



Idaho Tribes ask Governor Otter to end instant racing referred to as “illegal hoax”



Coeur d'Alene Tribe lobbyist Bill Roden presents the bill in front of the Senate State Affairs Committee in Boise. AP Photo

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe is going up against Idaho's horse racing industry by asking the state to ban lucrative betting machines known as instant horse racing terminals.

Legislation backed by the tribe would repeal a 2013 law that authorized instant horse racing — betting on a previous race without any identifiable information. Three of Idaho's eight racetracks have installed the devices.

The Senate State Affairs Committee voted unanimously to introduce the legislation Friday, one day after a House committee spent nearly two hours discussing the legality of the machines and expressing dismay that they may have

been deceived into approving a cleverly disguised slot machine.

The machines have a 2-inch screen that shows the last few seconds of a horse race while the rest of the machine spins with different symbols and sounds.

The Idaho Racing Commission says the machines are legal because bettors place wages against other bettors, known as pari-mutuel betting, and not the house. What's more, officials argue that the machines encourage live racing events because part of the profit is dedicated to the “purses” shared by the horse owners.

But “testimony will show how they operate, they look very,

very much slot machines,” said Bill Roden, representing the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, who introduced the legislation.

Roden, a former state lawmaker, said he remembers when slot machines were first banned in Idaho during the 1950s, but he still voted in favor of legalizing pari-mutuel betting when it was first introduced nearly 30 years ago because he saw they were two different forms of gambling.

He said the tribe didn't automatically oppose instant racing in 2013 because they trusted the promises that the terminals were not slot machines.

Lawmakers expressed particular alarm that one of the three locations offering instant racing machines had been approved to operate away from the racetrack.

According to Idaho law, all instant racing must take place on a state-licensed racetrack, with the exception that the racetrack may allow simulcast and pari-mutuel betting off-site to attract more customers. Lawmakers agreed to tweak the law because most Idaho racetracks are tied to county fairgrounds, located away from populated cities.

“It is concerning to me that

any track can assign this right to any location they want, which in my opinion was not the intent of the law,” said Senate President Pro-Tem Brent Hill, R-Rexburg, who was part of the unanimous vote. “There's been a lot of talk around the Capitol. People are concerned.”

Along with the legislation, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and three other tribes have sent a letter to Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter and Attorney General Lawrence Wasden demanding that the state stop all use of the machines.

The Chairmen of the Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai, Shoshone-Bannock and Shoshone-Paiute tribes urged Idaho Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter and Attorney General Lawrence Wasden to end the proliferation of instant racing machines around Idaho, presented to lawmakers as “historical horse racing,” because it is illegal under Idaho law.

The Idaho State Legislature authorized pari-mutuel wagering on previously-run horse races when they passed House Bill 220 in 2013, but the machines that are currently installed were never seen by legislators during consideration of the bill. Since then, instant racing machines have been

installed at Greyhound Park in Post Falls, Les Bois Park in Garden City and an off-track sport bar in Idaho Falls prompting concerns over whether the machines are illegal.

Other states that have considered instant racing machines have later rejected them due to legal determinations that the machines do not use pari-mutuel wagering. The tribal chairmen note a 2006 ruling by the Wyoming Supreme Court, which found that Instant Racing machines were “a slot machine that attempts to mimic traditional pari-mutuel wagering” and that the court was “not so easily beguiled” by the attempts of instant gaming proponents.

“All you have to do is go play them and ask yourself if you are actually betting on a horse race. It's a hoax that has consistently been found illegal in other states and these machines will continue to make a mockery out of the law until Idaho does something to stop it,” said Chief Allan, Chairman of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

This is in stark contrast to the tightly-regulated gaming compacts between tribes and

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NCAI calls on Congress & Obama Administration to act to improve Tribal economies

In an address to members of Congress, senior Administration officials, and leaders of tribal nations, the President of the National Congress of American Indians called on Congress and the Obama Administration to follow through on a policy action plan to improve economic opportunity, education, and innovation in Indian Country.

During the annual State of Indian Nations address, NCAI President Brian Cladoosby, chairman of the Swinomish Nation, also called for

the federal government to modernize trust relations with tribal governments and remove barriers to economic growth. Senator John Barrasso (R-WY), chair of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs delivered the Congressional response.

“Indian Country is leading. Indian Country is innovating. Indian Country is growing. And the state of Indian nations grows stronger by the day,” said Cladoosby in the opening moments of the speech. Cladoosby is President of NCAI the oldest, largest, and most representative American

Indian and Alaska Native organization in the country.

“Today, I bring a simple message from the tribes of the 21st Century: We must tear down barriers to growth, simplify regulations that are limiting opportunities, and acknowledge that tribes have the capability as governments to oversee our own affairs,” continued Cladoosby during the address delivered to a studio audience at the Newseum in Washington, DC. “Congress and the Administration need to find ways to help bring federal agencies out of the

19th Century and into the 21st Century. We need them to be partners for growth and not barriers to growth.”

Remarking on the historic visit by President Obama to the Standing Rock Sioux Nation last year, President Cladoosby extended a personal invitation to Speaker Boehner, Leader Pelosi, Majority Leader McConnell, and Minority Leader Reid — as well as every Member of Congress to visit Indian Country in 2015.

During the major policy address NCAI and Cladoosby outlined a clear plan and top-level priorities for Congress and the Administration that could attract bipartisan support:

FUNDING THE TRUST RESPONSIBILITY: The organization released a 130 page report The FY 2016 Indian Country Budget Request; Promoting Self-Determination, Modernizing the Trust Relationship, outlining a plan for funding the federal government's trust

responsibility through the budget process.

TAX REFORM: NCAI called on congress to advance tribal tax reform to enable tribes to raise tax revenue free from overlapping state taxation, and to create incentives for business and jobs.

TECHNOLOGY ACCESS: NCAI proposed the federal government accelerate work to partner with the private sector to expand broadband connectivity in Indian Country and ensure a comprehensive study of the digital divide facing tribal nations.

ACCESS TO CAPITAL: NCAI proposed extending access to capital by recognizing the equal status of tribal governments to access tax exempt bonds and ensuring tribal inclusion in the New Markets Tax Credit Program.

ENERGY REFORM: NCAI urged Congress to pass Indian energy legislation like that

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NCAI Chairman Brian Cladoosby gives State of Indian Nations address



National Congress of American Indians Executive Director Jacqueline Pata watches NCAI President Brian Cladoosby deliver the 2015 State of Indian Nations address Jan. 22 in Washington, D.C. He said tribes must insist the federal government honor its commitments to them and create partnerships with them based on deference, not paternalism.

The following is the text of the 13th Annual State of Indian Nations as prepared for delivery by President Brian Cladoosby of the National Congress of American Indians. January 22, 2015. For the full video please go to: <http://www.ncai.org/>

My fellow tribal leaders, Members of Congress, members of the Administration, friends and partners gathered here and watching from home. I want to thank the Creator for this beautiful day, for allowing me the privilege of representing Indian Country and for providing the opportunity to honor our history and celebrate the promise of our nation-to-nation relationship.

In this week when we remembered a great civil rights leader, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and when our President delivered his annual State of the Union address, it is fitting that we take this time to consider the transformation

and change that is under way in Indian Country. Today, Indian Country is leading. Indian Country is innovating. Indian Country is growing. And the state of Indian nations grows stronger by the day.

Tribal nations are steadily reclaiming our rightful place among the American family of governments. And we are doing this, despite antiquated ways of thinking about Native peoples and tribal governments and outdated policies that belong to another century.

We are not where we want to be in our relationship with the federal government, but we are also glad that we are not where we used to be.

Today, I bring a simple message from the tribes of the 21st Century: We must tear down barriers to growth, simplify regulations that are limiting opportunities, and acknowledge that tribes have the capability as governments to oversee our own affairs. As we reach out to the federal government as a partner, we must continue to insist that the United States honors its trust responsibility to Native peoples.

Honoring its trust responsibility means recognizing Indian Country's legal authority to control its own destiny.

It means respecting Native peoples for who we are, not

who others think we are. And it means modernizing the trust relationship between our nations.

These are things we can and must do, as a united Indian Country. We are determined to create opportunities for success – within our borders and beyond.

This is a remarkable moment in our shared history.

For the 566 federally recognized tribal nations and many state recognized tribes, for the more than five million Native people living in cities or on reservations across this land, these are the days that our ancestors prayed for. We must seize the opportunity to sustain our progress.

As the twenty-first President of the National Congress of American Indians, I have been privileged to witness great progress over the past few years, from our families to our tribal councils to Capitol Hill.

We worked with Republicans, Democrats, and Independents in Congress to make Indian Country safer by reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act.

We made Indian Country healthier by working together to permanently reauthorize the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

We made Indian Country fairer by passing the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act to ensure that Indian people aren't unjustly taxed for benefits they receive from their own tribal governments.

