



## Judge rules in favor of Tribe in poker dispute against state

Poker can continue for now at the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's casino in Worley after a federal judge ruled Monday that the state violated a gambling compact in a dispute over a game Idaho says is illegal.

The state sued last month to shut down the tribe's poker room, saying all forms of poker are banned under Idaho's Constitution and state law. But tribal representatives argued that Texas Hold 'Em poker is not considered illegal gambling but a game of skill.

Tribal officials said in court nearly two weeks ago that the game requires players to compete against each other, with no house bank involved.

State officials sought a temporary ban on play, which U.S. District Judge Lynn Winmill denied Monday.

The gambling compact between the state and tribe says both sides have 60 days to call for arbitration to settle disputes before they can sue each other, Winmill ruled. Because Idaho filed a lawsuit during the 60-day window, it violated the agreement, the judge said.

"For now, the court will



stay the lawsuit because the parties are within the 60-day period in which the compact unambiguously prohibits the state from filing this lawsuit," Winmill wrote in his decision. Idaho and the tribe have until July 7 to file a report to the court on the status of a solution.

State officials expressed disappointment in the ruling, given the "plain language" of the compact.

"But the State of Idaho remains committed to enforcing the rule of law that limits gambling in tribal casinos to clearly approved games — and poker isn't one of them," Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter said in a prepared statement.

Tribal attorney Eric Van Orden said the tribe believes it has the legal right to offer poker.

"The court agreed with our interpretation of the gaming compact and reinforced what we've been saying all along, that the state jumped the gun and violated the provisions of our agreement when it raced to the courthouse with this unnecessary lawsuit," Van Orden said.

The casino has been a major success for the tribe and has grown considerably since it opened nearly two decades ago. It offers slot machines, bingo and off-track betting. The poker room opened May 2.

## Tribe to be honored for activism, investments in education programs

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe has been chosen to receive the National Education Association's Leo Reano Memorial Award because of its contributions to the education of Indian and non-Indian youth in northern Idaho and eastern Washington. The award ceremony will take place on July 2 during NEA's annual Representative Assembly, being held this year in Denver.

In 1992, the tribe signed a compact to have gaming on its reservation in which the tribe voluntarily committed at least 5 percent of the net gaming revenues to go to financial support of education. This has resulted in \$21.4 million invested in education programs to date from pre-K to college. These programs include Head Start, child care, dual enrollment programs that count college courses for both high school and college credit, and tutoring in early grades for children who fall behind.

"Sixty years after the Brown v. Board of Education landmark decision, we still see dramatic inequities and disparities in resources, programs, and opportunities for students across America," said NEA President Dennis Van Roekel. "The work of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe is even more important each year those inequities persist. We must continue to shed a light on their work as they guide and inspire us all."

The efforts of the Tribe are certainly paying off for local students. The Plummer-Worley Joint School District Number 44 on the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation, for example, had a graduation



rate of 34 percent 10 years ago and is 90 percent today. The district's Superintendent Judi Sharrett credits the tribe. The tribe doesn't just stop at donating resources and funds, but tracks all children to ensure no one falls through the cracks.

"When it comes to making a difference in someone's life, we believe there is nothing that can have a greater impact than an education. We are proud to support the efforts of the teachers and schools in the region who work every day to give all kids, native and non-native, a hand up and the tools to succeed in life," said Chairman Chief Allan of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

The National Education Association (NEA) will thank and honor the outstanding work of a dozen of America's human and civil rights heroes at its annual Human and Civil Rights Awards Dinner on July 2 in Denver. This year's theme, "Tonight We Celebrate, Tomorrow We Organize," will recognize those who fought—and continue to fight—for social justice. Award recipients will also include the past and present with former U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Akaka (D-Hawaii) and iconic civil rights leader Coretta Scott King being recognized.

## Tribe awarded Land Buy-Back program funds

As part of the Cobell Settlement, a class-action lawsuit against the Department of the Interior for the mismanagement of individual trust assets, the Department of the Interior created the Land Buy-Back Program to fund the purchasing of fractionated trust lands within reservations. Recently, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe was awarded \$4.1 million of Land Buy-Back funds to purchase fractionated lands specifically within the Coeur d'Alene Reservation.

**Important Land Buy-Back Program Facts:** All sales are voluntary. Landowners can choose which interests, if any, they would like to sell. The

Coeur d'Alene Tribe will take ownership of all land interests sold. Sales are for Fair-Market Value as determined by an appraisal from the Office of Appraisal Services. The Buy-Back funds are separate from other Cobell funds and are awarded through the Trust Land Consolidation Fund.

Due to funding limitations, the Tribe may not be able to purchase the interests of all willing sellers. Also, being a willing seller does not automatically guarantee your land interest(s) will be purchased. It is important to remember that all of the interests purchased will become owned by the Tribe and will not be taken out of

tribal ownership.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, Coeur d'Alene Casino Conference Rooms, 6-7 PM, Catering Provided

**Contact Info:** Tribal staff is available to assist landowners with Buy-Back paperwork and answer any questions. If you own fractionated land and are interested in selling, if you are unsure whether you qualify for this program, or if you are interested in learning more about the Buy-Back Program, contact Land Services at (208) 686-5123 or by email at [BuyBack@cdatribe-nsn.gov](mailto:BuyBack@cdatribe-nsn.gov) or visit <http://gis.cdatribe-nsn.gov/LandBuyBack/> for more information.

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## Welcome aboard Anthony Campbell



The Council Fires would like to introduce you to and welcome our 2014 Summer Youth worker Anthony Campbell to the staff. Anthony comes to us from the Department of Education's summer program to pair local youth with department amongst the Tribe they have interest in.

This partnership allows students to get their feet wet in the working world, make professional connections and possibly lead to employment down the road if they enjoy the work they did. It also gives undecided youth a

chance to "taste test" different departments over their years of participating in the program.

Anthony chose to enroll in the program because he "needed a job and wanted to get out of the house."

The interview process for the program doesn't have students sit for specific positions, rather they are given a list of available tribal departments and simply state their preferences; depending on how many spots are available – the students are then assigned a spot for the 6-week duration of the program.

"I like being here, it's been a good learning experience," said Anthony. "I liked watching the layout, I didn't really know how that process worked."

Anthony is a creative whose passions include all forms of art from sketching to film making to creative writing – working for the Council Fires has given him a chance to work on his writing skills in a different format.

At 16 and being homeschooled for the past 2 years, Anthony is planning on attending college and do what many young students do – try to figure out what path to take in life. Although growing up with eight sisters, he says that has done a pretty good job at preparing him for some of the challenges life will throw at you.

Anthony lives with his Nana and Papa Nicole and Michael Campbell just outside of Plummer; along with 4 of his sisters – Micheal, Victoria, Cheryl and Pamela and 4 nieces and nephews Angelo, Frankie, Luca and Khloe Mokry.

We are pleased to have Anthony on board for the duration of his stay here at Council Fires – look for him out in the community as we will be keeping him busy this summer!

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

## Preparing traditional food: smoked salmon



Ron Torpey filets some salmon to prepare for the brine; the fish will then be smoked and given to the Forestry department for the Annual Timber Symposium.  
Photo by Anthony Campbell

By Anthony Campbell

The Natural Resources department recently took part in the Intertribal Timber Council's 38<sup>th</sup> Annual symposium, by providing traditional food for the event. I got the opportunity to meet with Angelo Vitale and Ron Torpey to watch and learn the process of preparing and smoking salmon. This food is known all over to be a delicious tasting meal, but not everyone knows how to make it. With the information that I have gathered and learned, we are going to go through the steps of preparing and smoking salmon.

First off we have the brine, which is a mixture of sugar, soy sauce, salt, maple syrup, and brown sugar. There are

many different ways to make the brine, and everyone does it differently. The brine is then poured into a tub of water and mixed together until it covers the whole tub.

"Smells like breakfast," says Torpey.

After this, the salmon is then placed on a cutting board and cut into fillets. Make sure your knife is nice and sharp before going at it. You place the salmon into the brine and let it soak for half a day to a day. It can even sit overnight.

Once the salmon has soaked for the amount of time needed, remove from the brine and pat it dry to get rid of excess salt and sugar. It is then placed on racks and put into the smoker where it will be for six hours under a cottonwood fire. The

temperature in the smoker should be 120 degrees. If it gets too hot, the salmon will end up baked instead of smoked. This smoking process releases all of the wonderful flavors of the salmon leaving you wanting more.

