council.

I have been honored to represent you the last three years and I am asking you to allow me to serve you for another three years. The most recent two years I have served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Tribal Council. This appointment by

Tribal Council has allowed me to be more actively involved in the financial analysis of various areas with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and to provide my input.

I have been a member of the reservation community my whole life, excluding the four years I served in the military. I am a member of our Warriors' Society and I am actively committed to participating in ceremonies which brings tribute and honor to our warriors.

I recently received my Masters in Business Administration Degree. This degree along with my Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management and thirty plus years' experience provides me with the practical theories and analytical tools to review financial statements and formulate recommendations for positive achievement.

As a council member, I learned that each council member is

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My name is Dianne Allen. I am a tribal elder. I have been married for 34 years with three children and eight grandchildren. I respectfully ask for your vote to represent you on

our tribal council. Like many of you, I don't like it when our tribe seems unfair. There should be one standard that applies to every tribal member-not just a select few.

I would love the privilege to exhaust my energies toward fixing problems we face. Our tribe's economic well-being has suffered over the past few years. Sadly, as a result, tribal members have lost jobs. I can make the tough decisions necessary to get our tribe out of debt. We need to further our economic development so we are not as highly dependent upon our Casino. We need good

management of our resources. We need to put our people back to work.

I will apply my **knowledge, experience, and work ethic** towards making things equal for all tribal members and to fix our problems. My **knowledge** is demonstrated by two degrees which I have proudly earned (B.S. Education and B.S. Child development) and numerous trainings in construction, leadership, supervision and business management.

My **experience** includes work for the phone company,

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and graduated from Plummer High in the later 60's. My career as a registered nurse lasted 40 years in Seattle followed by employment as the Manager for the Tribe's Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program since 2004.

I must be honest and admit, I don't like politicians who make promises just to get your vote and after they've gotten it you never see the results of their promise, so I will not be doing that. I hope to gain your vote by honesty, integrity, and trust. My parents were good teachers & role models; I wouldn't be where I am today without their guidance and teachings.

Our Tribal membership has grown so much over the years and as a result the dynamics and business side of things has

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This great nation has always been a matriarchal tribe. Women have always played a major part in our success. Especially our elderly smj'yem. It will be up to us to find solutions to some of our problems that affect every person living on our reservation, surrounding communities, and a far.

We can unite as a tribe once again, only if we include all Elders, men, women, and children.

Respectfully, I have decided to write the bulk of my letter on social media. It can be found on Facebook under: COEUR D'ALENE TRIBAL MEMBERS RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH.

I will also give copies, mail, and visit those who are home-bound. My phone numbers are listed below. My email is: marcy920@msn.com

Please tribal members take this election seriously, our future depends on you and your vote!

Marcy Morris - PO Box 40 - Worley, ID 83876 - 208.686.6023 home - 206.818.8081 cell.

With election time fast approaching I, Margaret SiJohn would like to ask for your support and vote Saturday, May 3, 2014. It would be my honor to have the opportunity to serve the members of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and our community.

I have grown up and lived on our reservation most of my life. My parents are Robert L. SiJohn and Juansetta "Zetta" Matt. I have two children, my son is Tyson LeRoy age 6 and my daughter is Laila Rhai age 4. Both children attend our Coeur d'Alene Tribal School. I am very proud to belong to a very large family which include members of the SiJohn, Hendrickx, Matt, Samuels, Peone, LaSarte, Michael and Frank families just to name a few. Some may not be by blood but are related through Tribal customs and Traditions.

My education and work experience began when I graduated from Lakeside High School in 1997. I continued my education at Eastern Washington University where I graduated in 2002 with a Bachelors degree in Social Work. I immediately entered the workforce and had the opportunity to work with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Social Services department, the Legislative Office and then the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Since 2007, I have been working at the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel in Hotel Management



and I am responsible for the productivity of multiple departments; Hotel Front Desk, Housekeeping, Laundry, Spa, Call Center Operations, Catering, Sales, Bell/Valet and our Child Care Center. In order to gain new skills and tools to effectively manage the departments I oversee, I chose to apply and subsequently entered the Masters program in Business Administration through the University of Idaho. While raising two young children and working full time, in May 2013 I graduated and earned my Executive Masters degree in Business Administration.