In the last six years, we have seen Congress and the Administration work together to pass an unprecedented number of bipartisan bills that will improve opportunities for our peoples.

Last month, I was proud to join hundreds of tribal leaders from across the nation as we participated in the sixth annual

Tribal Nations Summit with President Obama.

And, of course, 2014 was also the year that we were privileged to have President Obama visit one of our tribal homelands. The President told me his trip to the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation had a profound impact. He urged his cabinet to follow his lead and make visiting Indian Country a priority.

Today, I want to make a personal invitation to Speaker Boehner, Leader Pelosi, Majority Leader McConnell, and Minority Leader Reid – as well as every Member of Congress: Come to Indian Country this year.

Just today, several Members of Congress, a Cabinet Secretary, and representatives of the Administration are visiting the Navajo Nation.

Let's make that visit the beginning of a year of unprecedented engagement between tribal nations and our federal partners.

Among all the gains in recent years, we've also suffered some losses. Close to my heart and to many across Indian Country was the loss of my friend and mentor, a Native American hero, an American hero Billy Frank Jr.

Billy, like me, was from the Pacific Northwest. His people, the Nisqually nation, are fishing people, like my people.

At age 14, he was arrested for exercising his treaty rights by fishing in the Nisqually River.

As Billy put it, he wasn't a policy guy. He was a getting arrested guy. Over the years, he was arrested more than 50 times. That's one of Billy's accomplishments that I have yet to achieve.

And those arrests laid the groundwork for an historic

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

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the state of Idaho which confine gaming to reservations and limit the number of machines tribes can have. "We look forward to working together with each the State of Idaho to get this obvious double standard addressed," added Gary Aitken, Chairman of the Kootenai Tribe.

In 1988, the United States Congress passed the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, which allows Indian gaming on reservations for the purpose of promoting tribal self-sufficiency.

The tribal chairmen also note that gaming tribes in Idaho have provided their tribal and non-tribal communities with significant benefits since the passage of IGRA.

"Collectively, Idaho tribes represent a top ten employer in the state with a nearly \$1 billion impact on the state's economy," Chairman Allan said. "We play by the rules and we're proud that our gaming operations have allowed us to make contributions to better the lives of the people of Idaho. But the potential for limitless, illegal gaming in every county in Idaho puts that at risk in a big way."

Racing Commission Executive Director Frank Lamb defended the machines Thursday and Friday, stressing that the commission is receptive to the Legislature's concerns over the proliferation of the machines.

"I certainly felt the sting of the arrows," he said Thursday. "Because it is pari-mutuel wagering, we can regulate it. If it were not, we couldn't."

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- **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.** •
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proposed by Chairman Barrasso that would provide tribes with greater control and flexibility to develop their traditional and renewable energy resources.

GOVERNMENTAL PARTNERSHIP: NCAI called on Congress and the Administration to ensure that tribal nations have a seat at the policymaking table by consulting with tribes on all policy issues such as the Keystone Pipeline, renewable energy, health care, and education.

EDUCATION REFORM: NCAI called on Congress to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act this year with tribal provisions to encourage tribal-state partnerships, strengthen local control of education, and begin to help every school deliver a

high-quality education. NCAI proposed that Congress should enact legislation that supports Native language programs so education for our children is rooted in our history and culture.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: NCAI called on financial sponsors of the Washington DC football team to join "fair-minded Americans" by standing with NCAI, tribes, Native organizations, civil rights organizations, religious leaders, and others to change the mascot of the Washington DC football team; NCAI applauded the President's proposal to make the first two years of tribal and community college free. NCAI promised to work with Congress & Administration to make this investment in assuring K-through-14 education in America.

~Chairman's Corner~

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Greetings everyone. I hope you have been enjoying this mild winter we've been having. The past couple of sunny days here give me hope that springtime is right around the corner. Sometimes winter makes us think of hibernation, but we've been quite busy around here at headquarters. Last month, I wrote about the new slot-style gaming machines that have been installed at a few locations across the state, including in our very own backyard at Greyhound Park. Instant Racing is a serious threat to our casino and stopping

the expansion of these new machines continues to be our number one priority for this legislative session. In the past month since my last column, our efforts to overturn instant racing in Idaho have gained a lot of attention around the state and even across the country. But most importantly, we are starting to get the attention of the Idaho State Legislature. We've made it clear to every legislator and reporter that has asked us about instant racing - we won't stand by and watch as the State allows for this deceitful and illegal

expansion of casino gaming off of reservations, not when we fought so hard to bring Indian gaming to reservations through a legitimate process. We've always played by the rules and we expect that same standard to apply to everyone. Late last month, the Idaho State Senate began the process of considering a bill that would repeal Instant Racing and remove all of the Instant Racing machines in Idaho. The first step towards the passage of the bill was a unanimous vote by the Senate Committee on State Affairs to introduce the bill, followed by a hearing on the bill to discuss its merits. These are some positive first steps but we still have a long way to go and we will undoubtedly face challenges from the horse racing industry and from the businesses who have invested in these illegal machines. They will fight just as hard to protect their investment, but we are hopeful that, in the end, the truth will prevail.

Chief Allan

Lakeside schools to propose another levy to help meet cost requirements

Although the economy is on the rebound, many schools in the state of Idaho are still feeling the effects of budget cuts and tightened spending. Up to 80 percent of Idaho schools are left underfunded and rely upon supplemental levies to fund their much needed programs. Things like class sizes, kindergarten classes and art stand to suffer without supplemental funding. The last levy that was passed in 2013 replaced textbooks that were nearly 20 years old, as well as funded other programs in the Plummer/Worley School District. As of the 2014/2015 school year, enrollment has increased in the Plummer/Worley School District and some class sizes have 30 or more students per teacher. The school still does not have a Physical Education teacher after two years and is without a librarian. The school will also use the levy monies to continue what the previous levy was able to support like keeping two full time Kindergarten classes instead of part time or one class;

keeping the Art and Athletic programs going and keep In-School-Suspension at both of the schools, instead of having to send students home. "I don't like having to ask the public to pay for a free public education," says Judy Sharrett, Superintendent at Plummer/Worley Joint School District. "The budget cuts have been devastating to our programs and staff." Since 2007 the District has lost nearly 2 million dollars in funding for its programs and staff. After the previous levy in 2013 they have been able to stop the budget cuts and maintain their programs and even increase their staff a little bit. But with the two years coming to an end the School Board met on January 12, 2015 and proposed a new levy to continue to support the schools funding. "We are asking for the exact same amount as before so the public won't see an increase in their taxes, everything will stay the same," says Sharrett. The levy will appear on the ballots for voters to decide on, March 10, 2015.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Dance your heart out Zumbathon @ 9:00am
8	9	10	11	12 ECLC Valentine's Day Class Parties	13	14 Childbirth Class @ Wellness Center 9am - noon Valentine's Day
15	16 All Schools CLOSED CDA HQ CLOSED Presidents' Day	17 Cd'A Language Bingo @ Wellness Center 4:30 - 7:00 pm	18	19 ECLC: Circle of Security Parent Group @ 5:00 pm	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 ECLC: Parent meetings	27	28

~ Community Announcements ~

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Member concession opportunity deadline approaching

Here's an opportunity for you to run the food concession stand at the CDA Casino inside the event center during the Stick Game Tournaments held at the CDA Casino 3x's a year. Our next tournament is on March 27, 28, and 29, 2015.

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

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

stick game concessions will have to submit a letter and a menu to the Stick Game Committee at least one month prior of the tournament. The next deadline for the March Tournament to submit your letter will be no later than February 27, 2015.

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

The concession stand will be required to be open at a minimum, of the following times and days: Friday-

4pm-3am; Saturday- 9am-3am (varies on opening time due to our feed this day); Sunday- 9am-4pm.

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

Please submit your letters to the following address: Stick Game Committee Chairperson /CDA Casino
Attn: Stickgame - P.O. Box 236 - Worley, Idaho. 83876 - Office Ph# 208-769-2644.

Park passes now available for members

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

The Tribe has developed a Tribal recreation pass/vehicle sticker that will serve as a substitute to the MVEF for Tribal members visiting Heyburn Park. IDPR will honor this pass as a substitute to the MVEF, due in part to our co-ownership and management of the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes. Specific to State managed recreation sites; this pass is only valid for Heyburn Park and will not serve as a substitute for the MVEF at other IDPR facilities outside of the Reservation.

Kootenai County Parks and Waterways have also recently agreed to honor this pass for Tribal members parking/launching vessels at Kootenai County boat launches within

the Reservation.