Remove the salmon from the racks once it has been smoked for the right amount of time.

"It should be like jerky," says Vitale.

This wonderful tasting salmon can be eaten by itself or used for other meals. It is used in salads and some people even make dip out of it.

There are many other recipes that use smoked salmon. So explore what you like and find what satisfies your taste buds. For me, smoked salmon by itself is like heaven on earth.

## Wildlife department discusses wolves, hunting, and habitat protection

By Anthony Campbell

Wildlife Program Manager, Cameron L. Heusser, speaks about his job and some of the projects wildlife has undertaken.

"The program as a whole, we have a lot of different components. The biggest one is habitat restoration. We'll go out and purchase properties and restore the habitat for wildlife," Heusser continues,

A good example for this is part of the Benewah Creek. Wildlife purchased the property through Bonneville Power Administration, a mitigation program. If an area gets damaged, Wildlife gets money to restore

the area back to its original form. After thirteen years they were able to restore much of the creek. Post Falls Dam made major impacts on the wildlife in the area, and through the money they got from Avista, they were able to restore it to the best of their ability.

Wildlife also purchased five pieces of land along the Hangman Creek with the eventual goal that salmon will one day go through again.

"Besides the habitat, we're also in charge of setting the hunting regulations on the reservation," Heusser continues.

Hunting on the reservation is open to everyone who has a tribal permit, tribal or nontribal.



Regulations on the reservation are essentially the same as Idaho State regulations. But for tribal members, they set their own seasons and limits that are different from the state, which hugely benefit tribal members in that they get longer seasons.

Other projects include monitoring and research. This is considered to be the fun part of the job, according to Heusser. It includes collaring deer and tracking their movements. Cameron says that they are working a lot with wolves, tracking the pack and movements. One of the ways they

do this is through trail cameras they place in the areas to check the activity. Through this system of monitoring and research, they are able to track the population of the wildlife in the area.

There are nine people working for Wildlife: Anders Mikkelsen, Gerry Green, Nate Albrecht, Tom Prewitt, Vince Peone, Buck Allen and Pete Vallee. These people work hard to maintain the beauty in our area. We can do our part by not damaging any of the wildlife and just sit back and enjoy the wonderful view that is the Coeur d'Alene reservation.

### 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.

# ~Chairman's Corner~

## hinchanpa'qhmn

Summertime may seem like a quiet time around tribal headquarters, but we have a lot going on right now.

You know I'm always talking about how important education is and by now you've seen how involved we've gotten over the years, partnering with many of the local school districts to support them in their efforts to educate our students. On July 2, the Tribe will receive the National Education Association's Leo Reano Memorial Award in Denver. We were nominated by a retired teacher from the Coeur d'Alene School District, Joann Harvey, who is Nez Perce but has worked in Coeur d'Alene and seen the impacts our partnerships have had on our local students. She wanted to make sure that we were recognized for our contributions to the education

of Indian and non-Indian youth in northern Idaho and eastern Washington.

We are honored to be nominated for this award and it will be my pleasure to accept it on behalf of the Tribe and all of our tribal staff who work so hard to make sure our students receive a good education and set them up for success later in life. My hat's off to those in our education department and those who teach in our region.

We are also gearing up to participate in the Department of Interior's Land Buy-Back Program. Last month, thanks to a lot of persistence and hard work from our staff in the Land Services, Public Works, and Legal departments, we were awarded \$4.1 million to purchase ownership interests in land held in trust by the federal government on the Reservation.

You might recall that we weren't on the list of tribes that the Department of Interior initially named as participants in the program. But we had a good plan in place and detailed ownership records that other tribes and the BIA have struggled to maintain, so fortunately the Department of Interior listened, acknowledged that we were well prepared and agreed to include us in the program. Interests purchased will be owned by the Tribe and we'll be able to better manage our land for the benefit of the Tribe.

Right now, tribal staff is reaching out to landowners and trying to develop a list of people who might be interested in selling their interests. It's a completely voluntary program and you can pick and choose which interests you'd like to

sell, if any at all. If you are interested or know someone who is, call (208) 686- 5123 or email [buyback@cdatribe-nsn.gov](mailto:buyback@cdatribe-nsn.gov) to see if you're eligible and to get signed up. There's also a meeting at the Casino in their conference rooms on Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 p.m.

Every summer has a boatload of unique outdoor learning opportunities available in north Idaho and the northwest. Julyamsh Powwow Camper's night is scheduled for July 24 and the Powwow begins in full force on the 25<sup>th</sup>, so mark your calendars. And of course, our youth programs are very active with summer youth interns in place with tribal departments, Back to the Earth's science and water camp already wrapping up their 2 week camp at the end of June, and Rockin' the

Rez ramping up for their camp this month. Meanwhile, our Tribe is sending 10 middle and high school kids from Youth Council to the UNITY National Conference in Portland at the end of June.

By the time you read this, we'll all be home again, but I'm looking forward to sitting on the conference's tribal leadership panel and fielding questions from our future tribal leaders about leadership and the challenges we face and the things we have overcome as a Tribe.

If you're like me, you think that summer always goes too quickly in north Idaho, so I hope you are taking advantage of every warm and sunny day we've had so far and spending as much time in the great outdoors as you can. Be safe out there and have fun.

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# ~ Community Announcements ~

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### Two summer road projects planned

This summer, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Public Works Department in cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) will begin construction of two major road improvement projects near Plummer.

The first road project consists of a chip-seal treatment of approximately 2.36 miles of Agency Road. The project will consist of prepping, chip sealing, and re-striping the most recently paved section of Agency Road from the intersection at Highway 95 to approximately 2.36 miles west of Highway 95. Bids for this job were accepted in May and the Tribe is currently in process of finalizing the construction contract.

This project is expected to begin in mid-July and be completed by the middle of August. Local access will be provided throughout the course of the project, but please be prepared for travel delays at certain stages of the project.

The second project will focus on residential street rehabilitation within the Tribal housing complex in

Plummer. The "Plummer Housing Authority Streets Reconstruction" project will include the resurfacing of all the residential streets within the Plummer housing complex. These streets will be reconstructed by removing existing asphalt, rehabilitating the roadway base where needed, and installing new asphalt.

In addition, improvements will be made to curbs, gutters, pedestrian ramps, pavement markings, and signage. The Tribe accepted bids for this job in February and the contract was awarded to William Winkler Co. The Tribe expects this project to begin the first week of July. Local residents should expect some travel delays during the course of construction. Local access will be provided, and the project will be phased to reduce delays as much as possible. This project is expected to be complete by the end of August.

If you have any questions about either of these projects, please contact Public Works Director Jim Kackman at (208) 686-2066.

### Benewah Medical Center to offer grief counseling services

**M**oving Forward: The Grief Recovery Method Outreach Program® is being offered by the Benewah Medical Center Counseling Services Department in Plummer, Idaho.

The Grief Recovery Method Outreach Program is an 8 week course that provides education and training on ways to move beyond the pain of loss. The classes will be offered for free as a pilot program. Most insurances and sliding fee scale will be accepted if this pilot program is successful and offered again. Grief is considered a natural and normal response to significant emotional loss of any kind.

While there is no scale to compare losses, obviously, grief includes death and divorce.

However, there are several losses which can cause grief. The range of emotions associated with grief varies from person to person. Grief is individual and unique for everyone. Just as each relationship is unique, so are the feelings and thoughts each person will have about the relationship that has been altered by death, divorce, or for other reasons.

Grief Recovery is accomplished by discovering and completing undelivered communication from a lost relationship. Often we are advised to, "Let go" or "Move on." However, letting go is never that easy. In order to transition into recovery from grief, one must complete the pain process. Completion of pain is when individuals can then begin

to move forward from their grief. There are several steps to journey to the path of completion.

The Grief Recovery Program fosters a safe environment to decimate old beliefs pertaining to loss and look at what actions will lead to grief recovery. Educational Materials for the class include: The Grief Recovery Handbook. We feel privileged to offer this program to the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Community.

If you or any of your family members are still finding it difficult to cope with a significant emotional loss, please contact the Benewah Medical Counseling Services Department at 208-686-1449 to sign up.

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**CONTRATULATIONS 2013-2014 GRADS!!!!**

*Please join us for a light lunch in your honor on July 22, 2014 at the Department of Education Offices located at 1118 B Street in Plummer, ID. If you have any questions please call 208 686-5114 or 686-5115.*

### Casino announces some shuttles will be discontinued

By Andrew Murphy

In July, the casino late night bus service to North Spokane and Spokane Valley will be discontinued. This may affect customers in Washington State.