The Tribe has invested in me by funding my education and providing me with employment opportunities. These opportunities have given me a wealth of knowledge and skills that I would not have had otherwise. It is for this reason I want to be able

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I humbly ask for your support on May 3 for a seat on the Tribal Council. For those who don't know me, I am the daughter of Happy and Hattie LaSarte, born in Idaho and a Coeur d'Alene Tribal member for over 60 years. Following the "Relocation Program" in California in the 50's my family returned to Northern Idaho where I attended the boarding school in DeSmet



Hi, my name is Cindy Williams, and to some of you I may be known as Cindy the Meat Cutter or Cindy Bug (LOL darn childhood nicknames). I am writing this letter to ask for your support for the 2014 tribal council! =D I have been a Coeur d'Alene Tribal member since 1968. I've lived on the Coeur d'Alene reservation practically my whole life. I work in the construction field and have done so for about 20+ years. I am honest and a hard worker.

Although we all don't share the

same opinions, I have much love for ALL of our Coeur d'Alene tribal members. Being home we get to see all the great things that our tribe is doing. We have the Coeur d'Alene Casino, Benewah Medical Center, Tribal Gas Station, Benewah Market, and numerous other programs. All though we have all these great things, I still have my concerns.

These past years I have noticed that Coeur d'Alene Tribal members are losing their jobs. I'm a big believer that Coeur d'Alenes should hold the majority of positions, and also be the ones who run our tribal programs. I also have noticed that our tribal members seem to be losing their voice and are unable to speak their opinions about politics or work without being reprimanded by their bosses. We hear a lot about our people having a hard time at our work places getting treated bad in our own country. We hear "try to work in the real

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Health Board evaluates TPSP program for members

Over the past nine months an internal healthcare reform technical workgroup has been tracking information from the Affordable Care Act and determining how best to take advantage of opportunities that will benefit tribal members and all families we serve. In short order we have tackled numerous issues, been recognized for our leadership, training and outreach and enrollment efforts locally, regionally and statewide and now are ready to implement an important program that could result in service expansion in a variety of areas.

Recently, the Tribal Council, Health Board and the workgroup met in a joint session to evaluate and approve a proposed one year pilot project: Tribal Premium Sponsorship Program (TPSP). There are many pieces to this project but essentially BMWC has the opportunity under the Affordable Care Act to pay health insurance premiums for those who qualify for health insurance in the state marketplace, which in Idaho is called 'YourHealthIdaho' and in Washington, 'WaHealthPlanFinder'.

TPSP is targeting a narrow group for eligibility and must meet ALL of the following: Coeur d'Alene tribal member, contract health eligible, uninsured, ages 19-64, 100%-300% of the federal poverty income guidelines. If found eligible, BMWC will pay the health insurance premium with no co-pays, no penalties and no out of pocket costs. Please refer to the 'Frequently Asked Questions' included in this issue that will be a first step to begin to answer questions about the program.

Very soon we will announce

opportunities for more community information. In the meantime, it is vital to obtain the *correct* information so please contact our outreach and enrollment team, Molly Schnebly or Eva Davison or anyone in the contract health department who will gladly answer questions. We will report on our progress and keep everyone informed about this exciting new venture.

Because health care is such a highly regulated industry we are required to follow many guidelines and establish protocols that protect the tribe from liability. Two areas of importance need to be noted.

First, a signed consent form by a parent/guardian to treat minors (under 18) is required. This assists in providing appropriate care and to remove barriers in accessing treatment. Families with children under 18 will be receiving a letter that will provide information about consent and will include the form itself. The letter will contain contact information should there be questions.

The second area is a reminder in regards to pharmacy. When a person picks up a medication that is deemed a 'controlled substance' (i.e. narcotic), a valid photo ID (driver's license, state issued ID card, passport or tribal ID) of the person picking up the medication is required by law. For further information please contact the pharmacy at 686-5081.

During the week of May 19-23 there will be limited medical appointments because our providers will be in training for our electronic medical record upgrade. We appreciate your patience during this process.