The vehicle sticker, that must be placed in your window, can be picked up, for no fee, at the reception desk of the Felix Aripa (Shi'ttsin) Building, 401 Anne Antelope Road, Plummer, ID, one block west of the Wellness Center. You must bring your tribal identification card, vehicle registration and the vehicle the sticker will be attached to. Tribal members may obtain passes for each vehicle registered in their name. The recreation pass will be valid for the 2015 and 2016 calendar years.

Remember, you must have this pass/sticker on display to avoid being ticketed by IDPR and/or County Park Rangers. The pass is for Coeur d'Alene Tribal members only and Tribal government vehicles. If you have any further questions or concerns please call (208) 686-5302.

DOE funding applications due in April

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe Department of Education is currently accepting applications for school year 2015/2016. Please be advised we will only consider funding students with "complete applications" postmarked or received by April 25, 2015. A complete application includes "everything" on the check list EXCEPT FORM#2 (the budget) the college completes that form and will send it directly to our office.

Please remember it is your responsibility to submit FORM #2 to your college financial aid office. Preference as always will go with the 2014-2015 continuing students, second we will consider all new high school graduates, finally any new applications as long as there are

funds available.

Please continue to be diligent in seeking outside funding to take some of the burden off of the Tribe. (there are a few listed on our web page) NOW is the time to begin searching. Some colleges have a deadline for funds on their particular campus which could be as soon as January 31st annually. PLEASE CHECK with your financial aid office, advisor, student services office, library, and the internet (NO fast web or the like...) don't be afraid to ask for help.

Our full application can be printed from the Tribes web page, go into departments, education then Higher Education.

Thank you for taking the time to prepare as early as possible for next year.

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*Contact Micah Larkin (Head LG.)
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LONG SWIM

Took place in January

INDOOR TRIATHLON USA

SATURDAY- February 28th
at the Wellness Center
<http://indoortriathlonusa.com/races/>

IRONMAN CDA is coming. Regardless of your goals, if you would like to get a taste of Ironman training, TRI # OUT!

Train/race once a month in an organized session. We will post detailed information before each event.

Everyone is welcome!
Contact Kjell Schioberg
kschioberg@bmc.portland.ihg.gov
(208)686-9355 Ext 508
PS: Dates/times are subject to change.

LONG BRICK

SATURDAY - March 28th - Free
8:30am
at the Wellness Center

AROUND the LAKE

Saturday- MAY 16th - Free
7am
Bike ride around Lake CDA
Start in CDA at the Independence point Moose!

INDOOR HALF IRONMAN

SATURDAY - April 25th - Free
8:30am-4pm
at the Wellness Center

WC SPRINT TRIATHLON

Saturday - June 20th
9am
at the Wellness Center

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~ Health News ~

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BMC will celebrate 25 service years this summer

It's hard to believe that in 2015 BMWC will be celebrating it's 25th Anniversary! We opened June 4, 1990 and I can vividly remember the excitement and anticipation that was present that day, a very proud moment in the tribe's history especially not having ever operated a health care facility and opening it to the public! There was no casino, little employment, a couple of business ventures just starting (Benewah Market), few housing options and not much employment opportunities. But what the tribe did have was fierce determination to find a better way to provide health care for tribal members. On June 5 we will celebrate that determination and enjoy the successes over our 25 year history. The planning is underway with more to follow. Please save the date!!

We are very pleased to announce another new physician who has joined us full time having worked on a temporary basis with us the last few months! His name is Dr. Jason Chapman. Several of you may have already met him and he is very enthusiastic about having the opportunity to work at BMWC. His picture and bio is included in this issue. Please contact First Impressions to make an appointment with Dr. Chapman as his schedule is

open to accept patients.

As a reminder, BMWC has an impressive new technology feature titled the 'NextMD Patient Portal'. We wanted to repeat some of the features again as this technology gives you online access to help coordinate your care. The Patient Portal allows you to log into a secure website provided to us by our electronic medical records system, NextGen. Through the Portal you can request your records for viewing or printing, send communications to your Provider team, and can even request appointments for the Medical Clinic. Our plan is to add the Dental department so you can request appointments in Dental as well. There are many other features within the portal that we plan to offer in the future. The Patient Portal does require you to have an email address to get signed up, but no information is shared through your email. Messages you receive in your email will tell you to visit the NextMD website where you can log into your Portal to view messages. You can visit the Portal website at www.nextmd.com, most browsers like Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, and Google Chrome work with the Portal website. You will need Adobe Reader which is a free program to view certain items like letters, or lab documents

that are sent to you through the Portal. Please call First Impressions or speak with your provider's team at your next appointment to get signed up!

Please make note of the following upcoming events:

February 7 - 'Dance Your Heart Out' at the Wellness Center with Aqua Zumba 9-10am and regular Zumba 10-noon. A \$5.00 donation for adults is requested to benefit the American Heart Association (February is Heart month).

February 14 - Childbirth Class at the Wellness Center, 9 - Noon; a light snack will be provided,

February 17 - Coeur d'Alene Language Bingo at the Wellness Center, 4:30-7pm, open to everyone

As another reminder BMWC has an informative "Medical Advice Hour" on KWIS Radio called Uchqhes Live! meaning "We are Well". Please join a different provider or guest from noon until 1pm every Friday on 88.3 discussing various health topics and answering questions from our listeners. Please send your questions to us at uchqhes@gmail.com or visit us on Facebook page Uchqhes.

Please contact us if we can answer any questions about our services or programs we provide at BMWC.

Gary Leva, CEO

Chapman joins BMC as provider



Dr. Chapman was born in San Jose, CA and has lived and worked nearly half his life outside of the Continental United States both in the military and private practice. He has lived in Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Puerto Rico, Sudan and Thailand. He is married to Sena; they have a four year old son and another on the way. His interests include scuba diving, single engine pilot in training,

sailing, hiking, fishing and cultural events. They have family in the area and are very excited to have the opportunity to work at BMWC.

His medical background and training are extensive through the United States Coast Guard, Lake Superior State University and USA Family Medicine Residency Program Medical University of the Americas. He is a General Practitioner and enjoys treating all age groups.

hnqhesnet will focus on local and traditional health



Brenna Vandalsen, LoVina Louie and Ken Hoyt; the new hnqhesnet team for the BMWC.

Benewah Medical & Wellness Center was awarded \$671,000 for a one year period beginning September 30, 2014 with the potential to be increased to \$1.9 million over a three year period in an effort to drive down chronic diseases within the Coeur d'Alene Reservation. This is a (REACH) Racial and Ethnic Approaches in Community Health grant

entitled "hnqhesnet (it is our well-being)". The hnqhesnet Project will address health disparities on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation by increasing culturally-based opportunities for regular physical activity and increased access to healthy, fresh, local and traditional foods. We have hired three positions and Brenna Vandalsen our Dietician/Employee Wellness Coordinator will

work part time with our staff. We will also be hiring a part-time Demonstration Gardener. We would like to welcome our new employees: LoVina Louie, hnqhesnet Coordinator; Shedaezha Hodge, Physical Activity Coordinator; Ken Hoyt, Traditional Foods Coordinator.

a his'laqlaqhtl steemilgwes hiskwist khwa xast n'ma Hello my friends my name is xast n'ma LoVina Louie I am excited to start a new chapter in my life as the hnqhesnet Coordinator for the hnqhesnet Program. I am grateful and applaud the efforts of Elinor Nault, Cheryl Weixel and Laura Laumatia who wrote and submitted this grant to CDC. Our culture, language and traditions are at the core of who we are.

We will have the opportunity to utilize our culture, tradition and language to increase access to healthy nutritional foods and physical activity. A Rez

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LaSarte, Brouse named Managers of the Year



Dustin Brouse, Dave Matheson and Louie LaSarte.

They're both old timers here, one more than the other, but both home-grown on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation, local talent committed to their jobs and their staffs.

Louie LaSarte, Senior Casino Manager and Dustin Brouse, Area Food and Beverage Manager, were named Managers of the Year this week at the Coeur d'Alene Casino

Resort. The honor represents 2014 and, considering the love directed at five finalists, it took several extra weeks into the current year before a committee and Chief Executive Dave Matheson to name the winners. LaSarte, a Coeur d'Alene tribal member, has lived his entire life here on the reservation. He was among the very first employees here, helping open the original

Coeur d'Alene Bingo. Brouse, a Plummer native, grew up there and was graduated from Lakeside High in 1999. Brouse came to work here as a busboy after graduation and has worked his way up ever since.

"Both Louie and Dustin are part of our family, part of our community," said Matheson, who announced the honor at a meeting this week. "We're blessed to have people we can always count on, people our employees can always count on. They both have shown a great work ethic over time and a great commitment to the tribe's goals with this casino resort. They're always on the job and always making things better in their departments."

Lisa Emerson, Assistant Bingo Manager; Theresa Nickerson, Child Care Manager; Joe Harding-Video Gaming Supervisor and Courtney SiJohn, Human Resource Manager were honorable mention.