Right now the last trip out to Spokane on Friday and Saturday

night, leaves at 3:10 a.m. The last trip out to the Valley on Friday and Saturday night, leaves at 2:40 a.m. Both of these trips are being eliminated due to poor ridership.

The casino will retain the option of temporarily reactivating these two circuits to support events

here which may generate a high guest attendance.

Starting with the weekend of July the 11th, the last bus leaving the casino for Francis and Nevada will depart at 12:40 a.m. The last bus leaving the casino for Sprague and Pines will depart at 12:30 a.m.

### DOE/Casino join forces to offer Hospitality Management

In collaboration with The Coeur d'Alene Tribe Casino Resort Hotel, North Idaho College, and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Department of Education, a new Hospitality Management Associate of Applied Science Degree is being offered through North Idaho College. This program is designed to help meet the workforce needs of casinos, resorts, and restaurants in our region. Many of the courses will take place face-to-face at the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Department of Education as well as online starting fall 2014.

Students who complete the Hospitality Management degree program will possess the following skills: Understand and apply the skills and knowledge necessary to

work in various entry-level positions in the hospitality industry; Utilize computer applications and software; Demonstrate proficiency in excellent guest services and conflict resolution; Discuss and practice food safety; Plan and organize an event or meeting; Apply the principles of ethics when performing responsibilities of a manager and evaluate their importance to the hospitality industry.

According to North Idaho College, the "Hospitality Management program prepares students for entry-level management in the hospitality industry." Students will have classroom instruction as well as hands-on learning in the areas of management, human resources, accounting, food and beverage operations,

and lodging operations. Three college credits for the degree must be earned in hospitality field experience or an internship.

In addition to the two-year degree program, there are 2 one-year Hospitality certificates. Students can choose to earn a certificate in Hospitality Lodging or Hospitality Food and Beverage.

If you are interested in learning more about the program and the application process, please contact Karen Krier at [kkrier@cdatribe-nsn.gov](mailto:kkrier@cdatribe-nsn.gov) or 208.686.8502 at the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Department of Education, 5115 B Street, Plummer, ID 83851. Space and funding is limited, so contact Ms. Krier as soon as possible.



### Carrying on Tribal Identity

As a keeper of traditional knowledge, whether it's drumming, singing, storytelling, beading, weaving, making traditional tools/crafts, etc. you are invited to pass those things that were given to you on to the future generation.

Please contact the Language Program at 582-4183 as soon as possible so we can give you more information and include you in the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Culture Week schedule. Requests for inclusion in leading stations and/or activities made after June 19 will be considered however may only be included in the program if space and time allows.

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## American Indian Veteran's Advisory Council



### 5th Annual Memorial and Honoring Ceremony

**Saturday, September 13, 2014**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center**

**4815 N. Assembly St.**

**(Picnic Grounds Behind VAMC)**

Lawn Chairs are welcome for this Outdoor Event in grassy area behind main hospital.



## Retaining health professionals not just local issue, plagues IHS facilities nationwide

Each of the past few months we have continued to provide information about our pilot project to pay health insurance premiums for tribal members who qualify for health insurance in the state marketplace. We will continue to repeat this information given the importance and implication to BMWC.

The Tribal Premium Sponsorship Program (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.

This group of individuals is required to make application for TPSP. If found eligible, BMWC will pay the health insurance premium with no co-pays, no penalties and no out of pocket costs. Molly Schnebly

and/or Eva Davison or contract health staff will gladly answer questions. Please call for assistance.

One of the greatest challenges facing every tribally-operated health facility in the country is recruitment and retention of medical providers. Everywhere you look tribes struggle to not only attract a provider but also to retain them.

All of us are in the same boat no matter how beautiful the facility, the area, the schools, quality of staff, employee benefits, etc. etc. Truth be told its gotten worse over time because the demand for these professionals far exceeds the supply to meet the needs, especially in Indian country.

An often misunderstood fact is that most family practice trained providers are now employees as opposed to the traditional model of private practice.

Private practices (provider owned), including most in our region, have been purchased by the major hospitals: Sacred Heart, Deaconess and Kootenai Health. Now these former self-employed owners are employees and are no different when it comes to expectations regarding performance, adhering to policies/procedures, etc.

Many of my colleagues share similar themes when discussing the status of our respective clinics concerning medical providers. One, recruiting providers to our special niche is very difficult; two, finding the right fit for the tribal community and our respective organization eliminates most and three, long term loyalty and longevity is a thing of the past. Even over the last 10 years there has been a shift in expectations. Granted, there are exceptions, of course,

but overall these trends are troubling because the tribal and community expectations are at odds with this new reality.

No one wants to see their provider depart after only a few years but the sad truth is that it's becoming the norm. We expect non-provider employees to leave their place of employment for a variety of reasons and now, so do providers, the groups are no different. We somehow must come to terms with the fact that in spite of our strong efforts to hire right, employees move on and this includes providers.

Given these challenges, we aggressively confront them head on and do what we need to do to bring high quality staff to the Coeur d'Alene reservation, no matter how long it takes. Our mission, vision and values mandate this and we will continue to recruit staff that

wants to be here for the right reasons and want to serve the tribe/community. That's our promise, plain and simple.

On July 19 the 'Muddy Miles' event will be held at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds and the Cd'A tribe is an elite sponsor for that event. Our community health Lifestyle Balance program is paying for registrations. Please contact community health if you would like to purchase a ticket. Also at Julyamsh the tobacco cessation program will have a table of information and resources for those who would like to quit smoking. Please stop by!

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*

## Summer is here! Follow these swim safety tips for the whole family and enjoy the water

Swimming can be one of the most enjoyable summer activities, and it can be one of the most dangerous.

Drowning is the second most common cause of accidental death in children ages 1 to 14. (just behind motor vehicle accidents.)

To ward off a tragedy in the making, watch for the 8 signs that someone is in trouble.

A drowning person can't call for help. They have to breathe before they can speak.

They can't wave for help either. They instinctively extend their arms to the side and press down to lift their mouth out of the water.

A drowning person remains upright in the water, with no

evidence of kicking. They can only struggle for 20 to 60 seconds before going under.

Eyes are glassy, unable to focus, or closed.

Hair may be over the forehead or eyes.

Head is low in the water, with mouth at water level; head may be tilted back with mouth open. A child's head may fall forward.

Sometimes the most important indicator that someone is drowning is that they don't look like their drowning. They may be looking up at the sky, shore, pool deck or dock. Ask "Are you OK? If you're OK raise your hand." If they don't answer, don't wave or return a blank stare, you may only have

30 seconds to get to them.

Children playing in the water make noise. When they are quiet you need to get to them and find out why.

The eight signs were referenced from 'The Readers Digest.

Have fun, but be aware of what is going on around you and remember the 8 signs that someone is in trouble.

There is no substitute for active supervision:

Actively supervise children in and around open bodies of water, give them your undivided attention.

Whenever infants or toddlers are in or around water, an adult should be within arm's reach to provide active supervision. It's hard to get everything done without a little multitasking, but this is the time to avoid distractions of any kind. If children are near water, then there should be only one thing on your mind. Small children can drown in as little as one inch of water.

When there are several adults present and children are swimming, use the Water Watcher strategy, which designates an adult as the Water Watcher for a certain amount of time (such as 15-minute periods) to prevent lapses in supervision.

Start slow with babies:

You can start introducing your babies to water when they are about 6 months old. Remember to use waterproof

diapers and change them frequently.

Educate your kids about swimming safety:

Every child is different, so enroll children in swimming lessons when you feel they are ready. (for Swimming Lessons, Life Guard Instruction and CPR Courses contact Kjell Schioberg, Aquatics Manager, at the Tribal Wellness Center, 686-9355 ext. 508 or at kschioberg@bmc.portland.ihs.gov)

Teach children how to tread water, float and stay by the shore.

Make sure kids swim only in areas designated for swimming. Teach children that swimming in open water is not the same as swimming in a pool. They need to be aware of uneven surfaces, river currents, ocean undertow and changing weather.

Whether you're swimming in a backyard pool or in a lake, teach children to swim with an adult. Older, more experienced swimmers should still swim with a partner every time. From the first time your kids swim, teach children to never go near or in the water without an adult present.