Upcoming events include the

following:

May 7: Sports Physicals -1:00 pm – 6:00 pm; no cost but please call to schedule; children under the age of 18 will be seen without an adult IF they have a completed and signed physical form; parents, however, must be present for immunizations so please bring your immunization records. Any athlete who does not call to schedule an appointment will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

May 15: Mediterranean Cooking Class – NOON and at 5:00pm in the Community Health kitchen. Learn about the benefits of Mediterranean diet cooking and how the populations around the Mediterranean ocean have very little chronic health problems such as heart disease, diabetes, etc. This is not a diet plan, it's a lifestyle. Women's health tips will be provided as well as door prizes and everyone will leave with health information, recipes and a taste of Mediterranean cooking as well.

May 21: Coeur d'Alene Language Bingo – 5:00pm – 7:30pm at the Wellness Center. Dinner will be provided.

May 31: May 31 is World No Tobacco Day so Community Health will be providing free 'Tobacco Quit Kits' filled with goodies and resources to individuals who turn in their tobacco anytime between May 27th -May 30th. This is a walk in service through Community Health.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve. Please contact us if we can answer any questions about our services or programs we provide at BMWC.

Gary Leva, CEO

FAQs about the Tribal Premium Sponsorship Program

What is the Tribal Premium Sponsorship Program (TPSP)? Tribal Premium Sponsorship Program refers to health insurance for CHS eligible uninsured Coeur d'Alene Tribal Members who may be eligible for Advanced Premium Tax Credits in the Idaho or Washington Marketplace as authorized under the Affordable Care Act.

What is an Advanced Premium Tax Credit? An 'Advanced Premium Tax Credit' is simply a financial assistance program to help pay for health insurance at a lower cost.

How much will this insurance cost me? Nothing, TPSP will pay for your premiums, co-pays, deductible or tax penalties (if incurred). There is absolutely NO cost to any participant in this program.

Will I have to pay taxes? No taxes are associated with this program; however you will have to file a tax return and we will assist you in completing the return.

Can I drop my insurance that is offered by my employer? No, you cannot. If a tribal member decides to decline or discontinue their employer sponsored health insurance they may not be automatically covered by the TPSP without prior verification of eligibility for subsidies through the Marketplace.

If I have Part A Medicare (hospital coverage) but decline Part B Medicare (outpatient coverage) would I be eligible for TPSP? If you decline Part B Medicare you would not be eligible.

Will my dependants be covered? Dependants will first

be evaluated for the Children's Health Insurance Program. If the dependant is found to be ineligible the dependant will be evaluated for TPSP.

What is the 100-300% poverty level? Federal income guidelines issued annually that will be used to determine eligibility.

What if I have no income? Will TPSP pay insurance for me? No you must have income.

Can gaming income (per caps) be counted as income to qualify? Yes if you pay federal income taxes on your gaming income you can count it.

Is this just for Coeur d'Alene tribal members? Yes at this time.

Do you have to sign up for TPSP? Yes if you are eligible; TPSP is considered an alternate resource of contract health

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Zumba to "Step" into new phase

This past March marked the three year anniversary of Zumba Fitness at the Wellness Center. And what a fun fitness adventure it's been! I'm blessed every day to share the gift of dance and music with an amazing group of people while we work together to reach our fitness goals. I'm constantly inspired by their energy and enthusiasm and I'm excited to see what the coming months hold for us all.

Coming soon, there will be a new class offered called Zumba Step (what will they think of next?) What is Zumba Step you ask? Well... *Take lower body workouts and calorie burning to new heights with Zumba® Step, the newest Zumba® program. Tone and strengthen glutes and legs with a gravity-defying blend of Zumba routines and step aerobics.* Days and times are still to be decided but if this is a class you are interested in, please let me know. We will try to find a time that works best for everyone.