CRGC staff plan for winter shows

By Bob Bostwick

Winter golf doesn't happen much in these parts, so the winter golf season is for showing off, bragging a little and generally spreading the word.

There's much of all three in the inherent qualities and endless accolades that continue standing with Circling Raven Golf Club. Staff will pitch all of them and more at shows this year in Seattle, Spokane, Boise, Edmonton and Calgary.

"Our market has expanded greatly and continues to do so," said Director of Golf Tom Davidson. "Players come here from throughout the Pacific Northwest and Canada, and we're very popular in the Boise area and across the Intermountain West as well. People attending golf shows want to know about courses and places to go."

The lineup begins at Boise, the show there at Boise's Expo

Center, Feb. 7-8. Assistant golf pro Jason Letus is scheduled to represent Circling Raven there.

The Spokane Golf and Travel Show at the Convention Center runs Friday through Sunday, Feb. 20-22; Seattle, also three days, is set for the following weekend, Feb. 27-March 1 at Century Link Field Exposition Center. Calgary is March 21-22 at the Stampede Grounds and Edmonton's show is underway March 7-8 at the Expo Centre. Staffing for those shows is yet to be confirmed.

Attendance will likely total between 8,000 and 15,000 at the bigger shows. Seattle promoters claim theirs to be the biggest on the West Coast.

"Most who attend these shows will come by our booth, that's a proven condition," said Davidson. "Most are curious and all want a chance at the stay and play drawing we offer."

Circling Raven will open for the 2015 season in early April.

Winter specials drive hotel sales

Hospitality Director Kathy Anton-Galietti and Hotel Manager Margaret SiJohn put their heads together, collected some thinking from Marketing and pushed winter packages that have proven to boost hotel sales this winter.

Packages are available for two night stays, and the "SuperJan" package includes breakfast buffets.

And it's working. Anton-Galietti reports a 25 percent increase in hotel sales heading into the remainder of January, including 46 packages sold

to cover the remainder of this month.

The occupancy rate for January stands now at 69 percent, about 15 percent higher than average for hotels in the region. But that number will rise.

"On the books now, we are forecasted with 74 percent occupancy over the next 10 days," Anton Galietti said. "The package sales will take us to over 90 percent. We should end up at approximately 75% for January 2015, beating January 2014 month end of 68%."

Nominees to share recognition in RAD Award selection process

By Nizhoni Hodge

The Operation New Beginning Morale Team has made some notable improvements to our current monthly Random Acts of Distinction award selection process.

Now, both the recipient of the RAD Award and the nominator will receive recognition. The RAD recipient will be honored for the RAD task and

the nominator will be recognized for taking the time to nominate.

Each month, the ONB Morale Team will continue to review nominations and commit to doing our best to objectively choose RAD recipients.

As always, please only submit nominations for team members performing random acts of kindness, which are outside of their regular job duties.

Coeur d'Alene Casino hosts the Mix-off: Jock's vs Nerd's



The 4th annual bartenders mix-off brought an excited and energetic crowd to the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel this past Saturday.

The Red Tail Bar & Grill staff spent hours of preparation to pull off this event, not to forget that the help of; Maintenance, Food & Beverage, Hotel, Banquets, Security, Marketing, Graphics, and Audio/Visual.

The event started out with cocktail tasters at each booth and food from the Red Tail kitchen being passed to guests throughout the event. Prizes were given away

throughout the evening also.

The flair bartenders from Las Vegas ran the shot booth, and gave the guests a preview of the main show throughout the evening. The Las Vegas flair bartenders put on a juggling display that could only be matched by the Carnival Bar in Las Vegas itself.

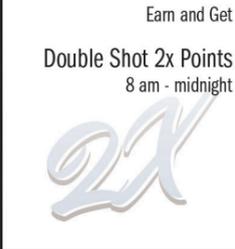
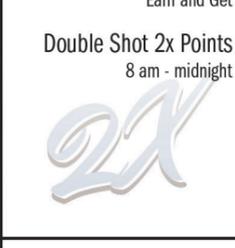
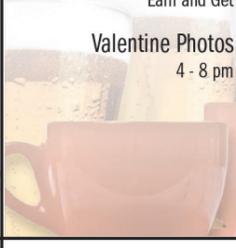
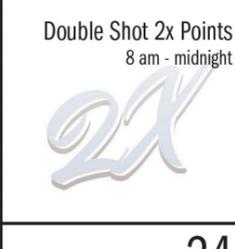
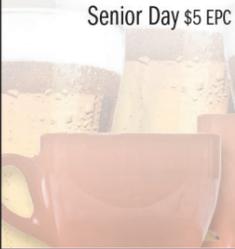
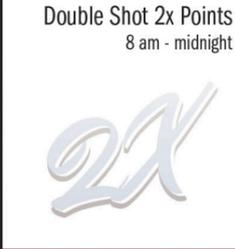
DJ Rouge played requests and kept the vibe pulsating while after the event, Strictly Business entertained a packed out Nighthawk Lounge.

Thanks once again to all of those who participated and helped make this yearly event a success.

Without the teamwork shown, these types of events wouldn't happen!

Results: Best overall Cocktail and People Choice -- 315 Tapas at Greenbrier Inn Coeur d'Alene, ID; Best Theme -- Red Tail Bar & Grill; Flair Bartender -- Volodymr Buryanov from the LAS VEGAS FLAIR ACADEM; Participating Venues --315 Tapas; Whispers CDA Resort; Bardenay, The Wondering Table, The Yards Bruncheon, Red Tail Bar & Grill, Nighthawk Lounge, Chinook Lounge.

February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get 	2 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get Senior Day \$5 EPC 	3 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get Double Shot 2x Points 8 am - midnight 	4 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get Triple Shot 3x Points 8 am - midnight 	5 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get 	6 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get 	7 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get 
8 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get Sweeten The Pot Hot Seats 10 am - 8 pm 	9 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get Senior Day \$5 EPC 	10 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get Double Shot 2x Points 8 am - midnight 	11 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get Triple Shot 3x Points 8 am - midnight Blackjack Tournament 5 pm 	12 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get MMA 7 pm · Event Center 	13 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get Valentine Photos 4 - 8 pm 	14 Valentine's Day Pick Your Brew Earn and Get 
15 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get February Birthday Celebration 9 am - 9 pm 	16 President's Day Pick Your Brew Earn and Get Presidents Day Drawings 10 am - 4 pm No Senior Day 	17 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get Double Shot 2x Points 8 am - midnight 	18 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get Triple Shot 3x Points 8 am - midnight 	19 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get 	20 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get 	21 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get Keurig Drawings 10 am - 4 pm 
22 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get Keurig Drawings 10 am - 4 pm 	23 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get Senior Day \$5 EPC 	24 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get Double Shot 2x Points 8 am - midnight 	25 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get Triple Shot 3x Points 8 am - midnight Blackjack Tournament 5 pm 	26 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get 	27 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get 	28 Pick Your Brew Earn and Get \$30,000 Brew Up Some Cash Giveaway 5x Points · 8 am - noon EPC Drawings · 1 - 5 pm \$30,000 Giveaway · 7 pm 3x Points · 8 pm - midnight Local Brewery Tasting 4 - 6 pm · Red Tail Bar and Grill 



February 1st - 28th

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\$30K
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CASH
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Saturday, February 28th | 7 pm

5x Points · 8 am - noon
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 3x Points · 8 pm - midnight

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Peter "Pete" Galler
December 21, 1946
January 4, 2015

Funeral Mass for Pete E. Galler, age 68, was held Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Evan Abraham Longhouse at DeSmet, Idaho. Rosary was held on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Longhouse. Father Robert Erickson, S.J. will officiate at the services. Burial will follow at the DeSmet Mission Cemetery. Mr. Galler, a lifelong DeSmet area resident, died Sunday January 4, 2015 in the morning at his DeSmet home.

He was born December 31,

1946 at DeSmet to Herman and Alice Mary (Vincent) Galler. He attended the tribal school at DeSmet and high school in Plummer, Idaho. Following high school, Pete entered the United States Army and served in Vietnam. Following his discharge in 1969, he returned to the DeSmet. Pete married Linda R. Pluff on December 25, 1969 at Plummer, ID. The couple made their home at DeSmet. Pete worked as a carpenter for many years, and helped build homes at DeSmet, ID for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. He also worked as a tree planter and fire fighter for the tribe. Mr. Galler has been in failing health for the past few years.

He was a member of the

Colville Tribe, a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in DeSmet, a veteran of the US Army, and a member of the American Legion. His hobbies included reading and fishing. Survivors include his wife Linda Galler at the DeSmet home; his children, Patrick Galler, Alice Marie Galler, Beverly Galler, and Anna Marie Galler, all of DeSmet; 23 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren; two brothers, Jerral Galler of Coeur d'Alene, ID, and Gabriel Galler of Plummer, ID. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Vivian Galler and Alvina Galler, two brothers, Charles Galler and David Galler, and his parents, Herman and Alice Galler.