Don't rely on swimming aids:

Remember that swimming aids such as water wings or noodles are fun toys for kids, but they should never be used in place of a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation

device (PDF).

Take the time to learn CPR: We know you have a million things to do, but learning CPR should be on the top of the list. (the next CPR class at the Benewah Medical Center is July 10<sup>th</sup> contact Cindy Schatz at 686-1767 ext. 317 or at cschatz@bmc.portland.ihs.gov)

Learning CPR will give you tremendous peace of mind and the more peace of mind you have as a parent, the better.

Local hospitals, fire departments and recreation departments may offer CPR training.

You can also contact Kjell at the Wellness Center (see Educate Your Kids above)

Have your children learn CPR; it's a skill that will serve them well for a lifetime.

Take extra steps around pools:

A swimming pool is great fun for you and your kids. Make sure backyard pools have four-sided fence that's at least 4 feet high and has a self-closing, self-latching gate to prevent a child from wandering into the pool area unsupervised.

When using inflatable or portable pools, remember to empty them immediately after use. Store them upside down and out of children's reach.

Install a door alarm, a window alarm or both to alert you if your child wanders into the pool area unsupervised.

Get Wet, Be Safe and Enjoy the Summer!

### Swim lessons to begin at Wellness Center

The Aquatics Department at the Benewah Wellness Center will be offering group summer swimming lessons for kids of all swimming abilities!

The first of three groups is Basic Aquatics Skills and will assist children who are comfortable in the water but don't have to have any swimming skills.

Group two is Stroke Mechanics which will assist early swimmers in beginning to learn the dynamics of Freestyle, Back Stroke, Breast Stroke, Side Stroke and Elementary Back Stroke.

Group three is Starts and Turns, this class will be

available for kids in Group 2 that would like to learn to dive, do flip turns, and strengthen their abilities in lap swimming.

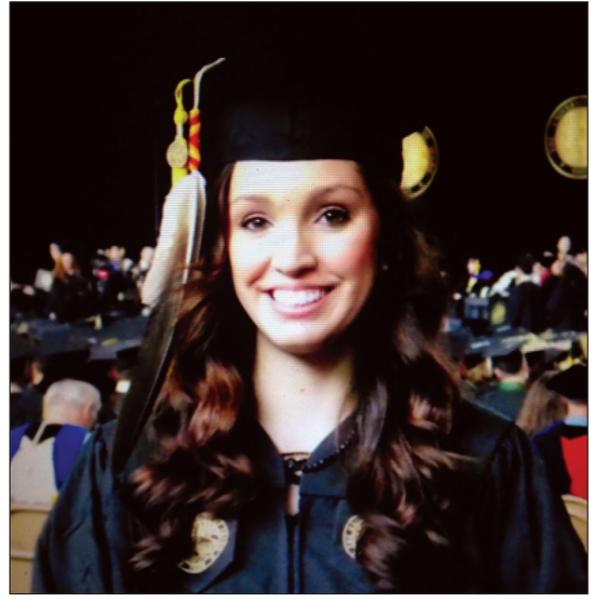
The first lesson will be on Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> and will continue on Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays. Group 1 is from 1:45-2:30. Group 2 will follow from 2:30-3:30 and group 3 will follow from 3:30-4:30. Each class will have a section at the end to play some fun games after we've finished up our lesson for the day. Group lessons will be free with a day pass or membership; fees will still apply for private lessons.



**Leanne Campbell** graduated from the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico in BFA (Bachelor of Fine Arts) Museum Studies with a minor in Studio Arts in December 2013. She is thankful for the support of her family and loved ones.



**Tiffany Justice** graduated from the University of Idaho law school with her Juris doctorate in law on May 17, 2014. While in school Tiffany was voted by peers as 3 L student body association judiciary  
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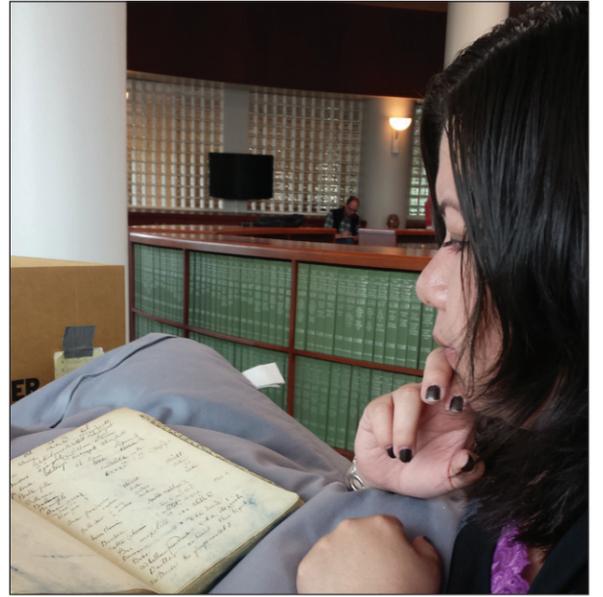
**KaeCie Lowley** graduated May 17 from the University of Idaho with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. She currently works at Seedlings Day Care in Garfield and is looking forward to the  
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**Debbie Louie-McGee** graduated from the University of Idaho with a Bachelors of Science in Organizational Leadership. We are very proud of you! Congrats to our United States Marine – Veteran!



**Vance Campbell** graduated North Idaho College with an Advanced Certificate in Welding Technology in May 2014



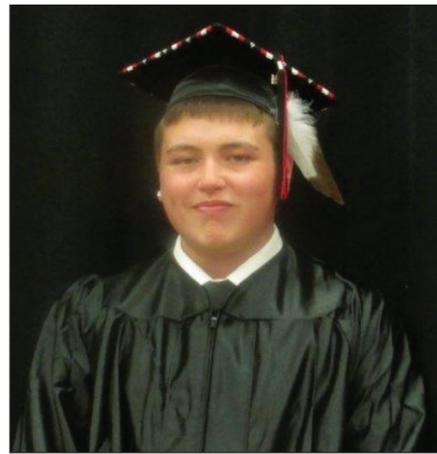
**Audra Mona Marie Vincent** graduated from the University of British Columbia with a Master's degree in linguistics on June 13<sup>th</sup> 2014. She plans to work on  
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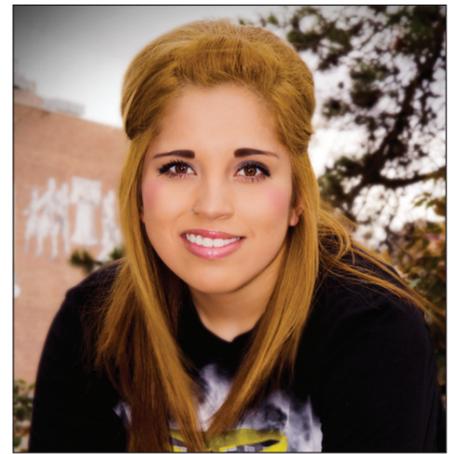
**Aaron Mettler** graduated from Freeman High School in June 2014. His accomplishments or awards; Starting defensive end on the State Championship Football team, and Named all-conference Defense. Future  
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**Avery Brown-Sonder** graduated from Lakeside High School in Plummer, Idaho on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. She plans to attend NIC for Physical Therapy Assistant Associates Degree. Parents; Stacey and Jo Ann Sonder, brothers;  
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**Marcus Wayne Pluff** graduated from Lakeside High School on May 31, 2014. He participated in Basketball 4 years, Track 1 year and Football 1 year. Marcus plans on attending NIC to get his first two years of general studies out  
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**Deeanna Crowe** graduated from Lakeside High School on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Future plan is to attend Paul Mitchell Academy. My parents are Anna and Vincent Peone, I just want to thank them both for pushing me to get my education and always telling me I can do anything I put my mind too!! Love you both!