As most of you know, Kerry Franklin recently lost her courageous battle with cancer. Kerry was a beautiful person

inside and out as well as an inspiration to all who knew her and even to those who just knew of her. She had been an employee of the Wellness Center as well as a dance instructor and cheerleading coach. Many people in our Zumba family have been impacted in great ways by Kerry and her love for life and dance. Our class had been in the middle of working on a workout video to celebrate the journey of these last three years and we decided to dedicate it to Kerry as a way to thank her and encourage others to keep dancing. The video will be available soon for a suggested donation of \$10 with all of the proceeds going to the Franklin family. Please let me know if you are interested in having one. A big thank you to our amazing class who danced their hearts out for Kerry and who I know will continue to do so,

And thanks to all of you who have made this crazy adventure so much fun. I've learned more from you than you'll ever know.

*Zumba Love,
Tiffany Korver*

Water is good for you, not just to drink!

The BMC Wellness Center Aquatics offers aquatic programs, many of which are free, for all ages and skill levels.

The Earth is 75% water, can you swim?

We are in the process of rejuvenating our class schedule. The current range of aquatics programs offered includes:

Lap swim: Free program and available during all operational hours.

Lap swim is designed for people who wish to swim continuous laps for fitness and training. Patrons must be able to swim unassisted laps and allow up to four swimmers to share each lane. There is no age restriction to lap swim.

Open swim: Free program and available during all operational hours.

Open swim is designated for any fitness or recreational swimming activity. This ranges from aqua jogging, Aqua weights or even playing games. Open swim takes place in areas of the pool that are not sectioned off in single-lane intervals and is available on a first come, first serve basis. Those participating in open swim are asked to follow the general pool rules and to be conscious and considerate of others.

Open swim Therapy Pool: Free program and available during specific hours in the Therapy pool. Open swim is designated for any fitness or recreational

water activity in the warm Therapy pool. This ranges from aqua jogging, Aqua weights.

US Masters Swimming/TTC training: Joel the swimming head swim coach is running multiple training sessions weekly. Check with the Aquatics Staff about times.

Adult swim lessons: Contact aquatics office for days and times. Lessons are \$50 for 6x 30min sessions in a group setting or \$10 for 30min as a private session.

We work with you and will improve your water skills.

Youth swim lesson: Contact aquatics office for days and times. Lessons are \$40 for 8x 30min sessions in a group setting or \$7 for 20min as a private session.

The program is facilitated through child youth and school services' School of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills program. For more information, contact the Aquatics staff.

Aqua Zumba: Monday and Wednesday at 4:45-5:15pm. Tiffany is doing Aqua Zumba, a fitness program that consists of easy to follow Latin inspired dance moves in the water. Come join the fun!

Other ideas?

Please contact the Aquatics Manager or any Aquatics staff regarding new class or ideas

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LaSarte: who steals from an elder?

Recently on March 30, a friend of mine and his wife had their 4-wheeler stolen from their yard in Worley. They live on the corner and there are homes on each side, front, and back of their house so their home is in full view of several neighbors.

They reported the theft to the Police. The elder also has a terminal illness, he enjoys 4-wheeling, and spent his retirement money (he worked for years! for the Tribe) on the 4-wheeler. What kind of person

steals from a dying man, the only enjoyment he has his remaining days on this earth?

The 4-wheeler has since been found in DeSmet, and, of course, things removed and was it painted over, and not in the condition it was when it was stolen so in order for this elder to enjoy it (if it can be fixed) again he's got to pay to get it fixed. This just isn't right!

*Thanks,
Bernie LaSarte*

Matt: regarding Virginia Matt's dinner

I'm writing this in regards to my mother Virginia Matt's give away and dinner. I have had so many people inquire if I had her give away. I just want to let the people know that we have not had it. On behalf of my family – my mother's grandchildren – we're not ready. Some of us are still in shock. When the grandchildren and myself are ready we will announce it by flyer. According to tradition – told by my mother – giveaway's and memorial dinners were given when the family was ready. Sometimes it could take as long as 5 years.

We all grieve differently. I want to thank each and every one who contacted me. My mother brought me up with an understanding of how things were done a long time ago and she was taught from her parents and grand-parents. Sometimes – numerous family members would have their give-aways together. Especially if a family had so many deaths. They were all done together. That's how we done my brother Fleet, Uncle Arnie and P.J. back in 1999.