Shelley Jo
"Snowbird" Little
Crow
December 13, 1990
January 9, 2015

She lived most of her life here on the Coeur d'Alene reservation. She attended school at Lakeside, enjoyed attending jump dances with her mom, Toopey and her sisters, she made lots of friends on this red road she traveled during the winter months, you could always count on her beautiful smile to brighten your day, enjoyed spending time with her family, her brothers; Lyle, Jordan, Antaun, Matthew and Patrick as well as her sisters; Chrystal, Kikes, Kata, Valderna, Ann Mary, Danielle and Jena meant the world to her; her nephews Asencio and

niece Neelah held a special place in her heart there wasn't anything she wouldn't do for these two.

She lived with her mother Martha and dad Moe, she did everything she could to help them out at their home in Worley. She was very special to all that knew her, will be missed very much by all that knew her. Her two children; daughter Dalilah and son Tobias. She would move the earth to make them happy. Her world revolved around these two.

She is survived by her mom and dad; Martha and Moe of Worley, dad Lyle Meshell of Plummer, father Patrick Galler Sr. of DeSmet, sisters; Chrystal Little Crow of Seattle, Dakota Little Crow of Cusick, Kata of Worley, Valderna and Ann Marry Matt at the family home in Worley,

Danielle and Jena Galler of Tekoa, her brothers; Lyle George and Jordan Meshell of Plummer, Antuan Welch of Coeur d'Alene, Matthew Peone of DeSmet, and Patrick Galler Jr. of Plummer, niece and nephew; Neelah and Asencio Matt of Worley, her beautiful daughter Dalilah Little Crow-Curtis and handsome son Tobias Abuan at the family home in Worley, grandparents; Kenneth and Geraldine Sherwood (yeye & Selah) of Plummer, Linda Galler of DeSmet, uncles; Josh Cullooyah of Usk, Chuck Little Crow of Usk. Proceeded in death by; Valderna Barnaby (YeYe), Charles Little Crow grandpa, Pete Galler grandfather, Martha Gardipe Toopey, Allison Meshell godmother, John Bud Barnaby great grandpa Papa and David Louie "Tapeed" Matt brother.



Evangeline Patrice (Abraham) Kenmille
June 6, 1952 – January 15, 2015

Each of us has that one sibling, the non-controversial, the one full of life, laughter and love, the one content with what they have; that was Evangeline "Girl". Evan was the fourth child born to Evangeline and John Abraham she wasn't the oldest or youngest child, the first born or last, she wasn't the only female. But she was "Girl".

As with most of the young girls of the time, Girl along with her sisters all attended boarding school even though the family lived in DeSmet. She and her sisters had to board at the Sisters' Building while they attended school to only come home during Christmas, spring, and summer breaks. Girl graduated from Mary Immaculate in 1966 and then attended Plummer High School where she graduated in

1970.

Girl from a very young age enjoyed the Christmas season; she loved it not because of what she was going to receive but her desire to give. If she didn't have money to buy things, she would make things to give to family and friends.

Girl attended Eastern Washington University, University of Idaho and North Idaho College. Wakai remembers getting up early so he could ride with his mother when she went to school. Girl never completed her degree program due to the necessity of taking care of her son. When Joseph Evans Wakai Pluff was born he became her total being during this period of her life.

Girl got a position at the Tribal School as a teacher in the Headstart Program. Between her son and the

children at school her life was almost complete. Girl became friends with Jeannie Kennison the Director of the Headstart Program. Girl loved her job; the job was made for her. Girl, as with her husband Donald, enjoyed being around kids. She loved the children she taught in Headstart. Her job was more than a 9-5, she spent countless hours at her home preparing for the class she would teach the next day. But sadly, due to a stroke, she was forced to quit the job she loved so much.

After having her stroke, Girl was told she would probably never be able to walk or use the right side of her body. But her tenacity was extremely strong and she managed to get around just fine. She walked to church when she couldn't get a ride.

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Forestry planning for warm, dry weather work

Now that the New Year has arrived, Forestry is looking towards this year's field operations and trying to get paperwork completed to allow us to move forward quickly when the weather allows. We will be spending some time this month planning this coming season's work and trying to coordinate all of our activities. Some of the paperwork involves funding requests and we have a number of them drafted and/or submitted. We are looking to cost share our prescribed burning activities with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF). In addition, we have developed a funding proposal for the BIA for a summer work program in forestry. If funded this would provide some challenging and meaningful work for a number of high school and college students to understand more about forest management and how climate change might influence our management decisions.

As a reminder, firewood cutting permits expired on December 31. Firewood permits will be issued again starting June 1. This seasonal restriction is to help prevent damage to roads that are muddy and soft at this time.

Timber Sales: Timber sales staff has been busy getting ready for future timber sales during the cold and dark periods of the year. A group of interdisciplinary team members braved a chilly day to visit the Schlajalqw area along Hangman Creek to discuss timber sale proposals, resource concerns, and projects in that area. It was a day full of good discussions and learning. There were even bald eagles at one of the stops just as we were discussing leaving snags along the Creek. Representatives

from many Tribal departments took the time to participate. Carrie Horlacher prepared a hot lunch of shepherd's pie and huckleberry cake at the Evan Abraham Longhouse that was greatly appreciated. Forestry staff plans to have one sale prepared by summer for this area. Additional sales will follow, until the entire area is covered.

The Si'lmtsu sale is at the point where three of six allotments have been harvested. The contractor has moved out for a time due to wet soil conditions, and plans to finish logging as soon as conditions allow, maybe not until summer. The remaining portion of the Sq'aq'i'shmalqw timber sale is planned for re-advertisement in late spring. There is roughly 400 thousand board feet remaining to cut on this sale, which sits in two areas; the first is just north of the Casino; the second is northeast of Worley.

The Isdo Forest Officers Report for up at Windfall Pass is still being worked on and it is expected to be completed over the winter and advertised spring 2015.

The ground operations for the Ch'ets'tene'st Timber Sale for up a Moses Mountain have resumed on Unit #1. They are hauling to the south and coming out the Indian Creek road. Jeremy Hill and his crew are expected to finish all ground operations later on this year.

The writing of the Environmental Assessment for the Evans Creek area has started and it is expected to be completed soon. There are tentatively 12 harvest units for proposed action that will span over 2 – 3 years.

Forest Development: The combined Fuels/Fire Crew completed the Allotment 632 precommercial thinning and

pruning to remove ladder fuels and limit future knot size. They are thinning groups of saplings that were released from overstory suppression in the Kopaqhn Logging Unit north of Worley. The Sq'aq'i'shmalqw and Si'lmtsu Logging Units also contain areas needing thinning to improve the growth and health of saplings. The Fuels/Fire crew will be thinning portions of those areas and we will advertise a contract to thin areas that they cannot get to this year.

Forest Inventory: The Forest Inventory Analysis is consuming more time than expected, but we plan to finish the first draft in January. The results will be presented in one or more public meetings before the report is finalized. Contact Norris Boothe at 686-1704 if you are interested in more information about meeting date(s) or want to review a draft of the report during the comment period.

Fuels Program: The Fuels Crew has been busy mechanically treating forest development project work this winter. They completed A632 off of King Valley Road at an estimated 54 acres with a thin and prune and lop and scatter. Currently, the Fuels crew is working near Worley on A559A and A560. There is an estimated 20 acres to be treated. This winter, we have been planning for the field season for HFR and prescribed burning projects. In addition, Forestry has applied for grants from the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for help funding prescribed burning. Please be cautious near the above mentioned areas and signs are posted during active operations. If you have any questions, contact Chuck Simpson – Fuels Specialist - at (208) 686-5030.

Donald” or “Get me a beer”. Girl and Donald's home was always a place where all the children remember going too.

Sometime in her life she became infatuated with Elvis. Her siblings think it may have started when their father took them to town to watch Elvis's movie, “G.I. Blues”. Although she loved her husband, children, family, and friends no one dare make any kind of negative remark about Elvis. That was one of the few ways to make her angry. Her brother joked about Girl's arrival into heaven were she sees her mother and father and lets them know that she'll speak with them later and that she was in a hurry. She then approaches Donald where he's standing with outstretch arms ready to embrace her. She tells Donald, “Get out of the way, I'm looking for Elvis”.

Girl and Donald both shared the love of the Seattle Seahawks. Her grandchildren

related how she would get angry at the refs during the games. While we were watching the game the other day and the Seahawks were so far behind and everything seemed hopeless. The rest of the family's devoted fans asked Girl to quit bothering Elvis and use her new influence to go lobby for the Seahawks. She must have because the game changed and Seattle won.