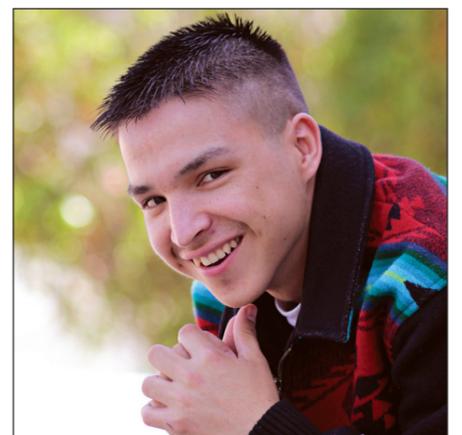
**Charles "Chuckie" Matheson Jr.** Graduated from Lakeside High School on May 31<sup>st</sup> 2014. Chuckie was the recipient of a Five hundred dollar  
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**Joshua Michael Severns** graduated from Lakeside High School/NIC Dual enrollment student on June 2, 2014. During high school his  
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**Charlie G. Zahir** graduated from Lakeside High School on May 31, 2014. During his high school years he received an Offensive Player of the  
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**Leighton Nathaniel Boyd**, 2014 Graduate, Omak High School Congratulations Leighton Boyd! We love you very much! Ya-yat, Papa,  
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**Casey Moore** graduated from North Idaho College with an Associate of Applied Science in Computer Information Technology in May 2014



**Eva Davison** graduated from North Idaho College with Post-Secondary Certificates in Computer Applications & Office Technology and Medical Health Care in May 2014



**Mandy Aripa** graduated North Idaho College with a Post-Secondary Certificate in Computer Applications & Office Technology in May 2014



**Matilda Bob** graduated North Idaho College with a Post-Secondary Certificate in Supervision in May 2014



**Dacoda Bodewadmi, Travis McCully, Eric Chamber, Steve Long and Greg Johnston** all graduated from North Idaho College with Post-Secondary Certificates in Welding Technology in May 2014.



**Tucker Chili-la-keets-ah Louie-McGee** Graduated from Lake City High School 5A. During his Senior Year he received the following: League MVP, Team MVP, All North Idaho QB, Junior

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**2014 Lakeside High School Graduates.** On May 31st 2014 Lakeside Seniors officially completed their High School careers in a graduation ceremony held at the Ronald Miller Gymnasium, Idaho. Back row L to R: Brandon Gauthier, Mathew Stensgar, Charlie Zahir, Allyssa Haynes, Deeanna Crowe; Elizabeth Hampton, Kim Duncan, Douglas Shatz, Marcus Pluff, Jordan Brown. Front L to R: (Valedictorian) Johnathan Damon, Jordan Meshell, Sheyenne Shamburg, Avery Sonder-Brown, Alexis Campbell-Seim, Francine Hendrickx, Dalton Atwood, Chuckie Matheson.



**Falcon Lee Rainwater** graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School on June 7, 2014. He was awarded

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**The Coeur d'Alene Tribal School** graduated 6 students from their 8th grade class. Those students are: Leontay Callahan, Ruben Dias, Bazil Doran, Celine Garcia, Susep McJoe, Christian Peone.

# ~Casino Corner~

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## Internet bookings increase, show reasons for vacations

By Bob Bostwick

Well, we built it. They're coming. Further, they're coming from just about everywhere on the continent, not to mention from around the globe.

A beaming Kathy Anton-Galietti, our Hospitality Director, shared some happy thoughts with a full house here Wednesday at the bi-monthly Managers' Meeting. Her focus was on Booking.com and how the number of hotel guests using the site is increasing every month.

That alone is great news, but the expanse of our mojo is providing a good deal more.

"Michigan, Wisconsin, New York, Georgia, California, Arizona," said Anton-Galietti, rolling off the names of states like it was a fourth grade geography lesson and she was taking over show and tell. "We're getting attention from people all over the country and overseas, and they're looking for fun and interesting things to do in Idaho.

"Most seem to be interested in our golf at Circling Raven, and many are interested in Spa

Ssakwa'q'n, but there's also a strong interest in North Idaho, and the wide variety of things to do here."

We began using Booking.com in September 2013, a single room booked via the site that month. Then 17 room nights in October and 51 room nights by December of last year. Since then, numbers have soared as high as 240 room nights in March and another 206 in May.

A commission is paid to the site for each booking made there, but the trend worldwide is that people are using booking services for hotels, golf, rental cars, airlines and just about anything else that requires a reservation.

"We have some out of pocket with the site, but it's filling rooms," Anton-Galietti said. "It's filling tee times and spa appointment times. We can take some of our own time and find more activities in the region for people to enjoy."

As it stands, 54 percent of our guests classify us as a golf resort, 32 percent as a spa resort. Another 17 percent look to a visit here just for the beautiful countryside.

## Casino's new brand hits the market

By Bob Bostwick

Our warm "Welcome Home" offered to everyone visiting here got even warmer this week, a new marketing and branding strategy reaching out with strong images, enticing specials and even a dose of humor.

The Bauserman Group, headquartered in Reno, Nevada, took on the challenges as our advertising agency last fall, working closely with our own Marketing Department to put new life and some new images into our picture.

"Welcome Home" remains the key mantra, but a new series of television, radio and billboard messages will bring home our venues, including rooms, golf, spa and dining.

"The theme is based on Dave Matheson's philosophy: *ambiance + activity = appeal*," said Marketing Director Laura Stensgar. "The Coeur d'Alene Casino is warm in its décor, people and ambiance. There is so much to experience – all of the wonderful amenities we have. The appeal of the win, the experience and the getaway is brought forth in these new ads."

Billboards and 30 second television spots back up

Stensgar's description. "Taking life by the fork" showing a happy steak eater in the Chinook. Other imaging shows the comfort and satisfaction of a day at Spa Ssakwa'q'n, yet another presents a way to earn a free round of golf on "Free Fridays" at Circling Raven.

And, the bread and butter of the operation gets its considerable measure of attention, ads showing and telling the excitement of winning cash on the casino floor.

"We need to remember that we're all marketers, everyone here," Stensgar said. "When we create a brand, we're defining the experience our guests should expect. Our reputation for friendly ambiance, warm welcomes and quality customer service are all key to the brand and to our standing traditions with tribal hospitality."

Billboards are already making the pitch around the Inland Northwest. In July, television spots will run 30 seconds; radio spots will run 60 seconds. Print ads are also coming in July.

Managers previewed the commercials and viewed print ads at the bi-monthly meeting this week, giving all a strong endorsement.

The rest, as Stensgar notes, is up to us.

## Jimmy Gunn has a "Meet and Greet"/media hook up

By Bob Bostwick

Jimmy Gunn, a Scot wearing the Circling Raven label wherever he goes, or plays, is enjoying growing success on the Web.com Tour, just one step away from the PGA Tour. Becoming a touring golf professional has been his dream since childhood, and Circling Raven and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe have been his biggest boosters.

He wears our label for two reasons: We're his first big sponsor, and he remains graciously thankful for the assistance he's received since turning pro in 2008, grinding for years on mini tours in Arizona before making it through PGA qualifying last fall.

"If it weren't for the tribe and Circling Raven, I wouldn't be standing here and we wouldn't be having this conversation," Gunn told a television reporter at the course on Tuesday. Gunn spent time on camera, featured by all three of Spokane's network affiliates, then did an afternoon visit with Dennis Patchin, Rick Lukens and Keith Osso on Spokane's ESPN Radio.

In between, he took a goodly amount of time to play golf with members of the media, some of whom are regular golfers and some of whom are, shall we say, not so regular.

"It's great to be back here, spending some time at the course and at the resort," Gunn said. "Circling Raven still ranks



Gunn practices while television cameras roll during a media opportunity day at Circling Raven Tuesday. Later he almost chips in for eagle on No. 8 while playing with members of the media.

Photo by Bob Bostwick

among my favorite courses. It's definitely in the top five."

And that says a goodly bunch about Circling Raven, ranked consistently among America's "Top 100" courses, not to mention top resort and casino courses.

His other home course is Royal Dornoch, far north in the Highlands of Scotland, a site where golf has been played since 1616. Royal Dornoch is ranked as the No. 6 golf course in the world, ahead of St. Andrews Old Course, the home of golf, and a long list of better known, and not so remote, courses in the UK and around the world.

Gunn's connection to the tribe and CRGC dates to 2005 when, as an amateur, he was among the "Dornoch Dozen" who came here for match play

competition with 12 of our own, mostly tribal members.