*Lots of love from Virginia
Matt's family*



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and when his schedule allows, he commits with an open heart.

Caj continues with his ministry work on the side while balancing his work with the Tribe as Communications Specialist with the Restoration Partnership (RP). The RP is made up of Tribal, federal, and state Co-Trustees which at times can be somewhat challenging. His strong

communication skills have shined through, where on occasion differing opinions can slow down progress.

To date, Caj has created new branding for the RP, he has created a website: www.restorationpartnership.org, used sophisticated software and has created numerous handouts and brochures, and as of April 2014, has created a YouTube video of the recent tundra swan migration through

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you have. We would like to offer what our community needs!

We also offer lifeguard training courses. Typically we train about 30-40 lifeguards every year. [The fitness facility] trains all of the lifeguards for our staff and the majority of people that work in the community as lifeguards.

The lifeguard training course

is \$75 and the minimum age for the course is 15.

Our emphasis in swimming and aquatics is the importance of safety, it is a "life skill" that everyone should possess. Water activities also have added benefits to your physical fitness. Swimming is a full-bodied exercise as you can utilize it as an aerobic or anaerobic exercise; work on cardio or

Matt: thank you for helping us retrieve our ATV

We would like to thank everyone in the Community who gave us many leads on getting our ATV-4 wheelers back, which were stolen out of our yard in the early hours on March 31. We were able to recover the first four-wheeler on Highway 95 out of gas. The other one had been recovered in DeSmet in the brush by the Pond.

To the people who were involved in taken the ATV's, the Owner is suffering from a deadly disease and this is how he occupies his mind, time and pain by riding with friends, which he enjoys. He has been able

to retire and was able to save enough money to purchase this 4-wheeler with his retirement funds.

THIS KIND OF MISCHIEF WILL STILL KEEP HAPPENING AND WILL CONTINUE TO HAPPEN IF WE DO NOT HAND DOWN WHAT WE WERE TAUGHT BY OUR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS FROM RIGHT FROM WRONG. We as Parents, Grandparents still need to teach our Children and the Young Adults to RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE'S PROPERTY.

There were damages done to the ATV. Here is the list of things that we are going to swallow for the cost of repair: Two side mirrors, two side panels, winch, license plate, ball hitch were all taken off. The ignition switch was completely taken out and hot-wired for them to keep driving it and it was spray painted with black paint to hide the color of the ATV.

With all of this said, again we would like to thank all of you that helped us recover the ATV's.

*Wendell Matt &
Eileen Nault-Matt*

Food Coalition & Youth Programs provide bike-blended smoothies



Alyssa SiJohn blends up a "bike smoothie" during the blow-out.

The One Sky One Earth Food Coalition collaborated with the Wellness Center Youth Program to host a healthy snack option during the Wellness

Center's youth basketball tournament, Co-ed Blowout. The most popular snack was make-it-yourself bike blender smoothies where kids filled a blender

pitcher with healthy fruit, yogurt, almond milk and many tried the green smoothie with dark, leafy greens & cucumber.

The blender pitcher was mounted onto the back of a bicycle that was positioned on a stand to make it stationary. It only took about 30 seconds of youth-powered spinning for the smoothies to get blended! Other snacks included a healthy peanut butter bar, infused cucumber water, make-it-yourself fruit kabobs, humus and pita chips. Youth Programs purchased the blender engineered to work with a bicycle from Rock the Blender in Berkeley, CA. No electricity required!

All involved had a great time while learning about some healthy snack options.

Blending of cultures teaches not to take things at face value

*By Lorena Esquivel
Coeur d'Alene tribal
descendant - Courtesy Walla
Walla Union Paper*

The swaying and twirling of handmade regalia drew me in, while the singing and music of the drum-

mers flowed to me. When I attended powwows, I feel the connection to my mother's world, a world of native culture and traditions.

As a member of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe that was the world she knew while growing up. It is a world centered on the spiritual balances of the Earth and our people.

On the other hand, my father's world is one of Mexican descent, which is based on the Catholic faith, staying connected to God and being true to the Bible throughout your life.