Girl's other favorite past time was the casino. She spent a lot of time playing bingo and machines. She really enjoyed herself there, so much so, that security threatened to arrest Donald if they didn't leave. She let them know she wasn't leaving and Donald ended up getting arrested while she stayed at the casino.

Girl's life was a little rough for her this last year. Donald and she were raising their youngest grandchild Jasmine Kenmille. The baby's mother

Joe Lowley Memorial Golf Tournament

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Nick & Violet 208-686-0305

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She very seldom missed mass in DeSmet and had her special seat in front of the church where she used to sit with her mother and sisters before her mother died.

During the time Girl taught school, she met Donald Kenmille and they were married on May 18, 1985. They lived together in DeSmet where they raised their two children Joseph Evans Wakai Pluff and Donevan Kenmille. They definitely wanted everyone to know that Donevan was their child by combining both their names and creating Donevan's first name. Both Girl and Donald loved children and often watched the children of other family members. Candyce said that her grandchildren used to mimic Girl and Donald when the children would return home. They would repeat, “Damn it,

wanted to take the baby for a visit and eventually left with the child and Girl never got to see the baby again. Girl was devastated by the loss. Girl still had Donald and Donevan at home to ease the pain of her loss. They all lived together until Donald's accidental death just a month and a half ago on November 26th.

After Donald's passing, Girl's grandson Darnell moved in with her to take care of her. Darnell and Girl quickly became the best of friends. Girl's granddaughter Brianna also became a frequent visitor at her grandmother's home.

Girl was taken to emergency because of respiratory problems late Sunday night. She received treatment and feeling better was released. Girl and her family went to Denny's afterwards where she sat between her grandchildren teasing them and telling them stories while continuously

laughing. Her grandchildren showed her some recent pictures they had of girl's youngest granddaughter Jasmine. These pictures were taken of Jasmine wearing a princess dress in Disney World. Girl was told that Jasmine was being taken care of and love by her grandmother's sister on her mother's side. Girl's responded with, “Okay, looks happy” and she smiled.

Girl relapsed on Thursday morning and was taken to the Benewah Medical Center by her grandson Darnell. Girl never recovered from her asthma attack and died Thursday morning at the clinic.

Evan is survived by her two sons Wakai and Donevan, three grandchildren Darnell Pluff, Brianna Pluff, and Jasmine Kenmille. Two sisters Candyce and Victoria, two brothers John and Sox, uncles Father Connelly and Teddy, numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

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judicial ruling, later affirmed by the Supreme Court, which acknowledged that our treaties reserved our right to fish where we had for generations.

After all, our rights as sovereign nations were not granted by the Constitution. They existed before there was a Constitution.

Now, if you don't know who Billy Frank was, you're not alone. The history that he lived—that our people have lived—is a history that's not often taught in schools.

But it is essential to understanding the connection between our nations, the trust that defines our partnership, and the responsibility that is entrusted to all federal officials—especially Members of Congress.

That's why, as long as I knew him, Billy had the same message: Tell your story, tell your story, tell your story. Billy knew that no one could tell our story better than we can.

So for those who don't know, let me tell you the story of our trust relationship.

If the story has a theme, it's a story of pride and resilience book-ended by self-determination on either end.

There are many people who believe that when Europeans got to this land, and moved west, they simply claimed empty Indian land for themselves. But that's not true.

When my grandfather and Billy's grandfather were young, the U.S. government signed more than 400 treaties.

In fact, it was 160 years ago today that my dad's great-grandfather, Kel-kahl-tsoot, signed the Point Elliott Treaty, between the Swinomish tribe and the United States. My dad proudly carries on that name. Dad is 81 years old and—like his namesake—he inspires me every day.

Tribal nations like ours accepted a smaller land base. In exchange, the federal government made three basic promises: To guard our right to govern ourselves. To enable tribal governments to deliver essential services. And, to help manage our remaining lands and resources in our best interests.

These treaties are older than many U.S. state constitutions. In fact, the Point Elliott Treaty preceded the existence of the State of Washington by three and a half decades. All of our treaties continue to stand as the "supreme law of the land."

Every Member of Congress and federal official is responsible for carrying out that trust, whether a Member has a tribe in their district or not. Part of their job description is to make sure that the United States of America honors its commitments and lives up to its word.

After all, this trust: it's not

a handout, it's a contract. It's a commitment. And it's their duty to honor it.

So, why do I mention this history now?

The nation-to-nation relationship between the United States of America and Indian Country has reached a crossroads.

Many tribes today are on the forefront of innovative, 21st century governance. Don't take my word for it. As I mentioned earlier, I invite you to come and see for yourselves:

Come to the Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, where you will see homes as old as 700 years being rehabilitated. The name of the pueblo says it all: Place of the Strong People.

Come to Shaktoolik, Alaska, where you will meet the first cavity-free elementary classes. It is the direct result of the dental health therapist workforce—the first-of its kind in-the-nation. To date, 40,000 people have been treated at 30 percent of the cost. Now, other states are studying how they can replicate the success in Alaska.

Come to Lummi Nation, where you'll see the first tribally developed and operated commercial wetland mitigation bank in the United States—more than 2,000 acres that are creating income streams for the tribal government while preserving fishing streams for salmon and shellfish.

Many tribes are engines of economic growth, not just for Native people, but for non-Native people, too. In fact, there are nearly a quarter million Native-owned businesses across the United States.

The five tribes in Idaho contribute more than \$850 million to the state's economy, and have increased statewide employment by more than 10,000 jobs.

The eleven tribal nations in Minnesota have collectively contributed more than \$2.7 billion to the local economy while employing 41,000 Native and non-Native Minnesotans.

These are more than Native American success stories. They are American success stories. And we're ready to write many more in the years to come.

Of course, there is much more work to be done. Too many of Indian Country's reservations and communities are a long way from prosperity. Too many tribal communities are still plagued by: high unemployment rates; high dropout rates; rampant drug and alcohol abuse; and an appalling suicide epidemic.

Together, we believe we can overcome these challenges.

Of course, trust itself is based on respect. Part of modernizing our trust relationship means modernizing the way Native people are respected, and our civil rights are upheld.

For this reason, I want to address an issue the National Congress of American Indians has worked on for almost 50

years. I want to talk about the stereotypes and degradation that Native peoples continue to be subjected to in our society.

In particular, I want to talk about the name of the Washington DC football team.

Allow me to read from the pages of a Minnesota newspaper published one September day in 1863: "The State reward for dead Indians has been increased to \$200 for every red-skin sent to Purgatory. This sum is more than the dead bodies of all the Indians east of the Red River are worth."

History is clear on what that vile word meant: it was the scalped head of an American Indian man, woman, or child that trappers and hunters sold, like bear fur, for money.

Let me be very clear: the single-most offensive name that you can call an American Indian is "Redskin."

Today, a majority of people agree. In a recent national survey 83 percent of Americans said they wouldn't use the R-word to a Native American's face. And they're right.

We know the team owner stands on the wrong side of history. He has dug in his heels and refuses to change. But why do you do it, Fed Ex? You point with pride to your policy of diversity and inclusiveness. Yet, your name is on the stadium. How do you defend perpetuating exactly the kind of racism that 40 percent of your workforce has faced in one form or another?

And why do you do it, Coca-Cola? For generations, you have been the company that taught the world to sing. Why do you defend a name that teaches the young generation to hate?

And why do you do it Verizon . . . or Best Buy . . . or HP . . . or United Airlines? Many of us associate your companies with great American success stories! But doesn't your defense of this name harken back to the worst of America's failures?

American Indians are appropriately honored as soldiers and teachers, students and first responders, CEOs and community leaders. There is no honor in the name of that team.

It's long past time that Washingtonians begin to see their fellow Native citizens through the eyes of respect and not as mascots for a football business that doesn't even have a fraction of the resilience, pride, or strength of character of any tribal nation.

To those who say there are other issues that Indian Country should focus on, my response is simple: this issue is no different than any issue we work on every day at the National Congress of American Indians.

As we have since 1944, we will stand for the rights of Native peoples in every corner of our society, whether it's under the bright lights of the NFL or in the voting booths of

South Dakota.

This isn't a partisan issue. This isn't an issue of political correctness. We're not trying to make news or make noise. We're trying to make progress. We're standing up, with partners like the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, the NAACP, the National Council of La Raza and the Fritz Pollard Alliance. We're standing with tribes and Native organizations, religious leaders and journalists, school students and former NFL stars and we're calling on all fair-minded Americans to stand with us.

To sustain our progress, and build on it, we must rid ourselves of the old ways of thinking about our relationship.

We must modernize our trust relationship. The next step in strengthening that relationship is for the federal government to trust tribes to determine their own future.

This is about more than tribes having a seat at the table where decisions are made. This is about having policies and processes that treat tribal nations as partners in governing.