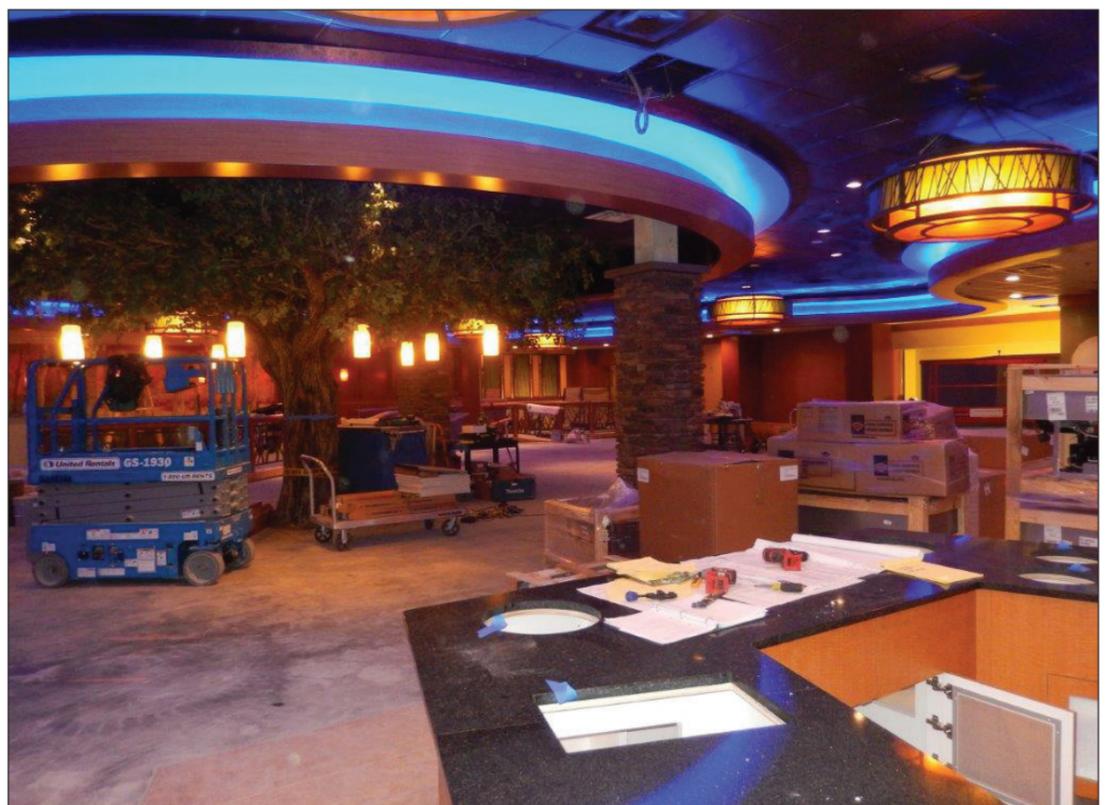
"We have never forgotten that experience," he said. "And the connection between Royal Dornoch and Circling Raven continues. It's very unusual, but it's been incredibly beneficial to my career."

After a slow start, the Web.com Tour rookie found his legs on the circuit this spring, boosting his winnings to almost \$25,000 so far in competition with up and coming professionals and quite a few players who have been regulars on the PGA Tour.

The tour is off this week, taking a break while the U.S. Open is underway. Gunn and the Web.com Tour will continue next week in Wichita, Kansas.

And the Circling Raven logo, on his bag and on his shirt, will be there with him.

## High Mountain Buffet remodel is near completion



Going Coeur d'Alene Blue. The remodel is more than half way complete in the High Mountain Buffet and the Nighthawk Lounge. Both projects are destined to not only improve service, but enhance the overall experience when dining, or dancing to the music. The projects are on schedule, maybe even ahead of schedule, so we can look forward to openings during the first week of July. (Photo by Bob Bostwick)

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**5X POINTS** 8 AM - NOON  
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**Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
2x Points • 8 am to Midnight

**Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Fireworks at Dusk  
Live Music by Strictly Business • 9 pm

**Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**  
2x Points • 8 am to Midnight

**Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**  
3x Points • 8 am to Midnight  
Hot Seats • 9 am to 9 pm

**Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**  
4x Points • 8 am to Midnight

**Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
3x Points • 8 am to Midnight

# Ted Nugent

**AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup> - 7 PM**  
Reserved \$45  
General \$35

Purchase tickets at the casino or any TicketsWest outlet.

# ~ Editorials ~

## sne'kunmn

### From the Editor: upcoming changes

As I prepare to welcome a new addition to my family – the Council Fires also prepares to adjust to my short-term departure. I will be relieving my duties as editor for approximately 3 months during which our current staff member Lee Zahir will be filling in for me and taking over a majority of my responsibilities at the Council Fires.

Next month we begin the transition process so that he will be prepared for my absence – to make this transition go as smoothly and seamlessly as possible we will have him handling all submissions and layout responsibilities for our August 2014 issue (deadline for that issue is July 21, 2014) so that we can ensure a continuation of quality during my time away.

I am asking all our readers and those who submit items regularly to send any and all submissions via email to Lee in addition to myself to ensure it is received

by the party necessary in order to print. Send all articles, letters and photos to him at [lzahir@cdatribe-nsn.gov](mailto:lzahir@cdatribe-nsn.gov).

As always any questions regarding subscriptions, advertising or deadline requirements can be directed to our Administrative Assistant Lynn Lowley who will be helping Lee during this time to get the paper and its components taken care of during my absence.

I will remain in the office until early August so if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me with those.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the Council Fires paper and I know that my staff will deliver the kind of news and quality you have become accustomed to from our department.

*Many Thanks,  
Jennifer L. Fletcher - Editor*

### Schioberg: thank you for support, reaching your goals takes effort



I wanted to thank the BMC WC for the support and stability in life. If you have goals you need to put allot into them, to get there. My work keeps me busy for many hours of the day and I love it.

Being able to provide the community with a safe and fun Aquatics department is a good feeling.

“A goal is a dream with a plan” and I was able to follow through this year. On my way to Ironman, I was able to win the 36th Coeur d Alene

Marathon. Hopefully showing that with commitment and determination you can get where you want to be. And then further!

I proudly carried our BMC WC logo through the beautiful 26.2 (see the picture) on Lake Coeur d Alene.

If you struggle with your goals remember: “Those who say it cannot be done, should not interrupt those doing it!”

*Kjell Schioberg  
BMC WC Aquatics Manager*

### Mahoney: our family gives thanks

The Mahoney family would like to convey a special thank you to Norma Peone and family in taking the time to prepare a magnificent banquet for John G. Mahoney’s memorial service. The dinner allowed the many who attended to share the memories of family and friends that were touched during John’s life journey. We are very grateful to the Nomee family for providing the drumming and guidance of the service. Many thanks to others who provided their time, gifts and stories that made John’s memorial a beautiful transition.

### Michael: thank you for your support

I would like to thank all the family and friends for their support during the loss of my mother. I would also like to thank all the people who came to embrace my sisters, pray with my sisters and the cooks who helped my family.

*Thank you, Sam Michael*

### Justice: finished degree, now planning to help out

My name is Tiffany Justice; my mom is Marlene Sproul, and Felix Aripa is my grandpa. I graduated with my Juris Doctorate (J.D.) on May 17, 2014 from the University of Idaho College of Law.

I am thankful to the Lord God for helping me; I prayed a lot to get through law school. My prayers were answered because I passed every exam.

I hope to work for the Tribe someday as a tribal judge, but first I need to go out there and get some experience as a lawyer. But first things first. This summer, I will be working with the former president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in Denver, CO. After the summer, I study to take the bar this Winter. (Pray for me to pass.) I am very excited to learn how to advocate for criminal defendants because so many of my friends, family, and others that I have met have been snatched up by the system.

The problem with getting felonies isn’t necessarily

prison; the hardest part is making a life afterwards in a world where companies have policies against hiring felons. I feel that the police in different jurisdictions are competing for our percapita money and settlement money.

It seems that sometimes--not all the time--that my Native friends and family are unfairly targeted by law enforcement for one reason or another. I think it would be unhelpful for everyone to be locked up or unable to work due to being targeted. I don’t know if I could really help people, but I really hope so. That was one of the reasons I decided to go to law school.

Law School isn’t that bad. If you can read and are good at studying, you could do this too. It also helps to develop writing skills as soon as possible. If you get the chance to go to Gonzaga Prep, go because they have the best teachers. I learned to write from Mr. Birrer at Gonzaga Prep.

Make sure to learn math in

high school too or a community college will get you stuck in remedial math classes for forever. I bypassed that trap by being ready for Calculus right after high school. I went to a four year college back East and took Calculus right away, and I didn’t have to take any more math after Statistics. But those community colleges will get your money for two years of remedial math classes if you don’t learn math in high school.

