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Kettle Falls Man Sentenced for Stealing Indian Artifacts

SPOKANE, WA – Michael C. Ormsby, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, announced that Sandie Rae McNeil, age 45, of Kettle Falls, Washington was sentenced yesterday for illegally removing archeological resources from public lands.

Sandie McNeil was sentenced to three years of probation and ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine and an additional \$2,000 in restitution. As a condition of probation, Sandie McNeil was

ordered to serve 30 days of home detention and he is prohibited from entering the Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area for three years.

Sandie McNeil took the archeological resources from the Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area between June 2004 and April 2005. In May 2005, the National Park Service executed a federal search warrant

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Jim Nanamkin Named WeTip Arson Investigator of the Year



Jim Nanamkin, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Regional Fire Prevention Officer for the Pacific Region, was presented with the "Arson Investigator of the Year" award at the WeTip National Conference on April 23, 2010.

Jim is a tribal member of the Colville Indian Reservation in Washington State. He has been an instructor for numerous courses and has encouraged first responders to attend the "Wildland Fire Observation and Origin Scene Protection for First Responders" (FI-110). He has instructed at Colville Indian Reservation, San Carlos Reservation, Mooretown Rancheria, Round Valley Indian Reservation, Tule River Indian Reservation, Hoopa Reservation, Ft Meade, South Dakota, and Oklahoma City, as well as at the 2010 California

Interagency Fire Prevention/Education/Mitigation Conference and the Intertribal Timber Council Workshop.

Jim has served as a mentor for fire prevention personnel throughout Indian Country. He provides educational outreach to tribal members and promotes the importance of protecting tribal communities from unwanted fire. Jim has provided technical assistance to tribes as they develop juvenile firesetter coalitions to educate youth on the effects of unwanted fires within tribal communities. His insight has given tribal members an opportunity to envision the possibilities of revisiting time-

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Carpentry Apprenticeship

NESPELEM, WA--Eleven tribal members completed a carpentry apprenticeship program offered November 9th and 10th at the construction building on the agency campus. Sponsored by the tribal Employment and Training office, the course was open to all registrants who possess valid driver's licenses, passed a drug test, and would prove viable candidates to join the union. Rocky Marshall of the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters out of Yakima led the group through the training. Mary Bush, Cassandra George, Daniel Abraham, Chris Yallup, Jamie LaPlante, Bryan Boyd, Robin Gunshows, Richard Stensgar, William Parr, Watchee Wilder, and Jason Atkins learned the basics of carpentry: mathematics, blade Changing, assembly lay out and cut out, and handling of tools. Each

completed an assigned project. Valley Lumber supplied the materials for the training.

Carlie Pakootas of the Employment and Training office said they already have a waiting list of sixteen for another session. Anyone interested in participating in the next carpentry apprenticeship should contact the office to sign up now. No date has been set for the next go round. Ernie Williams, Omak district councilman, and Ricky Gabriel, Nespelem district councilman, attended the earlier session, offering personal advice and anecdotes how getting into a union can only help secure a profitable future no matter where the successful candidates opt to go to work. Both Ernie and Ricky worked in unions in the greater Seattle area before coming back to the reservation to settle down.

Community Christmas



Several hundred people came to the Nespelem Community Center to witness the return of NDN Santa Claus on December 22nd. The evening was filled with excitement and pageantry. Dinner was served buffet style; every imaginable delicacy was there. Groups of community members and school children dressed and sang carols. Members of the Sacred Heart catechism class sang, under the direction of Nancy Armstrong-Montes. The Nespelem Head Start students donned in forest green tree cut outs sang. Nelson Iukes preached to reason for the season. The birth of Christ and presentations by the three wise men was enacted on stage by community volunteers. And then NDN Santa made his appearance ... neon lights flashing ... fog machine a blazing ... Santa arrived in Nespelem. Following his NDN rendition of "T'was the Night Before Christmas" he had presents for young and old alike. Special guests from the tribal convalescent center received gifts, as well as elders in the audience. Children lined up to receive gifts from the jolly old man, too. Some went round and round, so many gifts were donated by the community, and wrapped, everyone had a good time. It took support from the whole community to put on this dinner and Christmas show, so how about we do it again next year? It was really, really fun. Thanks community center staff for reviving an old tradition from the past that fewer and fewer people remember.

A Tribute to Long Time Tribal Employees



Bob Louie Receiving his gifts from Incheilium District Councilman Doug Seymour.

INCHELIUM, WA -- A lot of old friends and fellow employees gathered at the Incheilium community long house on December 30th to pay tribute to long time tribal employee Bob Louie. Bob served the Colville tribes in a number of key positions throughout his 31 year career which includes two terms as an Incheilium district councilman. Health forced him to accept retirement at the age of fifty-five.

Bob was an all-round athlete throughout his four years at Incheilium High School. He graduated with the class of 1971. Having completed high school, he entered the U.S. Marine Corps and served from 1971-1973. Completing his stint in the service he began working for the tribes in Forestry, Food Distribution, Forest Enterprises, Job Training Partnership Act program, Business Council, and the Tribal Employment Rights Office. As the power point presentation on his career signified, all this inbetween stints of playing stickgame, bull riding, playing in a rock band locally, and motorcycle road trips to Sturgis, South Dakota, with his buddies.

Arnie Holt, of the tribes Veteran's program, presented Bob with a

Warrior's Medal of Valor for his years of service; Incheilium councilman Virgil Seymour presented an eagle feather to accompany the medal.

Incheilium councilmembers: Michael Finley, Virgil (Doug's proxy because he had to leave early) Seymour, and Susie Allen praised Bob for all his years of



Susie Allen and Mike Finley present Franco Swan with his awards.

service to the Colville tribes, the Incheilium community, and especially his family. They presented him with a Pendleton blanket and certificate of appreciation.

Franco Swan was also presented with an eagle feather, certificate, and a Pendleton blanket for nineteen years employment in the tribe's wood

treatment plant. Mike Stensgar was given the same for 35 plus years of employment with the tribes.

Thankful that his kids and mom could be present to witness the honors given, Bob was humbled by the gifts given him. The tribes wish him good luck and good health in years to come.

Cobell Settlement

A number of inquiries have been brought up since the president signed the Cobell v Salazar lawsuit last month, in which Cobell and all the tribes in agreement, may receive approximately \$3.5 billion dollars, collectively, for mismanagement of Individual Indian Monies accounts. The estimated amount minus 10% lawyers fees, with Elouise Cobell receiving fifteen million dollars, too. What's left is what many natives across the land are asking about.

But first, this amount is also broken into a couple different categories. Sixty million dollars will be set aside for education and \$1.9 billion will go into tribal consolidation of reservation lands held in trust.

Fractionated lands appear outrageous. Whereas a tribal member may have received a eighty acre allotment in 1900, 110 years later he or she may have in excess of one hundred descendants. Land divided into such small increments dots Indian country throughout the U.S. So, some tribes may receive funds to buy back lands within reservation boundaries.

Some of the requirements established are simple. Do you have an IIM account and have had transactions since the court case began in October 25th, 1994? This applies to accounts related to natural resources as of September 30th, 2009; no other mismanagement of individuals' funds is included.

Throughout Colville country, this probably applies to timber and grazing rights. Other examples across the country may apply to oil, gold, and other minerals. If your rights as a landholder may have been abused, you may receive an announcement from the government regarding this case sometime this month and whether or not you agree to the settlement. You will have until April 20, 2011 to respond.

Categorically, a tribe or individual may oppose the settlement, too. Cobell v Salazar applies to 'natural resources,' not abuse to individuals

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Indian Country

By Michael E. Marchand

Tribal Fisheries/Kettle Falls History:

Construction has started on the tribe's fish hatchery and the run this year was a very good one. Our tribe had the greatest salmon fishery on earth for at least ten thousand years at Kettle Falls. It is our goal as a tribe to improve fisheries and to re-establish the salmon and the tribe's economy and traditions that went hand in hand with the salmon. At one time there were so many salmon, that our people used to place giant baskets at the foot of Kettle Falls and as the fish tried to leap over the falls, many of them would fall into the baskets. In a single day there were counts of over 2,000 salmon being pulled out of these traps. 2,000 pounds is one ton, so there was a lot of salmon. They also used traps, spears, hooks, nets and weirs, they were very good fishermen. The salmon was used in all sorts of ways, but a lot of it was dried and put into bales, like hay. It was stacked all around Kettle Falls. This salmon was put onto canoes and onto horses and it was traded. Our people were very wealthy traders and businessmen for over ten thousand years. The salmon was brought down the Columbia and traded up and down the Pacific coast. It was hauled onto the Great Plains and salmon and camas were traded there. Our people would send armies into the Plains and hunt buffalo into Wyoming and Montana and Alberta country. Each summer thousands of Indians would gather at Kettle Falls. The Keeper of the Falls were the Arrow Lakes people, the Sinixt people. They controlled the Falls, regulated the fishery, handled the business, and ensured that the traditions and ceremonies were adhered to properly. Yet thousands of our people also went traveling to the Great Plains and they hunted buffalo. So buffalo is as much a part of our culture and traditions as the salmon, though it is forgotten by many today. The country around Flathead Lake, Yellowstone, Bozeman, and Great Falls had Colvilles there every summer and likewise for Alberta country. The horse was an important part of our culture. Kettle Falls was a major trading center. Raw materials were brought in from all corners of North America. We had the greatest craftsmen and they could manufacture clothes, weapons, jewelry, art, and everything else. There is evidence of artifacts from the east coast to the Gulf of Mexico. So business is

nothing new. Trade and economies are nothing new either. The USA had a policy of destroying all tribal economies and they had policies of forcing us to be dependent upon the federal government, they basically wanted us to become beggars so that they could take our lands and control us. The purpose of boarding schools was to separate children from their parents and to further destroy all knowledge of tribal traditions and culture. Speaking tribal languages was punished. The Catholic Mission at Saint Marys used to throw Indian kids into the Church basement in the middle of winter with no heat if they were caught acting like Indians. Anything Indians was considered the work of the devil and punishable. At boarding schools, the government made posters advertising Indian women as potential wives for the pioneers who needed wives. The men were often trained to be manual laborers, they thought that was all we were suited for. So for multiple generations, this went on. Others were relocated into big cities. Today there are Indians all over the country whose parents and grandparents were moved by the Relocation policies. These had the same aims, to destroy tribal culture, to remove Indians from reservations, and make way for the next policy, Termination. The plain was to rub out Indians forever, take all our lands, and we were to disappear. So our ancestors went through a lot of struggles and this continues today. I asked my grandmother what was the first thing she had ever heard about the new white people. She thought about it, and said her first knowledge was from her grandmother. She said the US Army was attacking them and trying to cut their heads off with their swords. They had to run into the mountains and hide. She laughed and said it's a good thing your grandmothers could run fast and fight. They were raised in a warrior culture. Every morning, every kid had to wake up early and run to the top of the mountain. Then when they got back they would have to swim across the river. Then they would take a sweat bath and pray. This was life for thousands of years. When the soldiers came they were able to survive. So there is a lot of history and much of it has been forgotten, but it is there if you search for it.

Update on other News:

The timber market is still struggling, this has been the worst timber depression in history, it has

State Legislative Update

Miguel Perez-Gibson, Colville Tribes' Washington State Lobbyist

Effect of Mid-Term Elections in Washington Legislature

This fall's elections resulted in Republican gains in the Washington Legislature: in the House of Representatives, many moderate Democrats lost their seats, with a change from 61 Democrats and 37 Republicans to 56 Democrats and 42 Republicans. The State Senate changed from 31 Democrats and 18 Republicans to 27 Democrats and 22 Republicans.