I was born in Walla Walla three months premature and weighing only two pounds and four ounces. This situation weighed heavily on the hearts of my grandma Josefina and great-aunt Elena who were part of my father's Mexican world near Guadalajara.

In an effort to help me, they visited three famous churches where they walked, bowed and prayed to God, asking Him to save me. They prayed that if he did spare me, I would someday come back to those churches to pay my respects. This was their way of helping me from afar.

At age 9, I did visit those three churches near the area where my father grew up.

Being a spiritual being and being spiritual to God usually are not the same. Since I am both Mexican and of Native descent, spirituality for me is completely different experience.

I live in and experience two different worlds and cultures. Both of these cultures have molded my ethical and moral mentality from a young age.



Sometimes I feel like an outcast because of this but the idea of feeling different has driven me to show others that they are not any better than I am.

These cultural differences at times have affected my immediate family. Many times growing up the invitations to family parties and events seemed to skip us, mostly due to my mother being Native American. This created an atmosphere of silent resentments that seemed to overwhelm my family.

We have very little differences with those people in a material sense, but because of those differences, they judge me and my family for being different because of our Native descent.

Growing up in this environment has lit a deep burning desire for me to succeed. I have an explosive passion that focuses everything I do.

The values of my family, friendship, and education along

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guaranteed by our treaties and executive orders. As the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, we have inherent rights that must be protected and preserved on all levels.

I am willing and able to continue to fight this battle alongside you for the betterment of our future and our children's future. I believe that we have built a strong, stable home that is providing for our people- and most importantly preserving our sovereignty for future generations. However, there is still much work to be done. Please allow me to continue to contribute in this effort and great cause of sustainability of our people and of our land.

**Lem lemtch
Ernie Stensgar**
*I ask you dear tribal member, to
please vote for Ernie Stensgar*

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to give back to the Tribe and I believe that being part of the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council would give me that chance. As I was taught growing up and being a mother myself, I realize how important it is to ensure that there are opportunities for our children and future generations to come.

I want to thank those supporters who voted for me last year. Although I wasn't elected, I learned how important one vote could be! In order to make any kind of impact for the future of our children and their children, our Tribal Council is vital and I want to be part of it. Please join me in the commitment to our future and get out and vote because your ONE vote does matter.

I am requesting your vote and wish the best of luck to all the Candidates.

*Sincerely,
Margaret SiJohn*

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involved in many different committees of the Tribe. Each of these involves additional commitments of time. These committees involve all aspect of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe: Housing, Natural Resources, Gaming, Finance, Elders, Enrollment, Law and Order, Education, etc. I witness the dedication your council members have exhibited in protecting our sovereign interests both locally and nationally. I too was

a critique of our Tribal Council and believe that they did nothing in the interest or benefit of the Coeur d'Alene People. I humbly apologize, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe faces many important issues and these change on a daily basis. The Coeur d'Alene Tribe must deal with legislation from other governments that conflict with our interests.

I ask that you all take an active role in our government. Run for Council or Vote! Respectfully,

John Abraham

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become more complex. The different Tribal entities have added to the complexity. Our position within local, state, & federal government has changed as a result of our growth, and this is a good thing. It's up to Tribal leaders to secure and maintain that position and sustain the future position for generations to come.

There are so many things that are important right here on the home front. For instance our children's education is important. I've advocated for improved primary and secondary education as well as for those who were mistreated in the schools for several years now. If we don't pay attention to our children's education then that's going to affect all of us all in the long run. Our elders are in need of an assistance program to help them with their daily living needs. Many of our elders need assistance with small things

such as, housekeeping, laundry, shopping, transportation, lawn care, financial payee, etc. These are things that are easily fixable, but just as important as the big issues.

I do not believe in nepotism, but I do believe in helping all regardless of their family's name and regardless if they like me or not. I've never turned anyone away because of who they are, ever and at 62 I'm not about to start now.

I have very strong views on accountability and want that in leadership and expect it of myself. I am comfortable questioning as well as being questioned.

I make no promises to "change everything wrong", but I will affirm to make decisions for the benefit of the Tribe as a whole and not a select few. Thank you for considering me.