I wanted to send out a special thanks to my grandpa, Felix Aripa. I couldn’t have done it without him. For one thing, he drove Paullete Jordan and I to Gonzaga Prep my Freshman year. He has always been a great support, and I only hope that he will get his strength back, so I can take him into the mountains. We like to pick berries.

I’m really proud of all of our other graduates too! Congrats! (Yay Mandy Aripa!)

*Your soon-to-be lawyer,  
Tiffany Justice*

### Triathlon gives athletes intro to sport



Participants in the Wellness Center Sprint Triathlon gear up for the first heat of the swim portion of the competition. Photo by Lindsey Boyd

*By Kjell Schioberg  
Aquatics Manager*

Triathlon is one of the fastest-growing sports out there and our Tri is a perfect event to see if this is the sport for you. For many, the words “first triathlon” conjures up visions of an all-day suffer-fest complete with crawling across the finish line. Some find this type of challenge inspiring and it is! If you decide to enter an Ironman triathlon (2.4 miles of swimming, 112 miles of cycling and 26.2 miles of running), more than likely you will be spending the better part of a day, and maybe part of the night, ticking off the miles. Triathlons, however, don’t typically last all day.

The participants in our Triathlon on June 21st needed between a

good hour and two hours for the 500y swim, 12miles bike and 3.1mile run! Well done everyone. This year’s winners received a special award designed and created by Cathy Britschgi. Thanks Cathy! (results are online: [bmcwc.com/calendar](http://bmcwc.com/calendar))

Every year we try to make this event better. We know there is always room to improve and if you have feedback, please contact us at the WC.

The BMC WC staff did a great job planning and realizing the event with the help of our fantastic local volunteers, THANK YOU.

We are looking forward to next years BMC WC Triathlon.

Mark your calendar for July 19<sup>th</sup>, the day of our 5km Fun run here at the WC.

Happy Feet everyone ...

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Tonia L. Aripa has been appointed Personal Representative for the Estate of Hillary (Skip) Joseph Skanen by the Coeur d’Alene Tribal Court of the Coeur d’Alene Indian Reservation, Plummer, Idaho. All creditors having claims against the deceased, Hillary (Skip) Joseph Skanen, are to serve such claims upon the Personal Representative and to file them with the Clerk of the Tribal Court within two (2) months from the date of the first publication of this notice which is July 1, 2014.

The Personal Representative may be served by mailing copies of the claims to: Tonia Aripa - P.O. Box 656 - Lapwai, Idaho 83540. Copies of the claims may be filed with the court by mailing copies to: Clerk of the Court - Coeur d’Alene Justice Center - 29 Route 22 - Plummer ID 83851.

*Happy Belated  
Birthday to Tianna  
Towne, Sharon Pa-  
kootas, Tina Milus,  
Johnny Town and  
Nya Milus!!*

# Local team wins division championship at inaugural visit to the Jim Thorpe games



**Pictured L to R Front Row: Tyson Peone, Kenyon Spotted Horse, Sonny Bueno, Hodges Flemming, and Tenley Holt. Back Row L to R: Coach Darren Higgins, Steven Ford Jr., DayDay Higgins, Bobby Matheson and Phoenix Holt.**

A group of local young basketball players called upon the schi'nch'nt (10 Little Indians) took a chance and ventured down to Oklahoma to take part in the Annual Jim Thorpe games. They came away with a 1st place trophy in their division and the community couldn't be more proud of their efforts.

Nicole and Darren Higgins were asked by Ann Ford if their son DayDay wanted to play ball on a

team she was putting together; she found out that four other players from the league team that Darren coaches were also being recruited, they jumped on – Darren was asked to coach the team, an offer he gladly accepted.

The team needed to raise at least \$250 for the entrance fee along with a total goal of \$5000 for travel and lodging expenses since the team had planned to caravan to the event. They did several

fundraisers starting with the first food luncheon of BBQ hot wings meal, which was a huge success. They also sold fry bread breakfast sandwiches, BBQ pulled pork meal and held a bake sale.

“Several donation jars were placed throughout the community as well and we also had an ongoing raffle with great prizes. The top prize was 2 rounds of golf at the Circling Raven golf course. All of our prizes were donated by local

businesses and good friends,” said Nicole. “After reaching our goal of \$5000 we then went to council asking for help with the remaining costs.”

The team left early on Friday, June 6th. The CDA Tribal Youth Programs graciously allowed use of their 16 passenger van and 2 others drove personal cars. They made it to Casper, Wyoming and took the first stop for the night. The next day they made it as far as Wichita before finishing a 4 hour drive to their destination of Shawnee, Oklahoma the following day.

The day after arriving Darren aka “Tex” and Nicole drove around Shawnee to find a park with a basketball court so the team could run a few drills before beginning the tournament. They visited the site of the tournament and got permission to allow the team to use the gym for practices.

“We brought the team back to get used to the gym and told them to keep in mind there will be way more people in the gym watching them but not to get nervous, just play ball like they normally do and block out the excess noise,” said Nicole.

Game day arrived and the team was a little nervous and unfortunately lost by 12 points. But by game 2 they were “on their game” and dominated the court and continued to do so for every game thereafter.

They played a total of 7 games within 3 days out of 15 teams

in their division. Other than a distracting pool at the hotel – the team remained focused for the trip and eventually won the championship against a team from Mississippi that didn't think they had the chops to do so.

“Coach Tex told the team not to worry about the comments and just play hard because we came to win and of course we won,” said Nicole.

In the 12 & under division there were a total of 13 teams. Most of the teams were from the Oklahoma area however, there were also teams from North Dakota, Mississippi, Kansas, and Colorado to name a few. It was a great experience for the team and an honor to represent the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Spokane Tribe and Umatilla Tribe during the event. They cannot wait to go back next year to defend the title.

The best thing about the whole experience according to Nicole was the joy on the kids' faces as they knew they had clenched the championship.

“Seeing the smiles on the entire teams face with 30 seconds to go in the championship game. All the parents that were able to travel with the kids were already jumping up and down with joy. Of course I cried because I know how it feels to lose the first game and come back and win every single game after that to take championship.”

This experience wouldn't have

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language revitalization for the Coeur d'Alene language.

First I would like to thank Felix Aripa and Irene Lowley for their time sharing what they know about the Coeur d'Alene language and tribal history with me. I'm lemt.sh to my supervisor, Henry Davis, and my committee members Rose-Marie Dechaine and Lisa Matthewson.

I would also like to thank the following people for their teaching and guidance: t'is' Lawrence Nicodemus ku'm t'i's Reva Hess; I promised you both that I would do everything in my power to keep the language alive. t'i's Kerry Franklin for teaching me to never give up. t'i's hiinune' Patricia Vincent ku'm t'i's hnpipe' Richard Vincent Sr., my parents who supported me in my education my whole life until their passing. I'm lemt.sh to Loretta Carrillo, Casey Wynecoop and Michelle Clark for their support through my whole

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Andrew Brown-Sonder, Adrian Brown-Sonder, Archer Brown-Sonder, and Justin Hendrickx, sisters; RaeAnna Hendrickx, maternal grandparents; Duane and Henrietta Brown, paternal grandparents; Marvin and Susie Sonder.

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scholarship and plans on continuing his education this fall at North Idaho College in the Diesel Mechanics Program. Both of his parents, all of his siblings, aunts, uncles and grandparents are all very proud of him.

grad school process. My work is dedicated to all of you and the past, present, and future Coeur d'Alene language learners/speakers.

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Year award and was Senior Class Vice President. His future plan is to attend North Idaho College for Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement, a family of his own and retire in Mexico. “I became the first in two generations on both sides of my family to graduate. My mom and dad were at my side helping me throughout it all. I couldn't have done it without them both. High school was lots of fun and honestly, I am beyond happy to be done with it to begin my life as a young adult.”

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new challenges she will face. KaeCie would like to thank the Coeur d'Alene Tribe for helping her attain her academic goals. She is looking forward to beginning a graduate program in the future. She would also like to thank her friends and family that have helped her focus on academia and supported her through college. KaeCie is the daughter of Diana Lowley of Farmington, WA and Ray Lowley of Post Falls, ID. Her maternal grandparents are Royce and Doris Johnson of Farmington and her great-grandparents are LaVerne and Ruth Pittmann of Oakesdale, WA. Her paternal grandma is Irene Seltice Lowley of Worley, ID.