State Budget Problems; Reorganization

There are two budget shortfalls facing state lawmakers: one in the current year because revenue did not come in as expected and left a \$1 billion deficit that the legislature addressed with budget cuts during a one-day Special Session on Saturday, December 11. Some of the cuts approved included \$40 million from funds to reduce school class size, \$27 million in cuts to Basic Health, \$12 million cut from General Assistance to the Unemployable, and closing the McNeil Island correctional facility. As bad as that seems, the 2011 session is going to be tougher, because over \$5 billion still needs to be cut, and the majority of that likely will come from Social and Education programs. Gas tax revenues are down because people are driving less and cars are becoming more fuel efficient, leaving the Transportation Department budget underfunded, with a backlog of billions of dollars worth of projects. The legislature will need to figure out whether or not a revenue package is needed. Most likely a vote on raising taxes will need to go to the public. Funding of the new Keller Ferry will be part of the debate on the transportation budget. Finally, the Governor is attempting to find savings in Natural Resource Agencies budgets by reorganization. The Governor is

gone deeper and longer than any other. There has been a housing collapse, lack of construction, prices are depressed. Yet, this has always been a cyclical business. If you look at history, it has always gone up and down, sometimes there would be a ten year run, sometimes longer, this last run of a strong market lasted about twenty years, so we made a ton of money for many years, it created a lot of jobs and a lot of revenues. The market will come back again. Right now several firms are interested in leasing our mills. We are being cautious and want to make the best deal for the tribe of course, but there is activity. I know many people are suffering, people want to blame someone and that is understandable. But the market crashed big time and it would not have made much difference if we had done anything differently really. Personally I think the businesses are still good investments. The projected timber supplies for the next twenty years will be dominated by Douglas Fir. The main mill for processing this fir will be the plywood plant. It was not many years ago when most of the Omak district was owned by the Biles-Coleman lumber company. The tribe bought them out, now we own most of the reservation on the west side. These outside companies never respected our Indian employees and they never respected the environment either. They had Omak Creek stuck inside a pipe and there was too much pollution for fish, and they had the stream blocked at the Mission Falls for the railroad they had. Today, we have cleaned this creek up and it now produces salmon and steel head. It will come back strong again. In the meantime we have many people suffering and it is more important than ever for us to take care of our relatives. A lot of people need help right now.

Our casinos have been bright spots, they are actually up about 20%, at a time when casinos across the country have been going downhill, so we have been doing a great job there. Tribal government has been doing a great job in getting more grant and contracts then ever before, so that creates a lot of jobs also.

I have been working on hard on getting the United Nations policy on supporting the rights of Indigenous people approved by the US, which

proposing to combine 11 agencies and programs into 5 organizations. The goal is to create a simpler, streamlined, more-functional and accountable government structure for the future.

Indian Child Welfare Act

One of the bills which will be debated this session is the Washington State Indian Child Welfare Act. Since the passage of IWCA at the federal level 32 years ago, there have been dramatic improvements in the handling of Indian child welfare cases around the country. Unfortunately, there have also been dramatic and tragic failures to implement, embrace, and enforce ICWA. The State ICWA will insure that the policies and protections of the federal act become a permanent part of the Washington legal landscape, requiring that the provisions of the federal act receive careful and detailed definition in state statutes. This will require that the individuals, agencies and courts are bound to strict and consistent implementation and enforcement of these policies and procedures and that every court order is premised upon the best interest of the Indian child.

Gaming Expansion

Because of the budget deficit, we anticipate proposals to expand gaming. The Washington Restaurant Association and the Recreation Gaming Association have a proposal to do this--allowing video lottery machines in both restaurants with liquor licenses and in mini-casinos. We will be arguing in the legislature that Washington voters have spoken loud and clear: they don't want gambling expansion in their neighborhoods, especially not in the restaurants and other places they patronize. Tribal gaming is conducted by tribal governments at only 28 mostly rural locations scattered around the state. Proposals to expand gambling typically involve

was the last hold out. Obama has signed off and that is a big step in correcting things, so that is good news too. It is only a first step, but it has ties to many of the things that concern our tribe, we have 12 nations here at Colville and they all have off reservation rights and properties that were trampled on and ignored. It may take a long time, but we need to work toward getting justice. So I hope your holidays were good and I hope this New Year brings good things too.

thousands of new locations in urban and suburban neighborhoods.

The revenue generated by tribal gaming is used to pay for essential public services in Washington State--emergency services, health care, housing, education and environmental protections. Private gambling generates profits for investors, usually out-of-state or even foreign companies, which is not good for Washington.

Water Issues

A number of bills relating to water issues will be taken up this session and this is a policy area where we will remain vigilant. Population growth, ecosystems at risk, and climate change all provide challenges to Washington water needs. After months of deliberation and consultation the Department of Ecology has come to the conclusion that now is not the time to propose water management services fees in agency-request legislation for 2011. However, Ecology will continue the conversation about reforming

the water management system, reviewing policies and finding a more reliable source of funding for the Water Resources Program. We will be monitoring this activity closely.

Education

We will asking the legislature to reject a State Board of Education proposal to increase the number of high school graduation requirements to 24. The State should keep the current 19- credit requirement and fund programs to help students succeed. The Higher Education Board only requires 16 for college entrance. Additional credit requirements should be left to Districts and Tribes to decide. We will be supporting a bill that will affirm the Federal definition of a "Tribal Education Department" in Washington State law, modeled after a law passed in Idaho.

As the legislative session progresses we will continue to keep the Colville Business Council informed and follow their directions with regard to these and other important issues that may arise.

Federal Legislative Update

Brian Gunn, Colville Tribes' Federal Lobbyist

2010 Election Impacts at the Federal Level

As anyone who reads the news is aware, the 2010 elections brought major changes to Congress. The Republican party took control of the U.S. House of Representatives and gained several seats in the U.S. Senate. As of this writing (December 17), Congress is wrapping up its post-election "lame duck" session before adjourning for the holidays for the year. The Democrats are hoping to finish work on some remaining bills before the new Congress begins next month. Below is an update on a few issues that the Colville Tribes is continuing to work on as this Congress winds down.

Energy Development

Encouraging energy development on Indian lands has been a high priority for the Colville Tribes this year and was also a priority for many in Congress as well. The Colville Tribes were able to secure the inclusion of two provisions in the Indian Energy Parity Act of 2010 (S.3752) that will help the Tribes with its energy development activities. That bill was introduced this summer by Senator Byron Dorgan, a Democrat from North Dakota. We are currently working to try to get the bill attached to one of the remaining legislative vehicles that Congress might consider in the next week. Even if the bill does

not become law this year, many expect the next Congress to pick up wherever we leave off this year.

Management of Federal Lands

The Colville Tribes has been a nation leader of promoting the authority of Indian tribes to co-manage federal lands that are adjacent to the tribes' reservation boundaries. For example, hundreds of thousands of acres of U.S. Forest Service lands are located in the North Half that the Colville Tribes and our members possess reserved hunting and fishing on those lands. The Obama Administration has launched a public lands initiative called "America's Great Outdoors," and the Colville Tribes provided input on tribal co-management issues that we understand were included in the final report that federal agencies have submitted to the President. We anticipate that the next Congress, particularly the House of Representatives, will have a renewed interest in encouraging more utilization of federal lands and will likely be sympathetic to the Tribes' ideas.

Meetings with the White House and the Administration

The week of December 13th proved to be a busy one for tribal leaders. The second annual Tribal

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Lakes People

Dear Lakes People,

I write to you in response to the recently published article in the Tribal Tribune by Maya Best on behalf of Bob Campbell.

Though the Colville Tribes and the Business Council has largely chosen to ignore past statements made by Mr. Campbell and his dissident group (which includes Marilyn James and others), this latest article requires a response to all Lakes (Sinixt) people in order to set the record straight and defend an unwarranted attack on a member of the Lakes community.

Bob Campbell has self-appointed himself Chief of the Lakes people.

In court filings in Canada, Canadian press, and other outlets, Bob Campbell calls himself chief or "headman" for the Lakes people. Marilyn James says that she is the designated spokesperson for the Lakes people. Bob Campbell and Marilyn James have never been appointed as chief, head man, spokesperson or any other kind of representative of the Lakes people.

They do this with no vote, no consultation with other Lakes people, and no accountability to anyone. This flies in the face of the Lakes traditions and customs. A true chief must listen to and speak on behalf of all Lakes, not just a select few.

Lakes Rights and Title Belong to all Lakes people, not just Bob's group.

The Council firmly believes that rights and title belong to all Lakes people, not just those who choose to self-appoint themselves as representatives. When Bob Campbell talks about Lakes territory and

rights and calls them "my canoe"—claiming that the Colville Tribes is trying to take his "canoe". This is an obviously offensive claim of ownership by a few individuals and an insult to Lakes tradition and culture. Lakes territory and claims belong to all Lakes people.

The Lakes people are not a group of a select few—the Lakes are a large community of Lakes people in the U.S. and Canada and are represented by the Colville Tribes. The Colville Tribes has included the Lakes since 1872. Bob's group is not a Nation nor do they enjoy any sort of protection or recognition under Canadian law—the Nation is the Lakes people as a whole.

Members of Bob's group remain members of the Colville Tribes.

Despite their claims of independence and sovereignty for the group, Bob Campbell and Marilyn James remain enrolled members of the Colville Tribes. They have historically and continue to receive the benefits of our membership—including per capita and 181-D, running in Colville elections, using the Tribes' newspaper to advance their ideas, and living rent-free in a Tribally-owned house and land in Arrow Lakes territory in Canada.

Lakes people have been in their territory forever—not just the last 25 years.

In Court filings and various publications, Bob's group has repeatedly stated that the Lakes people have only been exercising and asserting their rights in Canada within the last 25 years. This is completely false and highly damaging to Lakes interests.

In fact, Lakes people's occupancy goes back long before European contact. Those rights and title arise out of the historic and continuous occupation of our traditional territory since time immemorial and have been exercised by many Lakes people over the years other than Bob's group. The Tribes' History and Archeology Department has diligently collected oral histories from our Lakes elders that Lakes people have continued to occupy and use Lakes territory since time immemorial.

Many Lakes people participated in the blockade at Vallican almost 25 years ago. Rick Desautel, for instance, who the Tribes is now defending in Canada for exercising his Lakes right to hunt, was at the blockade, as were many other Lakes people, some of whom are now gone. It is wrong for Bob's group to assert and take credit for essentially being the only ones there.

For Bob's group to effectively assert that the Lakes were extinct until 25 years ago is not only completely false, it is very damaging to the Lakes case. The Colville Tribes, working on behalf of the Lakes people, will continue to assert the fact of continuous Lakes use and occupation of Lakes territory.

The Lakes were never extinct—We are still here.

In Court filings and publications Bob's group has effectively conceded that the Lakes people were extinct, and then he reestablished the Lakes people at Vallican 25 years ago. These statements are simply

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LZ COMMO

By Arnie Holt (Vol. 10)

Thanksgiving has come and gone and Christmas is just around the corner. Christmas is another holiday for families to get together, eat and enjoy each other's company. I wish 4 everyone Happy Holidays and a Joyous New Year!

So far this has been a good month for veterans as no requests have been made for Military Funeral Honors. Lets hope and pray that no requests will be made for a while.

During the year 2010, the Veteran's program has been involved with 17 funerals and 20 Veteran events. I am also proud to relate that we now have a Color/Honor Guard in each district. Thanks veterans, your assistance in each community are very much appreciated.



A culture awareness workshop was held at the Spokane V.A Medical Center on

November 19, 2010. The workshop addressed Native American Veterans who attended Boarding Schools and how it affected them during and after their military service. John Grant, a Colville Tribal Warrior and Korean Veteran gave an Invocation. He also discussed his boarding school years and how it has affected him. Other veterans in attendance also gave their position on what effects it had upon them. Overall, the main theme consisted of the Non-Indian system versus the Traditional system of Indian tribes. The language, customs and traditions of Indian tribes were mostly affected as our youth no longer speak the Native language or practice the customs and traditions of their tribes.



On December 7, 2010, the Colville Tribal Color Guards attended and represented the Colville Tribes in are-dedication of the World War II Memorial in Olympia, Wa. In attendance was; P.O 3rd Class Stan Timentwa (Omak district), Sp/4 Jim Smith (Inchelium district), L/Cpl. Joseph Mellon (Nespelem district), P.O 3rd Class Harold Crate (Keller district) and Arnie Holt, Guard Commander. It was an Honor to see and meet some of the WWII veterans along with State American Legion and Veterans Administration Officials.



L-R: Bob Wallace, Mike Montaney, Jane Montaney, Herold Crate, Stan Timentwa, Arnie Holt, Ken Lee and Joe Mellon.