While we have a unique relationship with the federal government that will never end, it is time that our relationship reflects the true meaning of the word "trust."

The federal government needs to recognize tribal governments as true partners in supporting the citizens of our nations. It needs to update its laws and regulations to reflect that partnership—one based on deference and support, not paternalism and control.

Whether policy related to the Keystone Pipeline or renewable energy, health care or education, privacy rights or immigration, too often policymakers fail to surround themselves with people who understand tribal perspectives or seek input from tribal leaders and citizens.

We don't want the federal government to solve our problems or dictate our future. We want to solve our own problems. We want to build our own future. We strongly believe that the greatest source of solutions that work for Indian Country is Indian Country itself.

In fact, we are already charting this future. The Native vote is influencing important elections, electing Republicans, Democrats, and Independents who stand with Indian Country and uphold the trust responsibility.

A growing number of Native people hold elective office. I'd like to take a moment to congratulate my good friend, an Alaska Native, and a former NCAI board member: Alaska's new Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott.

Byron not only embodies his Tlingit culture—but also the idea that Native issues aren't

partisan issues.

The power of the Native vote shows that when we base our work on the principle that our voice can and must be heard, we can work together to tear down the barriers to growth for tribal economies. We can give the next generation a better chance to work hard—and see that work pay off.

To that end, I see three important ways we can modernize the trust relationship: simplifying and streamlining government regulations . . . improving education . . . and focusing the talents of tribal nations to create economic growth.

Let me start where Ronald Reagan started—with simplifying government.

Part of our frustration today is similar to the frustration felt by state governments forced to live under regulations that were written for another age and time.

I often speak about how my tribe lost a major contract with a large retailer. It happened because the federal government sat on our application for nearly two years, until the economy crashed and the retailer pulled out of the deal.

Many tribal leaders have a similar story. The fact is that the federal agencies that oversee Indian Country are not equipped to deal with all of the decisions necessary to build an economy in the 21st Century.

Congress and the Administration need to find ways to help bring federal agencies out of the 19th Century and into the 21st Century. We need them to be partners for growth and not barriers to growth.

Take access to capital. The ability to issue tax-exempt bonds to fund construction projects is the bread and butter of every modern state and local government. Yet, this economic development tool is not available to tribes. The IRS only allows tribes to use tax-exempt bonds to fund "essential government functions," like sewer systems. It is time for the federal government to update its tax code to reflect its recognition of the equal status of tribal governments.

The same goes for adoption. State courts say that a parent who adopts a child with special needs is eligible to receive a tax credit to help with care. Yet, if a parent lives on a reservation and adopts a child with special needs, they don't get a tax credit. It's not an oversight—it's bad policy. It's outrageous and discriminatory, and it needs to change.

Or take law enforcement. Despite an act of Congress, the FBI continues to effectively deny tribal police access to the same National Crime Information Center database that they make available to state,

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Olympics, Traditional Foods Summit, Pow-wow Readiness, Healthy Checkout Lane at the market are just a few of the projects we will be working on. I have loved the time, energy and experience that I have had working with our youth. A few years ago I started to see the children of our first Rock n' the Rez youth and I was amazed at how fast time has gone by.

My name is Shedaezha Hodge I am an enrolled tribal member of Navajo Nation located in the southwest region of the United States. I grew up in the rural country area of Northeastern Oklahoma, as well as the big city of Chicago, Illinois. I have been residing in Spokane, Washington for over 3 years now. I have recently been working with local schools as a Physical Activity Coordinator through the Coeur d' Alene Tribal Wellness Center. I enjoy

spending my time with my two young boys, my family and the outdoors. I am excited to be a new team member of the Benewah Medical & Wellness Center team as well as the community.

My name is Ken Hoyt, I am enrolled with Tlingit and Haida Central Council. My Tlingit name is Neish and I am from a brown bear clan, Teikweidi. I live in Moscow with my girlfriend who is attending law school at U of I. For the last three years I coordinated a traditional foods project in my homeland, Wrangell, Alaska. I was born in Anchorage, grew up in Bellingham and went to college in Olympia, WA. I am really looking forward to being able to contribute to the Coeur d'Alene community and I intend to be a patient and humble student as this project develops. I know that our traditional cultures are the key to the healthy futures our tribes are building.

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local, and even some campus police. What does that mean? It means that if a protection order is issued in a domestic violence case, the tribal court often cannot enter that order into the federal database. It means that protection might not follow the survivor off the reservation. It needs to change.

The same goes for the Census of governments. Every five years, 70,000 government entities are surveyed, right down to local sewer districts. But tribal governments have never been included in this process. So, when we appeal for federal resources, we do so without any of the data that every other government uses to receive funding.

And take an especially close look at technology. The rural broadband development project regularly reviews technology access in rural America. Yet, the last technology census of tribal nations took place before Google, Twitter, or smart phones even existed. The best data we do have indicates an ongoing digital divide. While 73 percent of Americans have access to broadband, in Indian Country, it's only 10 percent.

In spite of these barriers, tribes are maintaining their place as the first American innovators. Just last week, President Obama highlighted a public-private partnership that brought high-speed Internet access to the Choctaw Nation. In a community where access was once non-existent, today the tribal council has a new tool to engage citizens. The Choctaw School of Language is offering distance education courses. And, the Broken Bow School District serves over 1,000 students using smart boards, iPads, online lesson plans, and tools that increase parent engagement.

We need a comprehensive and updated study of our technology needs to advance more common sense initiatives like this one to increase our participation in the Digital Age.

Of course, there are more legislative and administrative solutions within reach than I can discuss here. But I want to focus on two important areas where bipartisan solutions exist: education and economic growth.

No resource is more important to the continued success and growth of tribal nations and the United States than our children. Education is a treaty right.

The greatest way to invest in this precious natural resource is to provide a high-quality, culturally-appropriate education. One that benefits all Native children and gives Native students the same chance to succeed as their non-Native peers.

For Indian Country, it all goes back to trust, flexibility, and local solutions.

Focusing on tribal control of schools promises to improve outcomes for our students. And creating greater accountability for public schools on reservation lands will ensure that Native students receive the quality education that they need.

We call on Congress to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act this year. We call for the inclusion of tribal provisions to encourage tribal-state partnerships, strengthen local control of education, and begin to help every school deliver a high-quality education.

We also call on Congress to enact legislation that supports Native language programs so education for our children is rooted in our history and culture.

Together, we should also take a hard look at the

Thank you to all of those who helped with services

On behalf of me and my family I would like to take this time to thank all of you that came by, prayed, brought food, or even just sat with us at this time or our loss. The cooks, you did an excellent job keeping us fed, hunters that gathered meat for us, the pallbearers that were the legs for our daughter on her journey, Auntie Prudy you were there from beginning until the end thank you so much, our brother Joe Matt we thank you for all your prayers, running all

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forgotten.

Thanks to the Coeur d'Alene Casino and the Tribe for all your help and donations. To all of the community and friends that were here to help us. Our hearts will be forever thankful to all of you. Sorry if I forgot to mention anyone. I appreciate all everyone did for us. Love you All. Martha Little Crow, Morris Matt, Valdena, Ann Mary, Dalilah and Tobias.

The Family of Shelley Jo

Career Renewal reminds of danger of diabetes

Diabetes often goes undiagnosed because many of its symptoms seem so harmless. Recent studies indicate that the early detection of diabetes symptoms and treatment can decrease the chance of developing the complications of diabetes.

Type 1 Diabetes potential complications include: Frequent urination, Unusual thirst, Extreme hunger, Unusual weight loss, Extreme fatigue and Irritability. Type 2 Diabetes complications include: Any of the type 1 symptoms, Frequent infections, Blurred vision,

Cuts/bruises that are slow to heal, Tingling/numbness in the hands/feet, Recurring skin, gum, or bladder infections.

Often people with type 2 diabetes have no symptoms.

If you've recently been

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Bureau of Indian Education schools. Congress and the Administration can do more to make sure the Native youth that attend these schools have high-quality teachers modern technology and the facilities to deliver excellent education.

Along the way, we must continue to seek innovative solutions. That is why I applaud the President's proposal to make the first two years of tribal and community college free. It will finally make K-through-14 education in America a reality. I look forward to working with Congress and the Administration to make this and other necessary investments in our youth, Native and non-Native.

After all, the relatively few dollars we spend on education today will save many dollars in the generations to come. Education destroys poverty and drug and alcohol abuse.

Likewise, when it comes to economic growth, what's good for First Americans is good for all Americans.

But what can we do to power economic growth within tribes – growth that has ripple effects far beyond their borders?

The answer centers around what tribal governments have proven we can do when Indian Country has the flexibility to pursue ideas developed at the local level.

When it comes to infrastructure, tribes need safe and well-maintained transportation options and housing – just like the rest of the country. And tribes need better information highways, too – just to catch up with the rest of the country.