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a certificate of Excellence Honoring Outstanding Effort and Achievement - Iconic Art program, initial plan is to attend a community college, transfer to University of Washington and study law. Parents; Antonia and Mery Rainwater, grandmother; Mary Ann Wilson, great grandmother; Rosie Gates Wilson, great grandfather; Cole Wilson.

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Aunts, Uncles and all your Cousins! Your Momma is smiling down on you each and every day! Descendant of Chief Manuel Louie Suknaqwn (Okanogan) and Chief Morris Antelope Schitsu'umsh (Coeur d'Alene).

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justice while attending U of I. She plans to pass the bar exam & start practicing law in Washington state.

“I'd like to thank my family especially my grandpa Felix Aripa and the staff at the department of education for believing in me & giving me the opportunity to pursue my dreams.”

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plan is in attending North Idaho College. Thanks to my Mom and Dad; April and Kurt Mettler for their support over the years. Thanks to my brothers James and Kris Guzman, my sister Kalista Mettler and my niece Maria who always has a smile for me.

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Year; Team Defense Player of the Year, IEL League Free Safety, Named to All North Idaho Team Free Safety, State Track 4th in the 4x400 Overall GPA 3.4 .

Descendant of Chief Manuel Louie Suknaqwn (Okanogans) , Chief Morris Antelope Schitsu'umsh (Coeur d'Alene) , Chief Red Bird Smith Keetowah Paternal Grandparents Jerry & Lela McGee Maternal Grandparents Deb & Jeanie Louie Son of Wade & Debbie Louie-McGee Tucker signed with Idaho State to play Football! We are all very proud of you Tucker

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of the way and hopes by then he will have a better idea of what it is he would like to do career wise and then transfer on to a 4 year establishment to finish his studies.

Marcus is a member of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and is the son of Carol Pluff and Deon Shot With Arrow, and Michael Lowley. His maternal grandparents are Ken and Alice Pluff, great-grandparents are the late Ed and Agnes Pluff. His paternal grandma is Kae Mae Lowley and great grandma Irene Seltice Lowley.

Aaliyah, Deon Jr. and Kylee want their brother to know that they are so proud of him and they love him very much.

Good job son, we love you - love Mom and Dad.

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Accomplishments or Awards received: Player of the year/ Sportsmanship award 2005-07 Potlatch baseball, Co-Director Pep Band 2009-2011 Potlatch High school, Scholar of the year for WSU Leadership training 2010, Dual enrollment student at LCSC/NIC since sophomore year in high school. Voted most likely to succeed, Potlatch 2009. Multiple Lionel Hampton Jazz Fest awards for Drums and Choir. Volunteer work for CASA program, American Red Cross, and CDA tribal fire department. Future plans are to complete associates degree at NIC and transfer to EWU or WSU to complete four year degree. Would like to move back to my hometown of Boston and attend medical school at Boston College or Boston University. I would eventually like to start a family and open up my own psychiatric practice.

I want to thank my Mom, Karen Severns for providing me with support and motivation; I strive to match her success someday. My Dad, Mike Severns for keeping me focused in my school work and providing me with much needed insight. I also greatly admire my dad's 23 year service to the U.S. Air Force. My Sister, Cami Severns for putting up with me and encouraging me to be the best that I can be. My Best friend Brian Grady for never letting me have a dull moment, he has supported me through everything. I also want to thank the rest of my Family and Friends for their continued support for me. Its been an incredible journey!

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**Dre'tyn Stevie Ray SiJohn** was born on April 20, 2014 to Kyle I. SiJohn and Chanise Ingraham, grandparents; Ben Baldwin and Shannon SiJohn, great-grand parents; Frank SiJohn and Francine Pierre, siblings; Auntie Shailee Zachary and Uncles Austin, Tylor, and David SiJohn are very proud of their new nephew.



**Lynae Mae Weaselhead** was welcomed to the world by Deb & Jeanie Louie as their new Great-granddaughter. She was born May 12th, 2014 8lbs 1oz 21.5 in. She is the daughter of Nate Weaselhead & Tahwyah Davis. Her paternal Grandparents are Lisa Boyd & Merle Weaselhead. Her maternal Grandparents are LoVina Louie, Duane Garvais-Lawrence & Jewie Davis.



The ECLC advanced its newest group of preschoolers. They are: (front L to R) James Charlie, Christopher Enick, Carlee Colman, Josh Brown, Myah Peone, Willard Spotted Blanket, Joenne Stensgar, Isaac SiJohn-Peone and Mari Matt. (Back L to R): Jax Brown, Jayna Parr, Michael George, Amaris Kager, Deondre Thomas, Isabelle Clar, Hoksila Iron Cloud and Jaydin Pluff. Along with teachers Marcelle Matt, Jessie Geagan, Astaciana Esparza and Betty Wyatt.

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been possible without the help of the community and its local business – the Higgins' would like to acknowledge all those who made this championship a reality for the team: A HUGE Lim Lemtsh to the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council, CDA Tribal Casino, Circling Raven Golf Course, CDA Tribal WC and Youth Sports Program, Fighting Creek, Spokane Sports Association, MDM Construction,

Benewah Market, Benewah Automotive, 95 Tire & Auto, Warpath Co., B-n-S Smokeshop, Rosie's Firework stand, Lil Boo's Firework stand, Adeline's 2 Firework stand, Gateway Café, Zip's restaurant, Elizabeth Fulton, Dee Ann Haynes, Erin Willard, Spokane Indians Association, Spokane Chiefs Association, Joe Johnston, Lori Kennison, and the many anonymous donations. We would also like to thank the community for their support

throughout the entire event! Umpqua bank and staff at the Plummer location

Also Coach Tex would like to say he is proud of the team and honored to coach such a talented group of kids representing the CDA Tribe. He would also like to thank the parents who helped chaperone the trip and make it a successful one. Hopefully next year we can take more teams like an older girls and/or boys team or maybe even the golf team.

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The 8 week pilot program will be limited to 16 participants. Classes will be held on Mondays at 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at the Benewah Medical Center, conference room (B) starting on July 21, 2014 and will run until September 14, 2014 (excluding the Labor Day Weekend).

The facilitator for this program will be Karen Vassar-Severns

who is a Certified Grief Recovery Specialist®. Karen is an enrolled member of the Gros Ventre Tribe and a Mental Health Therapist at the Benewah Medical Center. She received her Master's degree from Boston College School of Social Work and is currently working on her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology.

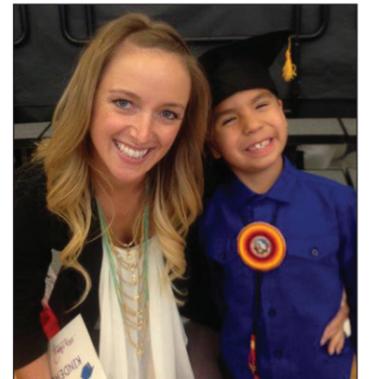
She is also a Disaster Mental Health Manager for the American Red Cross and has deployed on

a number of National Disasters to include 9-11, Ground Zero, Egypt Air, Boston Fires, the Pentagon and most recently to Super Storm Sandy to name a few.

For specific information about the Grief Recovery Method please contact: Karen Severns, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist® at 208-686-1449 ext. 347 or via email: kseverns@bmc.portland.ihg.gov.



**Happy 4th Birthday Guiliana Sweetgrass! You make every day magical! We are so thankful to have you in our lives! Love Daddy, Mommy, Son & your whole family!**



Congratulations Sean Marcus Jordan, we are very proud of you and we love you infinity. Thank You Ms. Ibey.

Love Qine', Asqit, Grandpa, Kamiakin, Kusem, and Auntie Paulette



**Archer Brown-Sonder** was promoted to Kindergarten on June 6th, 2014. He will attend 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Lakeside Elementary in Plummer, Idaho. Parents; Stacey and Jo Ann Sonder, brothers; Andrew Brown-Sonder, Adrian Brown-Sonder and Justin Hendrickx, sisters; Avery Brown-Sonder and RaeAnna Hendrickx, maternal grandparents; Duane and Henrietta Brown, paternal grandparents; Marvin and Susie Sonder.



**Ryleigh Brown-Sonder** was promoted to Kindergarten at the Advent Lutheran School on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Parents; Andrew Brown-Sonder and Nicole Allen, sisters; Baylee Brown-Sonder and Addison Brown-Sonder, maternal grandparents; DeAnn and Barry and Jeff and Dee, paternal grandparents; Stacey and Jo Ann Sonder.