MILITARY CHRISTMAS POEM

The sparkling lights in the tree believe,
Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.
My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep,
Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep.
In perfect contentment, or so it would seem,
So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.
The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near,
But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear.
Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know,
Then the sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.
My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear,
And I crept to the door to see just who was near.
Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night,
A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.
A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old,
Perhaps a marine, huddled out here in the cold.
Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled,
Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.
"What are you Doing?" I asked without fear,
"Come in this moment, it's freezing out here!"
Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve,
You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!"
For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift,

A way from the cold and the snow blown drifts.
To the window that danced with a warm fire's light,
Then he sighed and said "It's really all right,
I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night."
"It's my duty to stand at the front of the line,
That separates you from the darkest of times.
No one had to ask or beg or implore me,
My Gramps died at "Pearl on a day in December."
Then he sighed, "That's a Christmas 'Gram always remembers."
"My dad stood his watch in the jungles of 'Nam',
And now it is my turn and so, here I am.
I've not seen my own son in more than a while,
But my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile."
Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag,
The red, white, and blue...An American flag.
"I can live alone through the cold and being alone,
Away from my family, my house and my home.
I can stand my post through the rain and the sleet,
I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat.
I can carry the weight of killing another,
Or lay down my life with my sister and brother.
Who stand at the front against any and all,
To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall.
So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright,
Your family is waiting and I'll be all right."
But isn't there something I can do at the least,
Give you money," I said, "or prepare you a feast?
It seems all too little for all you have done,
For being away from your wife and your son."
Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret,
"Just tell us you love us, and never forget.
To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone,
To stand your own watch, no matter how long.
For when we come home, either standing or dead,
To know you remember we fought and we bled.
Is payment enough, and with that we will trust,
That we mattered to you as you mattered to us."

Colville Tribal Convalescent Center



Our elders Christmas Party was a success largely in part to the outpouring of the communities & staff's generosity in providing wonderful gifts for our residents. Family & friends attended their dinner which made their day complete. A special Thanks to the Prisoners in Walla Walla who created beautiful Shields to be given to each resident. They were greatly appreciated.

The third graders from Nespelem School dropped by to fill our halls with song. I believe we have some future songbirds from within the group. I cannot say enough about my co-workers hard work and enthusiasm in making this Holiday Season memorable for the Elders.

Our Winter Spiritual Dance will be held Thursday Feb. 17, 2011 at 6 PM. We are still in need of Salmon, Drymeat & Huckleberries.

We will be selling Soup, Stew & Chili Lunches at the Admin Bldg. in January. Flyers will be posted in advance.

Stop by and grab a bowl to ward the chill off.
Proceeds will benefit the Activities Program.
Wishing you all a Happy & Healthy New Year
Many Blessings
Janice C Abrahamson
Colville Tribal Convalescent Center
Activity Director

TRIBAL TRIBUNE

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January 18, 2011

Federal Update

Continued from page 2.

Nations Conference with President Obama was held at the Department of the Interior on December 16, 2010. Chairman Finley attended this meeting on behalf of the Colville Tribes. Chairman Finley was also chosen by the Northwest tribes as the first alternate to attend a smaller meeting with President Obama and tribal leaders that week.

In addition to other meetings in Washington, D.C. that week, the U.S. Department of Justice hosted a meeting of the Tribal Nations Leadership Council on December 15. The Council is composed of tribal leaders from around the country that advise Attorney General Eric Holder on issues critical to tribal communities. Representatives to the Council were chosen earlier this year by tribes in each of the 12 Bureau of Indian Affairs regions. John Stensgar was chosen to participate in the Council on behalf of the Northwest tribes and attended this meeting

Keller Ferry

For the past two years, the Colville Tribes has been actively pursuing sources of funding at the State and Federal levels to obtain a new Keller Ferry. Anyone who rides the Keller Ferry knows that it is too small for the ridership levels and the current vessel does not meet U.S. Coast Guard safety standards. The Colville Tribes was successful in securing \$2 million toward purchasing a new ferry through the FY 2011 federal appropriations process earlier this year. This funding was included in the FY 2011 omnibus spending bill, which the Senate Democrats had hoped to pass before the end of the year, but it appears that such a large bill will not have enough support to clear the U.S. Senate. The Colville Tribes is continuing to work on these and other funding issues of importance to the Colville Reservation.

CIHA Housing Service Officer Report

Tax Refund Anticipation Loans: (RALS Wikipedia) -is a short term consumer loan secured by a tax payer's expected tax refund, and designed to offer customers quicker access to funds than waiting for their tax return.

With tax season right around the corner, here is information regarding RALS and their use. These are often used when individuals want 'almost immediate' cash on their filed tax returns but are charged extremely high interest rates. It may seem like a small fee you are paying to the tax preparer but if in fact you look at the interest paid for the short time (usually two/three weeks time) to quicken your access, you are paying too much. If interest was calculated, in reality, you would be paying in the ballpark about 100-400% interest to a third party for your own money. This is not smart money management.

According to the Consumer Federation of America and the National Consumer Law Center, RALS are controversial because, like payday loans and title loans, RALS are high profit, low risk loans marketed toward the working poor.

Despite these perceived benefits, RALS can come with many hidden costs to taxpayers. Depending on

how the transaction is structured, you may be charged the following fees: tax return preparation fee, electronic filing fee, loan fees, interest charges, check cashing fees and/or debit card and transaction fees.

Many of the individuals that use the RALS also are the same people who qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit offered by the federal government.

This practice is taking advantage of people who need their monies timely and the tax preparers are actually getting their cut of the government's allocation for the low income working population. Be aware of the details in your tax situation and read the fine print as to what you are being charged if you are considering entering into a loan agreement such as this.

Each of these hidden costs may provide extra convenience, but they may also unnecessarily reduce the amount of your refund. In some cases, you may not even realize how much you are paying unless you specifically ask for an itemization of the costs. With a little more research and patience, you may be able to identify low or no cost alternatives in or near in our community.

FYI and Happy New Year!

Inchelium Community Store

A Drawing every month for customers. For November 2010 we had a \$200.00 cash drawing the winner was Gerald (Jerry) Signor.

For December we had a 22 in Sanyo TV, Helicopter, MP3 player, and A Super Stuffed Santa's Bag. The winners were: T.V.-Jackie R Finley, Helicopter-Nick Finley, MP3 Player- Brenda Hoffman and Santa's Bag went to Dave Michel.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!

January is a New Year and will start the year out with a \$200.00 Cash Drawing for every \$25.00 purchase you make your name will be entered into the drawing, MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.

DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH AT 5:30PM. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

Hope you had a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year, from the Inchelium Community Store Staff.



SMALL BUSINESS PLANNING COURSE

Beginning January 19th.
Call & Reserve Your Seat TODAY!

Where: NNDF Business Resource Center Colville Tribal Credit Building Nespelem.	Extensive 11 week class assisting you in the development of your business plan.
Time: 6-9 pm, 1 night per week	Cost \$150

The NNDF is a non-profit corporation. A Native Community Development Financial Institution.

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Colville Confederated Tribes Fish & Wildlife Department

ATTENTION COLVILLE TRIBAL HUNTERS

We need your help in managing Big Game on the Colville Reservation and North Half

Tags provide information about how many animals were harvested, when they were harvested, and estimated age of the animal. This data is critical in helping managers understand how herd size and herd composition (i.e. # of Bulls, Cows

and Calves) is being influenced by harvest degradation or predators. Another reason tags are so valuable to managers is that knowing where animals are living during the summer and fall allows us to make informed decisions when reviewing areas proposed for timber harvest, prescribed fire, cattle grazing, and other land management activities that

influence big game habitat. We can only protect or enhance habitat if we know it is being used by wildlife.

Hunter Tag Return Boxes (see picture) have been placed in 7 convenient locations for Tribal Hunters to return all of their 2010 North Half and Reservation Hunting Tags.

In addition, Voluntary Reservation

Deer Harvest Report Cards will be available and can be found at each tag return box location and on the Colville Tribal Website. We encourage Tribal Members to voluntarily complete a 2010 Reservation Deer Harvest Report Card to help us understand how many deer are being harvested annually on the Colville Reservation.

TAG RETURN BOX LOCATIONS:
Inchelium
1) Inchelium F&W office lobby

- 2) Inchelium community grocery store
- Keller
- 3) Keller community grocery store
- 4) Mt. Tolman Fire Center Lobby
- Nespelem
- 5) Nespelem Trading Post grocery store
- 6) Nespelem F&W Office Lobby
- Omak
- 7) Omak F&W Office Lobby

All Tag data must be completed on returned tags in order to be entered into the ANNUAL TAG RETURN

PRIZE RAFFLE. Tags must be returned by January 31st, 2011. The Prize raffle will be held on February 15th, 2011.

Thanks and have a safe hunt,
Eric Krausz
Wildlife Biologist, CCT F&W Dept

**Please call the Inchelium Fish & Wildlife Office at 509-722-7681 or e-mail me at eric.krausz@colvilletribes.com if you have any ideas, questions, or concerns. **

Natural Resource Enforcement is asking the Colville Tribal Membership for their help identifying and convicting poachers

Hunting season is here and gone again and more and more we are receiving complaints of hunters finding deer, elk, moose and other animals dead with only parts of them removed. The deer shot and killed for their large antlers, or elk and moose shot and only their backstraps removed. We know that the membership is concerned, the calls of concern and complaint are constant this year. We ask that in your concern you help us catch and convict these individuals who not only disrespect our wildlife but also disrespect our traditions and culture.

nor is it limited to animals, poachers conduct their activities year around, Salmon, and native trout are also victims of poaching. Plants, wood, rocks are all illegal to remove without a permit. If you see suspicious activities involving any of these resources please note the dates and times and contact the Parks and Recreation Department or the Colville Tribal Police Dispatch.

If you see or suspect someone of poaching please get as much information as you can. Helpful pieces of information would be; Date, time, location, what animal was killed, type of vehicle, names of suspected poachers, license plates,

how many animals were taken, names and numbers of other possible witnesses. A \$500.00 reward will be paid out once the poacher is convicted based on your information. The reward is for conviction of a large game violation. All information will be kept confidential.

2010, we successfully caught and prosecuted individuals poaching within the exterior bounds of the reservation. The tribal membership played an important role with their tips and specific information, and we thank each of those individuals for stepping forward to help protect our Natural Resources.

FOSTER GRAND PARENT PROGRAM



Colville Confederated Tribes FOSTER GRAND PARENT PROGRAM would like to say THANK YOU to KARI NEAL for being on the Colville Confederated Tribes Foster Grandparent Advisory Board 2010-2011.



Colville Confederated Tribes FOSTER GRAND PARENT PROGRAM would like to say THANK YOU to Laura McClain for being on the Colville Confederated Tribes Foster Grandparent ADVISORY BOARD 2010-2011.



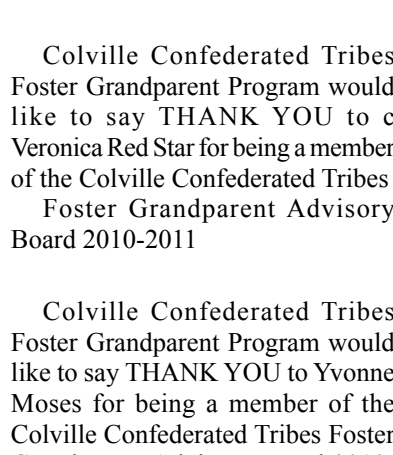
Colville Confederated Tribes Foster Grandparent Program would like to say THANK YOU to Ellen Moses for being a member of the Colville Confederated Tribes Foster Grandparent Advisory Board 2010-2011.



Colville Confederated Tribes Foster Grandparent Program would like to say THANK YOU to Florence B. Stensgar for being a member of the Colville Confederated Tribes Foster Grandparent Advisory Board 2010-2011.



Colville Confederated Tribes Foster Grandparent Program would like to say THANK YOU to Yvonne Moses for being a member of the Colville Confederated Tribes Foster Grandparent Advisory Board 2010-2011.



Colville Confederated Tribes Foster Grandparent Program would like to say THANK YOU to Barbara Aripa for being a member of the Colville Confederated Tribes Foster Grandparent Advisory Board 2010-2011.



Colville Confederated Tribes Foster Grandparent Program would like to say THANK YOU to Diane Aiken for being a member of the Colville Confederated Tribes Foster Grandparent Advisory Board 2010-2011.



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TRIBAL TRIBUNE DEADLINE

Tuesday, Jan. 18th

FOR ASSISTANCE
Phone (509) 634-2223

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY COLVILLE RESERVATION-FERRY COUNTY EXTENSION

As we welcome the New Year of 2011, we are reminded of the good relationships that have been built and the accomplishments that have been made over this past year.

Reservation youth take on responsibilities in raising 4-H market animals - learning the economics involved, and how to keep financial records. These 4-H projects offer our youth opportunities to learn about agriculture and the benefits that agriculture can provide.

Reservation youth participate in a 4-H Culture Club. Some have even been successful in creating their own traditional garments. These activities help to reinforce our tribal identity and continue the traditions of handing down our history to the younger generations.