I urge Congress and the Administration to accelerate work that is underway to partner with the private sector to expand broadband connectivity in Indian Country.

When it comes to raising

revenue, tribes need the authority to raise tax revenue free from overlapping state taxation, and to create incentives for business and jobs.

I urge Congress to take up significant tax reform this year – tax reform that includes tribes and recognizes tribal sovereignty, so we can better provide essential services and lay the groundwork for growth.

I also urge Congress to pass Indian energy legislation like that proposed by Chairman Barrasso. This legislation would provide tribes with greater control and flexibility to develop their traditional and renewable energy resources and would create careers and capital in Indian Country.

And to further improve access to capital, I urge the Administration to remove hurdles in the Bond Guarantee Program and ensure that tribes are included in the New Markets Tax Credit Program.

With these tools in hand, tribes can more effectively meet local demands with local solutions.

Today, I have reviewed the history of our trust relationship and discussed the opportunities and challenges before us.

NCAI continues to work to convert the policy ideas that inspire and guide tribal nations today into policy advice for the Administration and Congress. Today, as in the past, we are releasing a report that outlines our priorities for this year: "Promoting Self-Determination and Modernizing the Trust Relationship." The report identifies specific ways the United States can uphold these commitments.

I urge all Members of Congress to read it, review it with your staff, use it as an occasion to continue the necessary conversation about how our nations can move forward together.

In the end, the relationship we have inherited, like any good relationship, depends on two things: respect and trust.

Here, I have a replica wampum belt. Today, as they have for generations, the nations of the Iroquois confederacy exchange belts like this one as a sign of peace and friendship.

I carry this wampum belt today because it, too, is a sign of peace and friendship. But it is much more than that. It also symbolizes the inherent sovereignty of tribal nations, who from time immemorial have made treaties among themselves, treaties with European nations and treaties with the United States.

Many generations ago, we did not share a common language. But we did share a relationship of mutual respect and admiration and a belief that our futures would be closely intertwined.

In 1744, Canassatego, a representative from the Iroquois confederacy, had a recommendation for colonists from Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. He said, "Whatever befalls you, never fall out with one another."

The same wisdom applies to our nation-to-nation relationship today. In the spirit of Billy Frank, Jr. and all those who shared the vision of common progress and common prosperity.

May we work together, make progress together and build a bright future for all Americans together.

When we uphold this trust, we uphold the promise that our nations have always represented and the promise of brighter futures for generations to come.

God bless the Tribal Nations and the National Congress of American Indians. And God bless the United States of America.

~Cradleboard News~ khwa gugwaqht'lt



Ava Logan Dressler was born to Dylan & John Dressler on January 15th, 2015 at 8:22 am. She was 20 3/4 " long and weighed 9 lbs 2 oz. She was born at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, WA. Her maternal great grandparents are Lewis & Patricia Werle and paternal great grandparents are Bazel Samuels & Gweni SiJohn. Her maternal grandparents are Vaughn & Toni Lodge and paternal grandparents are Gary Dressler & Ailene Samuels. The Dresslers live in Spokane Valley. Ava's brothers Francis & Lewis, plan on teaching her how to play princesses & ninjas. We'd like to thank our family & friends for all of their love and support.

Native Business: Forecasting and Planning



Margins produce gross profit that is then used to cover operating expenses. It is a best practice to forecast sales for each species by month, quarter, and year. Management is then in better position to understand historical performance by species and factors effecting prices so management may plan for the upcoming season(s).

Sometimes, those involved in the forecasting process react with hesitation to participate because the process is new and they are unsure of how to proceed. Often this materializes as a list of reasons why forecasting is difficult to make work. This reaction is natural. Forecasting is a way to give everyone on the team a voice. Each team member has the opportunity to listen and learn how the actions of people, the cash flow conversion cycle of product sales, and use of profit to sustain the living organization blend to make the operating company work. Companies that forecast invariably come in close to what they forecast and better position themselves for growth, defend against competitors, or catch a break in the market.

Jim Stanley freely shares his knowledge in an effort to foster economic success in Indian Country. He is a Tribal member of the Quinault Indian Nation, Treasurer of the Tribal C-Store Summit Group, and Chairman of the Quinault Nation Enterprise Board. A catalog of articles is compiled at JimStanley.biz.

Forecasting is a process that helps the people of an organization understand how their actions affect progress to achieve goals and which objectives a company is driving towards. Forecasting is a management tool that allows a team to see into the future and prepare in advance of an event or season by communicating what the various departments within an organization will do to help each other. Through inter-organizational communication, opportunities for improvement are recognized as obstacles are defined when a team thinks through the process of what needs to be done.

Forecasting usually starts with an income statement that includes sales, cost of goods sold, gross profit, operating expenses, net income, and debt service. If an operation contains multiple product sales like in the seafood business then it is wise to forecast margins by species because the sale of each species is likely to have different margins. Margin is the difference between sales price and cost of goods sold.

Donation on a new level: Jordan-Bichler gives because daughter benefited from recipient's research

By Treva Lind
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Spokane Valley resident Janice Jordan-Bichler first placed her name on a national list 10 years ago to become a kidney donor, but the timing to take that step never seemed right — until last month.

Jordan-Bichler, 56, now shakes her head in amazement at life's connection to a prior stranger, Bob Garvie, 65, a medical device developer who received one of her kidneys on Dec. 9. After seeing Garvie's biography on the registry site MatchingDonors.com, she found out his career had tied into a stem-cell procedure in 2002 that saved the life of her 14-year-old daughter, Ari.

Born blind and with a rare blood disorder, Ari wasn't expected to live past age 3. At 14 months, however, Ari underwent a stem-cell transplant procedure at Seattle's Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Garvie helped develop the technology used in a then leading-edge device that purified extracted bone marrow from a donor to provide stem cells for infusion into a patient.

"When I read Bob's bio, I knew without a doubt that this is it," said Jordan-Bichler. She and her husband, Kevin Bichler, a physician assistant, own and operate the family medicine practice, Optimal Healthcare in Spokane Valley.

"I think that is so amazing that Bob was on this stem-cell track that helped Ari, and now I'm helping him and giving back," Jordan-Bichler said. "It seems things have gone full circle. Bob also is working on developing other medical devices, so he's going to make a huge impact in the lives of many people."

Garvie, who currently lives in Texas, was diagnosed in 2009 with AIAD, which attacks the liver in carriers of the gene. He subsequently received a liver transplant, but liver disease had damaged his kidneys to the point of renal failure, so he was on dialysis for nearly four years. Several other potential kidney donors fell through, until MatchingDonors.com connected him to Jordan-



Bichler in September.

"Janice is my angel," Garvie said. "She's something else to be donating to me with her having seven children. She is probably the most generous person I've ever known."

Garvie traveled to Spokane last month for the transplant at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane. Within two days, Jordan-Bichler sent an email saying she and Garvie were recovering well, adding, "both kidneys doing a superb job on their own. Mine as a solo and mine in its new home."

Looking ahead, Garvie has two medical devices on the drawing board. One is for wound care management, and another that would extend the life of organs from deceased donors for up to a week on a life-support system, versus the typical viability of 48 hours.

For much of his career until 1991, Garvie was a partner in a medical device company, Haemonetics. While there, he also helped develop the Haemonetics Cell Saver, a system that recovers, cleanses and recycles a patient's blood during surgery.

"The cell saver was a device I developed and brought to market; the same technology was used in a different machine developed by Haemonetics, the V50, that purified the bone marrow extract that provides these stem cells," Garvie said. "The V50 was undoubtedly used on Ari because we were the only company working with these leading-edge units

at that time."

"When Janice contacted me, she specifically said she'd read in my bio that I was a partner in Haemonetics, and she recognized that name. It's a small world. Her daughter's survival is a very cool story."

Today, Ari is doing well and goes to Horizon Middle School. At age 8, doctors found renal cell carcinoma in her left kidney, Jordan-Bichler said. The cancer normally affects males over age 55.

"She had the kidney removed, so she has one kidney, and that's also why I waited," Jordan-Bichler said. "I thought, is she going to need a kidney? But she has done beautifully in the last seven years. Now I'm getting older, and I wanted to make sure I could still donate."

"Everyone has two kidneys, and we only need one. Bob has been on dialysis for four years. It's three days a week for four to five hours at a time, and now he's going to get his life back."

People die every day waiting for a kidney, she added. With her medical training, Jordan-Bichler also knew that a kidney from a living donor offers a higher success rate.

"I feel that I'm the one who is blessed," she said. "I look at Ari, and I thank God every day. I appreciate all my children so much more. Bob is driven to bring this organ preservation to others before he dies, and I feel blessed to be a part of his vision. It's kind of my thanks for God giving me the gift of my daughter."

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