*Respectfully,
Bernie LaSarte*

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services

Can I go to any doctor with my insurance? You must follow CHS guidelines and get authorization from your doctor at BMC. All primary care visits must be through BMC.

What do I need to bring to my TPSP application appointment? Tribal Identification or Certificate of Indian Blood

(CIB) - Proof of Income - Social Security card for everyone that you claim on your taxes

What insurance company will be used for TPSP? Blue Cross of Idaho

How does TPSP benefit BMC and the Tribe? Reduced contract health expenses and increased revenue to BMC will enable us to expand our services/programs over time; it's a win/win for everyone

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world."

I don't know about you, but I LOVE BEING HOME WORKING. I love being close to my family. It's bad enough for those of us who have to travel to work "in the real world" and hear all the racial, ignorant comments from non-Indians, but to have to come home and hear it put up with it is a darn shame. If I am elected I will not let the people "lose their voice."

I will take action and do my best to follow up on tribal concerns. We should never be afraid to speak our opinion. Our tribal leaders have an obligation to hear our concerns and to respond to our needs. When Tribal members have legitimate concerns they

should not say "just do your job," or "be glad you have a job." We are not beggars, we are the tribal members and we want our voices to be heard!

Our leaders always tell the membership and our youth how important it is to get an education, but more and more you see that our people who do work hard to get their education are coming home to no work available; they end up at the casino pouring coffee, etc. Also our educated membership who go out and actually find a job within the tribe are ran out of their jobs. I just don't understand how we can allow this kind of behavior happen to our own people in our own country.

There is a lot of change that I would still like to see and one is

accountability. I think every travel should be posted in tribal council fires paper. There are many times we hear from the membership about our "paid council" off playing golf somewhere, whether it be at home or off on "travel." I'm always curious on when they travel.....is it always beneficial to our tribe or is it just a golf vacation on our tribe's dollar?

We need a good change for our membership! Let me help your voices be heard and Vote Cindy Williams for 2014 Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council.

....and good luck to all who are running for council... may the best member win. =)

Cindy Williams

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University of Idaho, and our tribe as Head Start and Tribal School Teacher (7 yrs), Director of Education (11 yrs) and Director of our Early Childhood Learning Center (4yrs). It also includes my service on Idaho State's Board of Education subcommittee for diversity, the state of Idaho's Indian Education Committee which I chaired during its inaugural 2 years, and the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) education committee which I served as chair for ten years. I currently operate my own consulting and internet business

and do ministry work to help meet the needs of people both on and off our reservation.

Finally, I have a strong **work ethic**. My accomplishments include development of many new programs that brought millions of dollars along with jobs to the tribe, such as our Language, Youth, Early Head Start, Even Start, and Child Care programs. I led the development of the Early Childhood Learning Center, writing grants which brought half a million dollars toward that project and increased the number of children our tribe serves by over 300%. I secured the grant which added shade, play equipment and bike paths to

our ECLC's playground which is now the envy of child care centers everywhere.

There is so much more I could say, but space is limited. And, I can't list these accomplishments without acknowledging the many people who helped and God who blessed our work. It takes teamwork to get things done. Now, I would like to team with you to accomplish our goals. I believe we can create one standard for all. I believe we can fix our economic problems. "I believe..." Vote for me, Dianne Allen, on May 3rd

Dianne Allen

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with the honest gratitude that shapes my world leads me to believe I will serve a greater purpose and grow morally as a person and a student.

That is the difference between my immediate family and the rest of our family. We work for what we have and value the idea of perseverance and not accepting everything on a silver platter.

These values are what separate my siblings and me from any true belonging to both of my extended families. They cannot comprehend why I put everything on hold, including the "family" for my education.

Inside I know in my absolute heart of hearts that education is my way out of this cycle.

Life for me growing up had its highs and lows like anyone else's. I always felt the need to show my father that he did not come to this land for nothing,

and I want to show that he is greatly appreciated through my efforts.

Even though there has been differences growing up in the influence of two cultures. I am still blessed. I have been granted a great opportunity to expand my mind to everyone around me because the person I just met or the one across from me may be the one who is going to change the world. Most of all I never take anything or anyone at face value.

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