Food sovereignty—It is important to note that many reservation residents have participated in learning how to plant, grow and cultivate their own gardens. Gardening is a healthy source of highly nutritious vegetables, as well as a healthy form of exercise. Participation in gardening activities helps to insure that we can feed ourselves, should the need arise.

Thank you to each and every one of you whom have dedicated yourselves to the enrichment and education of our reservation youth. The youth are truly our leaders of tomorrow. If we do not pass on all of the information that we possess, they will not have the tools necessary to lead us all into a bright future.

If you have any ideas for educational workshops that you would like to see in your area, please contact Linda McLean, Colville Reservation Extension Coordinator, (509) 634-2305 or lmclean@wsu.edu. Or you may contact Dan Fagerlie, Project Director, (509) 775-5225 ext. 1116 or fagerlie@wsu.edu. Or you may contact the Okanogan County Extension office at (509) 422-7245.

Daniel L. Fagerlie, Project Director, Ferry County
Phil Linden, 4-H Challenge Coordinator
Linda McLean, 4-H/ANR Extension Coordinator, USDA FRTEP Educator
WSU Colville Reservation-Ferry County Extension
P.O. Box 111, Nespelem WA 99155

Cooperating Agencies: Washington State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) FRTEP Award # 2009-41580-05326 and Colville Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Colville Agency BIA, and Ferry County Extension. Dan Fagerlie, Project Director fagerlie@wsu.edu
Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office. Persons with a disability requiring special accommodations while participating in this program may contact WSU Colville Reservation-Ferry County Extension at 9 Methow Street #888, Nespelem WA 99155 (509)634-2304 or jmbmoses@wsu.edu at least five days before the program.

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION
TOLL FREE NUMBER
1-888-881-7684
(Number will put you in contact with the main switchboard operator)

Diabetes Prevention Program News

Diabetes affects many of our loved ones here on the reservation. Diabetes is preventable with better, healthier eating habits and regular exercise. However, that isn't the whole picture, as you have to navigate through your daily responsibilities to your family and job duties. In addition, you will learn time management and stress management skills. The Diabetes Prevention Program is now recruiting to start new classes in the coming weeks. You can take part by calling:

Omak	509-978-8141	shelli.martinez@colvilletribes.com
Nespelem	509-634-2974	peggy.cleveland@colvilletribes.com
Keller	509-634-2940	sonny.sellars@colvilletribes.com
Inchelium	509-722-7634	jerry.signor@colvilletribes.com

The Diabetes Prevention Program Presents: Your Fitness

Your Fitness doesn't improve overnight, or in one week, so let's kick this year off right. If you wanted to get back to your regular exercise routine, there are some things you may want to be aware of before starting:

1. To add muscle mass, you have to lift heavy, often and for weeks on end, while eating VERY healthy, so, Ladies, don't get scared to pick up the weights. That strength you gain by the second week doesn't mean you added "bulk", it means you started using muscle that was already there.

2. Aerobic exercise is going to help melt away the fat more than resistance training alone. HOWEVER, the two in concert, will have a bigger effect together on your improved health. Circuit-training can help you achieve both.

3. There is no spot-reduction. Endless crunches won't get rid of your spare tire. You need to do more walking/cycling/etc, coupled with better eating habits to lose excess weight.

4. Start slow, then increase weekly. Example:

- a. Week 1 15min Aerobic 1x15 Resistance Training/30sec Rest
- b. Week 2 20min Aerobic 2x15 Resistance Training/30sec Rest
- c. Week 3 25min Aerobic 3x15 Resistance Training/30sec Rest
- d. Week 4 30min Aerobic 3x8 Resistance Training/60sec Rest
- e. Week 5 35min Aerobic 3x10 Resistance Training/60sec Rest
- f. Week 6 40min Aerobic 3x12 Resistance Training/60sec Rest
- g. Week6+ +5min Aerobic Increase weights, start over at 3x8.

5. Staring too fast will burn out your motivation quickly. Starting slow will allow your body time to adapt to the new stress. Doing too much, too soon will make you more sore than you need to be to achieve new fitness gains, may cause an overuse injury, may make you sick, and cause burnout.

These are just SOME ideas to keep in mind. Having a physical completed by your doctor could help avoid any unforeseen circumstances in your health that could be detrimental to your health in the long run. And, remember, the one most responsible for your health is YOU!

Sonny Sellars
ACSM Certified Health Fitness Instructor

If You Are a Native American Who Tried to Get a Farm Loan or Loan Servicing from the USDA,

You Could Receive Benefits from a \$760 Million Class Action Settlement.

A class action Settlement with the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") has been reached. The lawsuit claimed the USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The USDA denies it did anything wrong.

Am I included?

The Class includes all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to farm or ranch between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; **and**
- Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

You are not eligible for this Settlement if you filed a claim, or intend to file a claim, in another USDA discrimination case like Pigford I or Pigford II (Black farmers), Garcia (Hispanic farmers) or Love (Women farmers).

Because of a law passed by Congress, you are also not eligible for this Settlement if you **either**:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23, 1997; **or**
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

What does the Settlement provide?

The \$760 million Settlement will pay cash to Class Members for valid claims as well as attorneys' fees (between 4% and 8%, subject to Court approval) and awards. The Settlement includes up to \$80 million in USDA loan forgiveness for Class Members who qualify. The USDA will pay an additional \$20 million to implement the Settlement and will make some changes to their farm loan programs. Any money left after all payments and expenses have been made will be donated to one or more organizations that help Native American farmers and ranchers.

What can I get from the Settlement?

The amount of money you will receive will depend on whether you file a claim under Track A or Track B. It will also depend on the total number of claims that are filed and approved.

Track A – You can get a payment up to \$50,000 for your discrimination claim plus an additional 25% paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

Track B – You can get the amount of your actual damages up to \$250,000. Track B requires more proof than Track A.

USDA Loan Forgiveness – Under both Track A and Track B you can get forgiveness on part or all of your eligible USDA farm loans plus an additional 25% paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

How do I get benefits?

You will need to file a claim by **December 24, 2011** to get benefits. After the Court approves the Settlement, meetings will be held across the country to help Class Members file claims. You can register for a Claims Package at the website or by calling the toll-free number.

What are my other rights?

- If you want to keep your right to sue the USDA about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **February 28, 2011**. Unless you exclude yourself, you will be bound by the terms of this Settlement.
- If you stay in the Settlement, you can object to or comment on it by **February 28, 2011**.

The Court will hold a hearing on **April 28, 2011** to consider whether to approve the Settlement and the attorneys' fees. The Court has appointed attorneys to represent the Class. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own expense.

For More Information: 1-888-233-5506

www.IndianFarmClass.com

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Nespelem Elementary will again host the free tax prep site this year. The site will be open Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:30, during February, March, and the first half of April. Tax preparation is by appointment only. For an appointment call Ted Piccolo at Northwest Native Development Fund 509-634-2674

FOOD MATTERS

DO YOU HAVE ARTHRITIS? AVOID THESE 6 FOODS!

There is not just one single diet for all peoples who suffer from arthritis and fibromyalgia, but there ARE certain foods, or food groups, that make a difference for a lot of people. Most of the experts will agree that eliminating at least some of these foods is worth a try to calm the inflammation, which is what causes the pain.

1) **ASPARTAME** (NutraSweet): Foods sweetened with aspartame have shown to exacerbate the symptoms by stimulating a pain receptor in the nervous system known as NMDA. Researchers have found that, for many people, cutting aspartame out of their diet completely has a dramatic impact on inflammation and pain relief. Natural sweeteners like Stevia do not have the same effect as Aspartame.

2) **FOOD ADDITIVES** including MSG and Nitrates: MSG is a flavor enhancer found in a lot of frozen and processed foods, also Asian foods. Experts agree it will intensify pain symptoms in many people. Like Aspartame, MSG has the same potential for affecting NMDA receptors. This is also true for foods containing nitrates, commonly found in lunchmeats like ham, bologna, and cured meats such as bacon.

3) **SUGAR AND FRUCTOSE**: While cutting out these simple sugars have not been proven to directly affect arthritis and fibromyalgia, it does have a direct impact by reducing yeast infections, a fungus that thrives on sugars. This fungus does contribute to inflammation which is what causes the pain of arthritis.

4) **CAFFEINE**: Including coffee, black tea, colas, and chocolate. The caffeine in these beverages is a stimulant, which would give you a false boost, because you would drop into a deeper sedative effect. But the "stimulant" effect would also excite the nerves for pain.

5) **DAIRY**: No matter whether it is low fat or high fat, some experts say that dairy products,

particularly milk, has shown to drive the symptoms of arthritis-like disorders like fibromyalgia. Avoid cheeses that are aged and made with mold. These are Stilton, Blue cheese and Brie. The molds also "ignite" inflammation.

6) **NIGHTSHADE PLANTS**: There are many species of plants that can be listed under the category of nightshades. These plant foods are known to trigger flare-ups of various types of arthritis, including fibromyalgia. The stronger ones are: TOMATOES, POTATOES, PEPPERS, PAPRIKA, GOJI BERRIES, CAYENNE, EGGPLANT, OKRA.

Remember that taking medications or supplements only deals with symptoms. But changing what you put into your body deals with the causes, naturally!


CREAMY BEET SOUP
2 Tbs olive oil
1 bunch beets, peel and chop
2 onions chopped
1 bunch carrots, peel and chop
1 tsp salt
4 cups vegetable stock
chopped parsley or chives

Heat the oil in a large pan and sauté onions over medium heat, 10 minutes. Add beets and carrots. Add salt and vegetable stock. Bring to a boil. Cook covered with reduced heat and let simmer 1 hour. Cook slightly so you can blend this in a blender (divide into about 3 batches so it won't spray all over the kitchen!) Taste, and pepper if desired. Garnish with parsley or chives.


Very high in antioxidants and easy to make.

Dede Lavezzo, RD, MPH, CDE
Contact the RD at:
422-7450 or 634-2943

This Column comes to you courtesy of Tribal Health Programs



The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Enrollment Department
MEMORANDUM




TO: Tribal Membership
FROM: Brenda Thomas
Enrollment Officer
DATE: December 29, 2010
ARTICLE HEADING: 2010 181-D (Grand Coulee Dam) Distribution Calculations

Every year, the Tribe receives a "181-D payment" from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) as compensation for use of Tribal lands to produce power at Grand Coulee Dam. The 181-D payment is calculated pursuant to a complex formula outlined in a settlement agreement between the Tribe and the federal government.


The Tribe distributes the entire 181-D payment to members. The distribution is calculated by dividing the total amount of the 181-D payment in a given year by the total membership count that year. The distribution amount is rounded down to the nearest whole dollar amount. The balance remains in the Tribe's claims account collecting interest until the following year, when the balance, plus interest is added to the amount received from BPA for that year and distributed accordingly.

The Tribe does not take any deductions from the 181-D payment prior to the disbursement calculation. Minimal holds are allowed for members in need of assistance and minor's. All holds for minors are placed directly into their interest-bearing IIM account. No other holds are allowed, including holds for child support, outstanding debts, etc.

Please keep in mind, that the 181-D payment disbursement cannot be counted as income. If you are experiencing problems please contact the Enrollment department for assistance. If you have additional questions regarding the 181-D payment distribution please contact the Enrollment department at 509-634-2836.



The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Enrollment Department
MEMORANDUM



TO: Tribal Membership
FROM: Brenda Thomas
Enrollment Officer
DATE: December 29, 2010
ARTICLE HEADING: DNA TESTING

This memo addresses several questions and concerns regarding the DNA testing code the Tribes adopted in 2009. DNA testing's sole purpose is to establish parentage. Because the Tribes has faced several cases of possible illegitimate or fraudulent enrollments or attempted enrollments, the Tribes has adopted this modern method of establishing parentage to ensure family lineages in our enrollment records are true and correct. Currently, a DNA test is required per the code and considered supporting document included as part of the enrollment packet.

The following is the current relevant part of the membership code:

§ 8-1-83 Paternity Tests
Each applicant is required to establish paternity through DNA testing. Each parent who the child derives blood of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation must be tested. If the biological parent is not available for testing, kinship testing may be available upon request. The applicant or legal guardian of the applicant must schedule an appointment with the Enrollment department to conduct a Buccal Swabbing. Payment for all DNA testing is the sole responsibility of the applicant.
(Amended 11/19/09, Resolution 2009-856)

As stated above, each parent is required to be tested. The decision to test each parent was to enforce the policy equally across the board for each applicant. By establishing parentage, each enrollment case presented to the Colville Business Council contains accurate family lineage to determine if the applicant meets the requirements for enrollment.


The Enrollment Department takes extreme caution in protecting the tribal member confidentiality. Each scheduled appointment is kept confidential and results are kept in a locked file. DNA results are not shared with outside entities. DNA testing requires the testers to adhere to a strict chain-of-custody to ensure that they have not been tampered with and remain confidential. In order to satisfy the chain-of-custody, the individuals tested are properly identified and the samples collected are clearly marked. All parties remain present as witnesses until all samples are clearly marked and sealed. Once the package is sealed, it is sent to the lab for testing. Results are provided within three to four weeks from the date tested.

Cost of the testing is the responsibility of those individuals being tested. Currently DNA testing cost \$25 per person tested, however the cost may change without notice. The cost of the testing is to cover lab fees for the analysis of the samples collected. Unlike most testers, the Enrollment Department does not charge a collection fee. Each Enrollment employee is trained to conduct the collection of each sample and trained to properly complete the chain-of-custody forms. Each employee is bound by the strict confidentiality policy enforced within the Department.


DNA testing is not genetic testing. Please keep in mind that DNA testing sole purpose is to establish parentage. Samples are not tested or shared for any other purpose therefore the samples are not analyzed for determining any types of genetics or ailment. Collected samples are confidential and secure. The test provider that the Enrollment uses has labs throughout the nation, which allows us to provide services to those members who live outside of our service area.

The type of testing conducted is Buccal swabbing. Buccal swabbing is performed by swabbing the inside of the cheek. This type of collection is quick and harmless. If it is not possible to test the biological parent/parents, kinship testing of other family members may be available to determine parentage. If this type of collection is necessary please contact the Enrollment department for assistance.

The code was updated November 2009 by procedures outlined in the Law & Order Code Amendment and Codification policy.



The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Enrollment Department
Phone: 509-634-2830 Fax: 509-634-2874
MEMORANDUM



TO: Tribal Membership
FROM: Brenda Thomas
Enrollment Officer
DATE: December 29, 2010
ARTICLE HEADING: 2010 181-D (Grand Coulee Dam) Distribution Deadlines

- * Payment Date
 1. March 28, 2011
- * Eligibility Requirements and Deadlines:
 1. February 24, 2011
→ To be eligible for disbursement - members must be living and enrolled on or before this date.
 2. February 21, 2011
→ Deadline for completed Enrollment Packets. Packets must be received by the Enrollment Department by this date.
→ DNA RESULTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE ENROLLMENT PACKET.
 - Results take 3-4 weeks from date of collection
 3. February 17, 2011
→ Adoptions must be approved on or before this date.
- * MARCH 9, 2011 Deadline:
 1. Half-Share Forms (form is required)
 2. Direct Deposit Forms: (Form is required)
→ Direct Deposit request requires a voided check or Bank verification.
 3. Court Orders:
→ Members are responsible for providing current Court Orders to the Enrollment Department.
 4. Change of Address: (Form is required)
→ Address changes are not processed without a Notary signature.

***** REMINDER *****

- * CONFIRM INFORMATION IS CURRENT WITH THE ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO THE PAYMENT DEADLINE.
- * NO EXCEPTIONS ALLOWED REGARDING PAYMENT DEADLINES.
- * NO RETRO-ACTIVE PAYMENTS ALLOWED FOR THE 181-D DISBURSEMENT.



NESPELEM ALL INDIAN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

FEBRUARY 19-20, 2011

MENS/WOMENS OPEN AGE MENS 40-49 & 50 AND OVER

NESPELEM COMMUNITY CENTER
LAKE ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL
& GRAND COULEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

AWARDS:

1ST - 4TH PLACE
MVP
MR. HUSTLE
ALL STARS
MOST 3'S
MOST POINTS

ADMISSION:

Adults \$5 Students \$3
Seniors \$3 Under 6 \$1

ENTRY \$300 PER TEAM

Entry Deadline - Feb. 3, 2011

For Information, Contact:

Larry Jordan (509) 429-1667 or
Frank (Bunky) Andrews (509) 633-0423
Mail Entry to: 807 Fir St., Coulee Dam, WA 99116

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COLVILLE TRIBAL CREDIT CORPORATION REAL ESTATE NEWS

It has been and will continue to be the policy of Colville Tribal Credit Corporation (CTC) to help in development of the local communities by encouraging home ownership by Tribal Members. It is CTC's desire to assist qualified members in their housing needs, home purchases, construction, and remodeling. In all instances, sound credit analysis will be applied to the extension of any real estate loan. Real Estate loans are restricted to property within the boundaries of Washington State on fee property and to 100% ownership of trust property. The maximum consumer real estate loan is \$175,000.00.

HOME PURCHASE

Buying a new home is the biggest purchase that most will ever make. Nobody can afford to jump into a home purchase uninformed or unprepared. Before you purchase a home, you must weigh the pros and cons of homeownership and make a realistic decision. Purchasing a home is a time consuming, costly process that brings a huge responsibility upon the future home owner.

Are you sure that you want to buy a house? Do you have steady income and stable employment?

Do you plan to stay in the same

geographic location for a number of years?

Have you created a budget so that you know how much you can realistically afford for housing? Not only will you have a monthly mortgage payment, but you will also be responsible for homeowners insurance, property taxes, utilities, and repairs and maintenance.

Do you have a positive credit history that will reflect your repayment habits? Do you know what is on your credit report?

Have you saved enough money for your down payment, closing costs, and pre-closing expenses? A typical down payment is 5% to 10% of the purchase price, and closing costs can range from 3% to 6% of the purchase price. Pre-closing expenses may include an appraisal fee, inspection fee, and earnest money. Pre-closing expenses are sometimes forfeited if you change your mind after signing a purchase and sales agreement.

Will you need additional funds after the purchase is completed? Will you need to purchase appliances, or make cosmetic repairs such as new flooring or paint?

Have you talked with potential lenders to discuss requirements for loan approval? What are the debt/

ratio guidelines that your lender follows? If you don't qualify now, do you have the ability to pay down your debt in order to qualify?

Have you attended a Home Buyer education seminar? If you are a first time home buyer, many banks require financial counseling or home buyer education.

With careful planning and self discipline, you might be ready to purchase a home soon! In many areas, home prices are still low, and the supply of available homes for sale is still high, maintaining the "buyers market" that we have been experiencing for the past couple of years.

If you are ready to apply for a loan from Colville Tribal Credit Corporation, please feel free to access our website www.colvilletribalcredit.com for complete instructions and to download our loan application form. You may also call our office at 509/634-2664.

Colville Tribal Credit offers loans for a variety of purposes, including Real Estate, Mobile Homes, Land purchase, Personal, Auto, Computer purchase, Education, and Business. Please contact us for additional information on our loan programs.

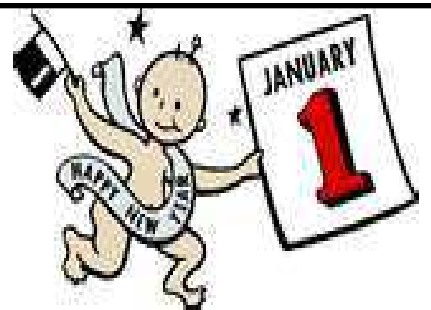


TREE OF SHARING--Many generous donors contributed to the tribes' 2010 Tree of Sharing project this year. The Environmental Trust staff wrote grants to many outlets, and received surprising amounts from the following: Stephen Smith, Fisheries Consulting, Inc - \$750; Short, Cressman & Burgess PLLC - \$10,000; Environment International -\$100; PCL Construction Services Inc. - \$1,000; and Tetra Tech - \$1,000. This totals \$12,850 that went to purchasing Christmas gifts and food baskets for many needy reservation residents such as: Children and Family Services; Convalescent Center residents; Tribal Head Start programs reservation-wide; Tribal Care Center; the Nespelem, Keller, Inchelium, and Paschal Sherman Indian School students. Also, Pacific Seafood, located on the Columbia River, donated \$50,000 to the Low Income Help for Energy Assistance Program for Thanksgiving turkeys, and because there so many leftover, some were distributed for Christmas, too, to all reservation residents and tribal employees. Thank you all for your generous donations.



COLVILLE TRIBAL MUSEUM RENOVATED -- A steady stream of tribal members from the region took advantage of the sneak preview offered them on December 10th at the tribal museum in Coulee Dam. The museum has been closed for renovation; slated to reopen this tourist season with a new look. A lot more history is offered per band. 3-D exhibits of tribal history and artifacts. And artifacts displayed throughout. "Most members passing through approved of the new look," Lawrence Harry of the tribal history program reported. "Actually, I don't think we got any negative responses, so that's good." Watch out for the opening date to be announced when the museum will open to the public.

First Baby of Year Contest



THE FIRST BABY TO ENROLL FULLY BREAST-FEEDING AT WIC CLINIC JANUARY 3-7 WILL RECEIVE PRIZES FOR FIRST FULLY BREASTFED BABY OF YEAR. YOUR PICTURE WILL BE IN PAPER. AS WELL AS THE WIC OFFICE. AS FIRST FULLY BREASTFED BABY OF YEAR FOR TRIBAL HEATH. QUESTIONS 634-1994 JESSICA

Trail of Dreams > 20 dollar Gift Certificate
 Tribal Health > Swaddle Wrap
 Tribal Health > Boppy Pillow
 David and Rodsto > Teddy Bear
 The Corner Shelf > A book on Becoming Baby Wise
 Grandma's Attic > Blanket
 Brandy's Memmories and Creations > A rattle
 Main Street market > Calendula Baby Cream
 Genes's Harvest Foods > 25 dollars baby items
 Expressions > haircut and Style
 Curves > 1 month Free Trial
 The Silver Sage Spa > 1/2 Hour Free Massage
 Jacksons > 15 Dollar Gas
 The Siam Palace > Dinner for two
 Rent a Center > 50 dollars
 Walmart > Giftcard
 As a Child Grows > A Natural Baby Clothes basket
 Main Street Salon Coulee Dam > Gift Basket
 Breastfeeding Peer Mentor > Baby Bear Gift Set, Home made Nursing Cover and Mothers Milk Tea

PUBLIC MEETING JANUARY 27, 2011

WHERE: COLVILLE TRIBES CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES CONF. ROOM
 37 ARROWLAKE AVE., COLVILLE INDIAN AGENCY, NESPELEM, WA
WHEN: 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

CONTRACT

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The Environmental Trust Department will host a Public Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to present to the public a list (The Site Register) of all sites within the Colville Reservation where environmental response actions have occurred in 2010 or are anticipated to occur in 2011. The public will be invited to provide comment and ask questions of Response Program staff during this time. Information on using the Tribes' Response Program Information Repository will also be available.

FY2010 128(a) Tribal Response Program Site Record :

- CCT Transfer Stations/Open Dumps
- Soil Treatment Site at Mineral Hill/Kroll Canyon
- Nespelem Post & Pole, Nespelem
- Rickard Logging Site

Other sites subject to ETD Response Program involvement:

- E-Waste Collection Event, Nespelem
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events, Nespelem and Inchelium
- Operational Cost of Services Assessment and Rates Analysis, CCT Solid Waste
- Townsend Spill Response on Swawilla Basin Rd
- Lake Roosevelt/UCR, WA

"Lunch will be provided."



The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
 OFFICE OF RESERVATION ATTORNEY-CODE REVISER
 QUARTERLY UPDATE



December 2, 2010

To: Spirit Peoples, Tribal Tribune
 FROM: Anna M. Vargas, Code Reviser
 Subject: August Quarterly Report

A quarterly update will be submitted to the Tribal Tribune each April, August and December. The quarterly report is utilized to provide record and notice to the public of all amendments, corrections, revisions, updates, expansions, or new law enacted and codified in the Colville Tribal Law and Order Code.

The following supplement chapters were processed and are for the 2010 publication year:

- 10-1 Tribal Employment Rights (May)
- 6-9 Animal Control and Protection (Passed by Emergency Resolution-May)
- 3-6 Fireworks (June)
- 6-3 Building Code (June)
- 4-23 Environmental Quality Commission (New September)
- 4-10 Water Resources Use and Permitting (September)
- 1-1 Preliminary Provisions/Administration of Tribal Court (September)
- 5-2 Juveniles (September)
- 5-1 Domestic Relations (September)
- 1-2 Rules of the Court (September)
- 4-9 Hydraulic Project Permitting (September)
- 4-8 Water Quality Standards (September)
- 4-7 Forest Practices (September)
- 4-6 Mining Practices (September)
- 4-5 On-Site Wasterwater Treatment and Disposal (September)
- 6-14 Vehicle, Manufactured and Mobile Home Removal (September)

The following proposed code amendments are being processed:

- Chapter 12-9 Colville Tribes Commercial Code (this was brought forward and CBC asked that ORA do more research)
- 2-5 Debt Set Off (this was tabled at committee and ORA was asked to do more research)
- 3-1 Criminal Code (first committee meeting)
- 10-4 Workers Compensation Claims Act (New Chapter) (first committee meeting)

All proposed code amendment information is available upon request. You may also visit our web site at www.colvilletribes.com and right click on the Business Council hyperlink to review proposed code amendment information on-line. You can also view the Colville Tribal Law and Order Code at this link and it would be under "Current" Colville Tribal Law and Order Code.

I would strongly encourage all Tribal Members to view the amendments periodically so if you have any comments, you can submit them to me.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (509) 634-2389/FAX (509) 634-2387 or anna.vargas@colvilletribes.com or codeamend@colvilletribes.com.



Merry Christmas from the McCall's and Happy 2nd Birthday Moosey! We love you and God Bless



Kellie P. Pakootas was chosen feature member of the month of the International Purebred Appaloosa Asso. This is a large world-wide member base association so this is quite an honor. Kellie is the daughter of Milo J. Pakootas Sr. and Lynda K. (Freeman)Taylor.



Michael "Tony" Anthony Hall, Sr. "Happy Belated 25th Birthday," my very much Beloved and Handsome son. You have given me so much love and happiness throughout those 25 years. I couldn't of asked "Our Creator and God" for a much better son, because I received the "BEST!"

My son spent his birthday at Deaconess Hospital, Spokane, Wash., with his "NEWBORN SON," Michael Anthony Hall, Jr. his early birthday present, who was born prematurely on November 5, 2010.

Lil Man, I love you and I'm so proud of you and so proud of the young man you turned out to be.

Much love Always,
Mom, Celia

Here he's pictured with his wife, Gina, mother of his three babies and also pictured with his first born, Karmisa "Cookie" Leann Hall.



Happy 6th Birthday Casey! January 6th. We love you and are very proud of you! Congrats on earning Student of the Month at Center Elementary for the month of November. Keep up the good work! From: Mom, Dad & Little Brother



Happy Birthday Darin "BIG 7" Love your family



Stac and Jess sending a long distance "hey" to Uncle David cuz we know u be lookin!!! love ya Our visit to Mission Dam---- BEAUTIFUL!!! September 9, 2010 Workin on that year of fridays Stacy La Von

January 2nd - "Happy Birthday" to, K.D. I hope you get all that you wish for.

January 21 - "Happy Birthday, Gal! Baby sister, Connie L. Williams. You make me smile, til my cheeks hurt. Laugh til I happily cry. "YOU'RE" amazing in so many different ways, that's why, "I LOVE YOU SOOO MUCH! xoxoxo Your Big Sis, Sassy

January 27th "Happy 1st Birthday: to NANA's little and precious Angel, Gloria Morales. Love you, Baby! xoxoxo Auntie Sam *Gloria's parents are: E.J., and Luis

January 19th Jose "Dish" Rojas "Happy Anniversary, Carino! Yo tea mo un chingo. Hasta y Despues Siempre, Tu Chata Rojas

Evander Lee Brown
Amber Elwell and Evan Brown of Nespelem are pleased to announce the birth of their son born on Friday, December 24, 2010 at Coulee Medical Center in Grand Coulee. Evander Lee Brown weighed 7 lbs. 2oz. and was 20 inches in length at birth. Maternal Grandparents are Annabelle Elwell and Brian Stine. Paternal Grandparents are Lita Brown and Raymond Sammaripa. Great-Grandparents are Raeann Chuweah and Andrew Elwell.

Khiyler John Tyvon Wayne Hobbs/Graves
Teresa Hobbs and Jeremy Graves of Okanogan are pleased to announce the birth of their son born on Thursday, December 23, 2010 at Coulee Medical Center in Grand Coulee. Khiyler John Tyvon Wayne Hobbs/Graves weighed 6 lbs. 13oz. and was 20 inches in length at birth. Siblings are Kirjah age 7, Norieah age 3 and Naliyah age 3. Maternal Grandparents are Ray and Christine Hobbs and Catherine Garrison. Paternal Grandparents are Dale and Mae Graves and Carol and Ivan Firecrow. Great-Grandparents are Ray and Dee Hobbs and Forence and Keith Grey.

Stolen Artifacts

Continued from front page.

at Sandie McNeil's residence in Kettle Falls and recovered numerous protected archeological objects. The resources include projectile points, stone weights and tools, stone flakes, and a gun cartridge and gun flint. These items were ordered forfeited to the United States. Given repeated contacts with park officials over the years, the court found that Sandie McNeil had engaged in a pattern of misconduct involving the illegal acquisition of archaeological resources.

Michael C. Ormsby, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, said, "Pillaging Native Americans' historical and cultural sites is reprehensible as well as illegal. It is nothing less than stealing the cultural heritage of our ancestors."

The Archaeological Resources




Protection Act of 1979 (ARPA) was enacted "to secure, for the present and future benefit of the American people, the protection of archaeological resources and sites which are on public and tribal lands." It is a federal crime to excavate, remove, damage, alter, or deface any archaeological resource on public or Indian lands, punishable by imprisonment, fines, forfeitures and restitution. Protected resources include all archeological remains of past human life or activities that are at least 100 years old.

This investigation was conducted by Colville Tribal Parks and Recreation Sergeant Brian Phillips, the National Park Service and was prosecuted by Timothy Ohms, Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington. 09-CR-070-LRS

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OMAK COMMUNITY CENTER Men's and Women's Basketball Leagues 2011

Presented by the
CCT Diabetes Prevention Program

Omak—The 2011 Omak Community Center Men's Basketball League kicked off at 9:00am. Eight teams signed up to play: Team Eli (Nespelem), Initial Attack (Pateros), and six teams from Omak: Stevens Gym, RJ's Lil' Hawks, JB Squad, OBC, The Goonies, and Young Guns.

In Game 1, The Young Guns were led by brothers Jeremiah and Jesse Riggle, with 17 and 16 points respectively, to beat The Goonies, led by BeauDeen Adolph's 12 points. The final score was 67-37.

In Game 2, RJ's Lil' Hawks were led by Ryan Lafferty's 27 points and Virgil Marchand's 20 points to roll over Team Eli, led by Coby Dick's 13 points and Roy Bradshaw's 10 point contribution.

In Game 3, The JB Squad was led by Blake Marchand's 25 points, and Swede Albert's 24points, overcoming the OBC team, led by Jordan George's 28 points, and Terrance Williams' 18.

In Game 4, Initial Attack upended Stevens Gym, 75-72. Brothers, DJ (7'0") and Matt (6'10") Shifflett kept the lane closed and kept second chance points to a minimum for Initial Attack. Ramsey Gallegos led Initial Attack's balanced scoring with 20, and Bryan Condon had 25 points for Stevens Gym, aided by Michael Bush's 18, and Sonny Sellars with 15.

League will continue on the following schedule:
Jan. 17, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, Feb. 13, Feb. 20, Feb. 27 for the regular season, followed by a league championship tournament on March 5 & 6.

The first game begins at 9:00am. Admission is \$1, Free admission for Elders and Children.

Please contact Sonny Sellars at 509-429-6721.

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A lot of talk about having others operate the wood products

Council Members: There has been a lot of talk about having others operate the wood products business of CTEC. Before this is done I suggest that a business plan be drawn up reflecting it being run by us. Lets look at the sawmill to make it simple. The business plan is not a stand alone document. Because of the CETEC, Colville Federal Corporation, Colville Confederated Tribes, Tribal Credit and their interdependence, there needs to be adjustments to arrive at Free Cash Flow. Things like, but not limited to costs, that are there whether we run or not, non cash items ie depreciation, costs caused by the shutdown ie unemployment payments to the employees, impact on tribal credit loans, shutdown maintenance and social costs. Lumber prices have

gone up 30% since last spring. This should result in plans showing a stand alone operation and a tribal integrated cash flow plan, from this, a decision on how to operate can be made.

If Tribal Forestry were to be responsible for delivering logs to the mill, this would reduce duplicated effort, costs, overhead and make for better land management. Also there should be considered a clawback of part of the 10% the bia takes from the tribes gross timber income.

I am bothered by the statement that "the sawmill can only cut Pine". In my 55 years in the wood products industry, I have yet to find a piece of iron that could tell the difference between pine and fir.

Wayne Knauf

WE NEED 2353 SIGNATURES

Dear Editor: WE NEED 2353 SIGNATURES on our Petitions. Petitions Deadline for submitting petitions to us is March 1, 2011, mail them in before this deadline.

What do these INITIATIVES 5-4-1 THRU 5-4-4 PROVIDE?

1. Create an "Executive Branch" of Colville Tribal Government, separating "powers" from the Council.

2. The "Council" can now focus upon writing and proposing sensible policies to strengthen Colville Tribal Sovereignty.

3. The "Council" will no longer have opportunity to interfere directly with Colville Tribal Administration decisions. COUNCIL MICRO-MANAGEMENT ENDS its abuse of managers personally and professionally.

4. The Council Chairman will be elected by ALL COLVILLE TRIBAL VOTERS rather than selling his or her soul to their peers on the council for chairmanship.

5. The Council Chairman as the Chief Executive Officer establishes an Executive Administration to operate all tribal programs.

6. The Council of 14 members will no longer be 14 individual supervisors causing confusion, frustration, and abuse of an executive director position, that will no longer exist, as it is replaced by the Chairperson/CEO model for executive leadership.

7. TRIBAL MEMBERS CAN NOW ADDRESS THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON/CEO AS AN ACCOUNTABLE INDIVIDUAL TO ALL VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COLVILLE TRIBES.

8. No longer can the tribal Chairperson hide behind an excuse that "I can't do anything about that council person" abusing their position as I am only one of my peers of 14 members of the council.

9. If the new 4-member council is proceeding to make an obvious huge financial error again, the TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP CAN NOW PROCEED TO LOBBY AND PRESSURE THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON/CEO TO VETO THE APPARENT BAD FINANCIAL OR POLICY DECISION OF THE 4 MEMBER COUNCIL.

10. If the new Chairperson/CEO is preparing to improperly act by abuse of position, the Members not only continue to use the Ethics Code to attempt to correct the problem, THE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP CAN LOBBY AND APPEAL TO THE 4-MEMBER COUNCIL TO OVERRIDE THE CHAIRPERSON/CEO'S ACTIONS along with the use of the Tribal Courts if necessary.

11. Therefore, THE CHAIRPERSON/CEO IS THE "CHECK" UPON THE ACTIONS OF THE 4-MEMBER COUNCIL AND THE 4-MEMBER COUNCIL MUST BE A "CHECK" UPON THE ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE while the Courts provide "checks" upon the executive and legislative branches when merited.

12. TRIBAL MEMBERS WILL NOW ENJOY A MEANS TO PARTICIPATE MORE DIRECTLY ON COUNCIL ACTIONS AS THERE IS NO LONGER A 14 MEMBER BODY TO HIDE WITHIN ITSELF CLAIMING NO ONE IS ANSWERABLE TO NO ONE.

13. A 4-member council creates more qualified competition between candidates for fewer positions thus eliminating excess positions to be filled by unqualified candidates as is the case today.

14. Increase Membership oversight.

Thank you.

Lou Stone

Inchelium, WA

I wish to clarify some facts...

To: Tribal Voices

This correspondence is in reference to the Tribal Tribune (November 2010) articles on page, 9, stating the resignations of both the Lake Roosevelt Community Health Center (LRCHC) Executive Director, Myra Aubertin, along with the Board of Directors members of LRCHC (10 out of 14 of them) from Inchelium and Keller.

I am a member of the Colville Confederated Tribes, residing in Inchelium. As a former Board of Directors member, I wish to clarify some facts from my point of view. First of all, we are saddened by our resignations, but felt it was the only option we had. Our relationship with the Colville Business Council (CBC) had been deteriorating over the past few months. Some of our CBC brought to our attention "complaints" they were receiving about the clinic as well as the Board of Directors. These complaints had been fielded by Myra and the Board. The CBC was never satisfied with the outcome of the results, even though they (complaints) were always dealt with by us. As far as the clinic operations,

the quality of healthcare services, financial independence, new services being offered, excellent providers and "quality" staff, we provided an excellent model for clinics throughout Indian Country. We were getting excellent recognition from other reservations and were very proud of our work.

When dealing with the people in the community you will realize that you cannot please everyone. This is a known fact! When dealing with people in a small community, such as ours, some of these people project a negative outlook on "everything". It doesn't mean we don't listen to them, but we know we just try to do our best to help them. But, when it comes to dealing with our own Colville Business Council, we expected nothing less than professionalism, respect, and honest COMMUNICATION, so we could come to some solution for both the CBC and clinic. We got neither. When we did meet with the CBC, we would come out of the meetings feeling as if we had just gone to Tribal Court to justify everything we did and they were our judge and

jury. It shouldn't have been that way. In fact, we soon realized they had a pre-conceived purpose to get us to do what we finally did, resign from the clinic, rather than COMMUNICATE with us to discuss what was really behind their thinking.

At an Inchelium District meeting, which followed immediately after the resignations, a community member asked why the BOD and ED resigned and not one of the CBC could give an honest or worthy answer. They couldn't, since not one of them called anyone on the Board of Directors or Myra Aubertin to COMMUNICATE the reason of our resignations. Susie Allen had already called community members to replace the board members that had resigned and called Mel Tonasket to interim for the ED. The entire meeting was conducted unprofessionally and resulted in the outcome some CBC members intended, negative and one-sided. The agenda was to have been to educate community members and address concerns. It instead, turned into a complaint session with no opportunity for discussion of the issues.

This article is 100% accurate, I was there. The part that I still have a problem with is the Colville Business Council involved was mostly from the Inchelium District. Their accusations and complaints are unfounded. The Inchelium and Keller Board of Directors' intentions have always been 100% for the community. I do not hold any ill-will toward anyone and I hope the clinic keeps its excellent providers and staff and everything falls into place. I want to thank the community for allowing us to serve you.

My other concern is our Colville Business Council. We read the countless articles in the Tribal Tribune of complaints and ongoing worries about what they are doing to get our reservation back on track. They need to use the same amount of time and energy to address our enormous tribal issues as they used on the "supposed" clinic issues. That is what we voted them in to do. Our Tribe might not be so financially unstable and dysfunctional. It is embarrassing to us as tribal members.

Respectfully,
Luana Boyd-Rowley

It's too little, too late

Dear Editor:

It is so pitiful to watch the ongoing "Stoogery" at the council level but it is, sadly, no surprise is it?

I couldn't agree more with the tribal voices article by our relations in Canada working the Sngaytskstx (Sinixt) sovereignty exercises. Apparently the council is stabbing them in the back.

As far as "the council is so far behind it thinks it's first" is concerned, the "Moses Update" affirms it: He complains about the State of Washington moving to privatize child welfare services. Two years ago it was reported that the council agreed with State Senator Hargrove's bill to privatize children's services rather than object. Objection by Colville would have started an avalanche of

opposition by other tribes. Where was Mr. Update? What's worse, Colleen Cawston was in Olympia cheerleading the Hargrove bill. Now it's sober up time from intoxicating authority abuse. It's too little, too late.

"Moomaw Update" tells us we can't rely on timber any longer for per capita. Duh! So why when the timber market is still ugly are we selling our timber? This is money in the forest that needs to be left alone for future generations too, not the short-sighted, self-serving, bloated council. It is well known, but remind you now, it was Moomaw Update's author who was herself a cheerleader to purchase Omak Wood Products.

The council resembles Land of OZ - Scarecrows in need of brains.

In the meantime, others are in need of someone to help them check the facts. The Sinixt letter in the last Tribal Tribune "voices" made at least two claims about Colville Business Council governance: The "CBC is so far behind it thinks it is first" and that statement boosts the second point about the council being "self-serving". I didn't like what I later learned was the Council Chairman attacking the Lakes Tribe and Colville Tribes' members occupying our traditional territory above the 48th Parallel for over the last 25 years, through his December 16, 2010 letter. It is a fact, the CBC is so far behind it thinks its first regarding exercising sovereign rights within our traditional customary territories such as harvesting animals,

practicing ceremonies, and practicing our Salish Sngaytskstx language in that customary territory. Mr. Chairman, you have a right to your own opinion, but you can't create your own facts.

Mr. Chairman, were you really in grade school when the Sngaytskstx community meetings were conducted during which leadership was decided? It was Sngaytskstx community sovereignty, not the CBC, that decided how to govern and exercise Sngaytskstx sovereignty in Canada. And that's the way it should remain.

The council should stop paying wasted salary on an incompetent in contract to obstruct the Sngaytskstx in Lakes Territory, Canada.

Robert T.E. Lee, PhD, MBA
Apache, AZ

I speak on behalf of my family

TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

I am responding to Robert T.E. Lee from Apache Arizona; "who sounds like Lou Stone." First of all I do not consider protection of our form of government as being silly! I had said "Be aware of wolves in sheep clothing;" I was pointing out the real motives a reduced Council. The proposed 5-member (3 person quorum) could very well terminate us, or compromise our sovereignty, or tribal rights. The 1-member "chief" or "dictator" would micro manage our system of government. The changing of our constitution and bylaws would weaken the Trust Responsibility, Trust Status, giving power to the 5-member Tribal Council (The real motives, last ditch attempt to sell us out) by using this plan to convince the people how much they would save by a reduced council, Malxa an cut (telling lies)

We would have safety in numbers with the 14-member Council (by the 8 person quorum requirement. 8-minds, more and better representation and protection; Constitution and By-Laws in tact with our trust status as back-up. Wanax (truth)

I truly believe that my sons have

the faith-trust-judgement of the people behind them--in order to represent them to their best ability. They respect and honor our form of government, our Constitution and By-Laws, our sovereignty, our rights, our land base and our people. My sons Andy Joseph, Jr. and Ricky Gabriel are proud of their heritage and culture. Their hearts are good, when they took their "oath of office" to Preserve and Protect the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws, Natural Resources, land base; they did so with a sincere respect for the land, the people and future generations. My sons have the same qualities of their predecessors in the Tribal Council, grandparents, George Friedlander and Lucy F. Covington who fought to hold onto this Reservation and all that is dear to us.

I would suggest that Robert T. E. Lee and Lou Stone read "Half-Sun of the Columbia" by Robert H. Ruby and John A. Brown; and "Finding Chief Kamiakin" by Richard D. Scheurman and Michael O. Finley to learn the true history of our people, their struggle to survive, while enduring the encroachment and exploitation of our former reservations and

lands, aboriginal territories (hunting, fishing, gathering rights, sacred sites and burial grounds) {Colville Tribal Museum}. <books> Perhaps it would encourage them to gain insight, perspective, and knowledge to be proud of what we do to have in our beautiful reservation, our friends and relatives (who and what really count).

Join the fight to protect our water rights, (draw down of Lake Roosevelt) self destruction by mining, cows/stock ruining fish beds. in riparian areas and watersheds (history repeating its self).

We need to leave the land in a better way than when we received it, for

now and future generations. **VOTE NO ON A REDUCED COUNCIL! HAPPY NEW YEAR! FOR THE LAND! FOR THE PEOPLE!**

Gerry Gabriel
As I speak on behalf of my family:

Adult grown children	8
Grandchildren	28
Great-grandchildren	14
	50
My husband	1
My self	1
TOTAL	52

Elmer City, WA

Cobell Settlement

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to gain access to their land. Such as, for members of our tribes, misrepresentation in construction of the dam/s built on or adjacent to the reservation. We're excluded from this case as far as special rights or compensation goes. No funds have been set aside for us. So, be aware of your rights.

You may have read about amounts some natives may receive, such as \$1,000 to \$1,500. This portion is broken down between categories,

too. IIM account holders may automatically receive \$1,500. Those regarded as historical account holders may receive \$1,000, after legal fees are paid out. And trust administration class members may receive \$500 after the next round of hearings are completed in Washington, D.C. You may contact <http://cert.tgengine.com/iim/register.php> or <http://www.cobellsettlement.com> to learn more about this potential settlement.

If we don't do something fast...

Dear Tribal Tribune,

There's been 110 years of mining history in Ferry County, which started with the opening of the Colville Reservation for mining exploration in 1896. Overnight communities sprang up out of the need to supply services needed to build these new towns. Some of which remain today like Republic. This has been one of Washington States top producers of Gold. We've heard how mining's going to destroy our Reservations land and water. Republic seems to have survived and so has it's water.

Recently took a trip over by Keller above the Sanpoil river. I found miles and miles of clear cut forests, right above the river into the mountains

which so many say mining is going to ruin. Wake up people logging has already accomplished this. You're so busy making mining the new end to our rivers and mountains that you can't literally see the forest for the lack of trees. Your shooting down jobs for our young people who have to move off the Reservation to find work so who are you really saving it for, think hard before you answer this question. If we don't do something fast the banks are going to own the Rez. So let's retake the vote on mining before its too late to choose or use the resources that we have to our benefit.

Boog Stillwell

TRIBAL TRIBUNE

COPY DEADLINE January 18, 2011

Divide and Conquer

Tribal Voices,
My name is R.B. Marchand, Colville Tribal Member, and I am writing this letter to address several issues amongst our people.

To reduce the number of Tribal Counsel members may help, but will not solve the problems that we face today. I believe (or at least I hope) that it will cause the counsel members to wake up and realize that as a whole, you have lost the faith of the people, YOUR PEOPLE, who your are suppose to be representing.

In the sense of money, however, the \$350,000.00 save yearly by this move, versus the Multi-Million-Dollar crisis we face through an off-set budget and Continuous Wreckless Spending, is the equivalent to shooting a buffalo with a BB gun.

When you really think about it, it's a disgrace that reduction of the Tribal Counsel is even being called for, because after all, it's really not a matter of having too many counsel members; it's a matter of having too many counsel members who are not delivering results. Just think how nice things would be if all 14 of our counsel members actually delivered the kind of results they promised during election time!

Here's another way to look at

it: if you were to add up the total dollar amount that the counsel has had at their disposal through the cancellation of our per-capitas over the past 5 years, you'll see that even with that additional 64 + Million Dollars, it wasn't enough capital or our CBC to be able to find a way to make a single dollar in profit.

No where else will you ever find people in "business" who have such a continuous money wasting record like that of our CBC still having a job, let alone be in a position of power.

Speaking of "power", our counsel further disgraces themselves by the "take back the power" initiative as it pertains to our Lake Roosevelt Community Health Clinic.

Seeing how failure seems to be the only result our counsel is capable of, it shows a large level of raw nerve and audacity to step foot in a area of success within our people.

Personally, I know that Myra Aubertin, of the LRCHC, has done more for our tribe on her own two feet than the majority of our counsel can ever hope to do. So I hope that our counsel will open their eyes and see that for Myra Aubertin and her staff of life-long contributors to our people to be at the point of turning in

their resignations due to the actions of our counsel; SOMETHING IS WRONG!

The LRCHC's record of success speaks for Myra's work ability itself. Now compare her work ethics, dedication and record of results to that of our tribal counsel, and it's obvious who should really be turning in their resignations. If our counsel has any integrity within itself, they will correct these errors and apologize to the LRCHC's staff in hopes that at least some of our people will be in good hands.

I believe that if we had more people like Myra as counsel members, our tribe would do better as a whole. You can ask any tribal member through-out the Inchelium area of her qualities; how many of you counsel members can say that, honestly?

Last but not least, I don't think that lowering our blood quantum level is a good idea at all.

The Federal Government set the blood quantum level at 1/4 as the final stage of genocide against all native peoples.

After killing us off by the masses in the early stages, then rounding us up on our reservations, they set a low blood quantum and have kept tabs on our #'s by giving us all enrollment

#s, and now they simply sit back and watch our people outbreed ourselves into extinction. Already the number of full bloods amongst our tribe is extremely low. It's only a matter of time before our blood-line is so low that the Federal Government comes to take the final spoils of war, and when they do, they'll do it under the fact that the majority of our people have more non-tribal blood than tribal blood, therefore we are extinct.

It's bad enough that our "tribal" counsel is already feeling the pressure of the feds thumb due to never ending borrowing of the federal dollars.

You would think that after a century plus of mass murder, genocide, lies and broken treaties, that our "tribal" counsel would learn that the aim of the federal government is our extinction, past and present.

For now I hope and pray our people will one day thrive as a truly sovereign nation, but we won't be able to do this until our counsel starts working for us, as a people.

"Divide and Conquer" is an age old strategy of war, with the ultimate goal of destruction; and we're doing it to ourselves.

R.B.Marchand
Aberdeen, WA

FAREWELLS

IN LOVING MEMORY

Larry Thomas DOB 12/21/51-DOD: 7/27/10
Clifford Thomas, SR DOB 02/27/58 - DOD: 07/26/10

We would like to give thanks to the many people who came to help and support our families through the tragic losses of our loved ones, Larry and Clifford Thomas, Sr. Their passing within a very short period, made for a very trying time for us.

Thank you father Jake for the service, Tim Brooks for the dressing ceremony, the many cooks, the grave diggers, the deer meat driers, Conrad Jim and Linda Simpson for the use of their vehicles to transport, and any and every one else who came to show their support in out time of need.

Larry, our beloved brother, uncle, grandpa and friend, and Clifford Sr., our beloved father, brother, uncle, grandpa, and friend, will be missed dearly. Our families were very close and we were all very protective over them.

Again thank you very much for you support!

The families of
Larry and Clifford Thomas.

RON JANE 1941-2010

I would like to write about my good friend that just left us. RJ, as we knew him, had been very active coaching young boys and girls in the Omak community for many years.

So many young men and women can remember how he spent so many hours at the Omak Community Center coaching them. I can really support an effort to name the Omak Community Center in honor of his dedicated service to his community. I don't think he ever thought that his job of coaching had that much of an impact on Omak youth.

RJ and I traveled many miles together. We went to the Pendleton Round-up for many years. We went to the Class 'A' tournaments in Yakima. We went to the Class 'B' tournaments in Spokane. We went to the White Swan Rodeo, we went to Joseph, Oregon. We went to the big tournaments in Wapato just about every year, just to watch the young athletes compete. Even when he had to travel to Wenatchee for his chemotherapy I volunteered to drive him there. We had a lot of time to talk about different subjects and life in general.

The thing I would really like to commend him on is his dedication to his country. RJ was a Veteran. RJ served in the United States Army and was an Airborne Ranger. He never really bragged about his service but was also very proud of his brother, Charlie, who was also in the Army. Charlie won the Bronze Star.

Many of us know the suffering RJ went through and know that he suffers no more. He will be missed but we know that good times we had with him will never be forgotten. RJ never ever complained about the hand he was dealt, but tried to do the best he could always. I want to thank the young people who showed their loyalty and love for RJ during this trying time. To the young ladies who cared for him during the last week, thank you. I will miss my buddy but know that he is a better place now, with his relatives and loved ones. Thanks for the long haul, Bud. Rest in Peace.

Soy Redthunder, Nespelem

HENRY "HANK" GEORGE CATE II

Henry "Hank" George Cate II was born on Dec. 10, 1960, in Omak Wash. He passed away on Dec. 30, 2010, near Kartar. He was the first born son of Leroy Cate Sr. and Bernice (Dick) Cate.

Hank spent a few short months with his big sister, Julie, before his parents gave him his little sister, Norma, to bully. They didn't stop there because bam, bam, bam along came Leroy, Rodger and Kenny.

He spent his whole life in Washington state on the Colville Reservation, except for a short stint in California. He attended school at St. Mary's Mission until he escaped to Omak High School.

Hank was involved in junior rodeo, baseball, basketball and football. He won grand champion at the Omak Stampede parade for youth dressed in regalia.

Hank spent his youth riding horses, camping, fishing, hunting, swimming, and breaking some hearts. He had his first son, Jobe, with Jennifer Bussler. But he then met the love of his life Brenda Baker and along came their children, Alex, Amber and Josh. They all lived in East Omak at numerous places.

Hank spent his life working in the woods as a logger. Then as a self-employed wood cutter. He made his final home at Haley Creek with Brenda and kids, it was the greatest place he ever lived.

He kept in constant contact with his children and parents.

Hank loved his job mostly because he was the boss, but also because his office was always changing, never the same every day. He worked with his dad, his brothers, his children and a bunch of young men needing his teaching.

When he wasn't working or broke down he made his rounds. If he wasn't at his parents, he was driving around the reservation visiting friends.

He extended his family by adding youth and adults in need. He taught a lot of young people great work skills and ethics. Hank always said, "I only judge people by two things. How hard you work and how you raise your children".

He took his boys and other kids all over for bull riding and helped train their horses for the Suicide race.

Hank spent a lifetime of camping from youth up until his last summer at Gold Lake with all his family, parents, and sibling's families. All his friends and relatives spent months at this camp making memories to last.

He always said he would probably die in his wood truck and true to his good word, that is how he went.

He was an honest loving man, with a great big heart. He shared many stories and made people laugh, spread some b.s. and taught many lessons. He gave his opinions and worked hard his whole life.

He had a great life and loved his time here, he will be missed by all!

Hank leaves behind him all of his siblings; and both of his parents; his wife, Brenda; and children, Jobe, Alex, Amber, Josh, Jarae and Katie. He also left behind his grandkids to carry on his name, Brandon, Cameron "Chompy", Christopher, Kayden, Journey, Talon, Logan, Peyton and Cylis; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He left this world to join grandpa, Henry George Cate I, grandpa, Alec Dick, grandma, Julianne Dick, foster brother, Frank Buckner Sr., first cousin, Carolyn Dick, niece, Shannon Clark, daughter-in law, Rosanna Gallaher Cate, father-in-law, Perry Baker, and mother-in-law, Patricia Baker.

Precht-Harrison-Nearents Chapel was entrusted with arrangements.



"NANA'S MIRACLE BABY"

I am very happy and proud to announce the birth of my "GRANDSON and MIRACLE BABY," Michael Anthony Hall, Jr. His loving parents are; Michael "Tony" Sr., and Regina "G" Hall. NANA's "Little Man," joins his two sisters, Karmis "Cookie" and Allisah "Jo-Jo" Hall.

I was lucky and fortunate to have been with Gina, when Baby Michael was born, "premature" by an emergency C-Section on November 5, 2010 at 3:06 pm at Deaconess Hospital, Spokane, Wash. After his birth, he was whisked away and immediately he was put on life support, then taken to the, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

As of today, 12/13/10, Baby Michael is still at Deaconess, as well as his parents and sister - Karmisa. For those of you that don't know Baby Michael's family. His Paternal Grandparents are: the late Michael "Wick" F. Hall, Jr., Donald "Dune" Cleveland, Sr., Celia (um Sally) Jo and Jose Rojas.

Maternal Grandparents are; Perry and Barbara Wickenhagen and Gene Haworth.

Paternal Great Grandparents are; the late Michael F. Hall, Sr, Lila and Ducky Friedlander, the late Clayton and Helen Williams, the late Ned Cleveland, and Inez Andrews-Cleveland, Seattle. Maternal Great Grandfather is, George Daniels.

Baby Michael is a fighter, just like his Grandpa, Mike "Wick," Jr. and his dad, Michael "Tony," Sr.

I'd like to express my, "Thanks and Gratitude," to those that are helping Michael and Gina.

Starting with those from the TANF program, they know who they are. "Sean" from SOCIAL SERVICES, he went way and beyond to help my kids. Thanks so much Sean! And Kyle Davis, from Les Schwab for getting my kids safely back on the road. There aren't enough words to describe what a wonderful person you are.

Thanks to the Church out there in Spokane, for including my kids during Thanksgiving, the Ronald

McDonald House for taking my kids out of the cold and giving them a warm place to stay.

Thanks to my friend: VICKIE," at the Brewster Post Office, for putting my kids in their "Prayer Circle."

And, thanks to those of you, for your thoughts, well wishes, but most of all, "YOUR PRAYERS." Cause, "Medical Technology" only goes so far, and the rest is, "Our Creator and God."

Baby Michael has a long way to go, one of his many doctors said that, he will be disabled, because of a hear defect. So, please continue to keep him in your prayers.

LEM LEM,
Sincerely,
Celia Jo Rojas

Lakes People

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untrue and harmful. Historians, ethnographers, and our elders tell us the opposite—the Lakes are not extinct and have never been extinct. We refuse to buy into Bob's group's distorted take on history.

Bob's group has achieved no victories in the Canadian Courts on behalf of the Lakes.

Despite their assertions, Bob's group has achieved no court victories in Canada and will not achieve any in the future because it is not a Nation that is capable of being recognized as having rights under the Canadian constitution. In fact, the only victory for the Lakes came about by the efforts and financial support of the Colville Tribes when the Tribes intervened in the Robert Watt case and had extinguishment finding overturned in the appellate court. Since the Colville Tribes has chosen not to pay for any more of Bob's group's litigation, they are now angry.

Bob's group cannot bring a proper case in Canada.

In addition to Nationhood, bringing an aboriginal rights and title case in Canada requires great resources. Expert witnesses, lawyers, and case preparation require money and structures that Bob's group simply does not and will never have. Only the Colville Tribes and its Arrow Lakes Society can advance and protect Lakes interests on behalf of all Lakes people.

Bob's group's belittlement of Jim Boyd is offensive.

The Colville Business Council takes great offense at Bob's assertions about Jim Boyd, our Arrow Lakes Facilitator. It goes without saying that Jim is one of our most prominent Lakes people and a direct descendent of the Christian family.

The Colville Business Council's Arrow Lakes Aboriginal Society hired Jim after following a lengthy application and interview process. We sought an individual with a strong public presence that is well networked into the Lakes community.

We found that in Jim. He provides a valuable service to the Lakes people, facilitating our efforts while educating the public on the Lakes people. He has promoted Lakes interests through his music and traveling, long before he was hired by the Tribes. Calling him "ignorant" and "unqualified" is simply unacceptable to us, and we are convinced that you, the Lakes people, agree. Bob's group claims to speak for the Lakes, yet threatens and attacks other Lakes people. These are not qualities of any leader, self appointed or not.

We are aware that some may be attracted to Bob's group's radicalism. Our people have had a long history of being oppressed by the colonizers and it can be tempting to take a radical approach to fight back. However, we are at a very important time in the history of the Lakes people. The Colville Tribes is not going to let this moment pass us by. We are being responsibly aggressive and systematic in our protecting and promoting of Lakes interests in both Canada and the U.S.

Colonizers have always sought to divide and conquer us. We must not allow it. And certainly we can't allow a few self appointees derail our efforts. Our survival and continued existence requires us to stick together, unified in our progress forward. We have a very difficult fight ahead of us that must be fought in the right way with the right resources. Very simply, Bob's group cannot do this. Bob's group does not have the expertise, resources, or support of the Lakes people to fight the fight. Moreover, we are not going to sit back and let a small group of individuals ruin the Lakes interests in Canada forever. The stakes are just too high.

We recognize that Bob's group has made contributions to the Lakes' cause. However, despite our efforts to reach out to them, they refuse to cooperate with the Tribes. Therefore, we are forced to promote and defend Lakes interests without them.

You have elected us to push

Response to Harvey Moses

Hello my name is Myles Manthey a humble inmate of the ltcf. I read the Tribal Tribune and noticed that you wrote if we were to have a percapita instead of you 14 guys we would get \$81.81 enough to get whatever instead we fill all of your pockets with \$24.00 an hour even on the days you guys have absolutely nothing going on. We also pay for your leisurely trips to places you guys go for no benefit maybe for site seeing and a free dinner from the tribe. Also I understand you guys get a very generous lump sum of money for the entire trip hotel, food, gas etc. and the

rest goes for pocket money. I wonder why we don't we have an accountant watching you guys. \$81.81x10,000 members you guys sure get a lot of money. You got to think out of your own benefit and think of the tribe a lot of us are in a bad way with alcohol and drug addictions. We need a clean and sobor living facility even if we have to lower your guys wages from \$24.00 to \$15.00 dollars an hour. Please help us. Please keep this in mind when meetings are canceled and theres nothing to do but take my \$81.81.

Myles Manthey

Nanamkin Award

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honored Native American Traditions and values to educate youth to understand the difference between safe fire and unsafe fire.

Jim has used his expertise as a lead investigator to identify the cause of all types of fire starts. These include arson fires, equipment fires, children playing with matches and those started by juvenile fire setters. It also includes identifying timber and fire trespass issues. He has taught FI-210 in California, Washington, Arizona, New Mexico, South Dakota, Minnesota, North Dakota and Oklahoma.

He has made the most of the WeTip Arson Reporting Hotline and encourages community members to consider the availability of the WeTip Hotline as a method to report crimes. Jim has been able to use the WeTip information along with

data collected at the fire scene to determine the individuals involved in the fire starts. The information provided to WeTip by community members demonstrates support, and can provide valuable leads to the investigation teams. This collaboration between Tribal Council, Community Members, the Fire Investigator and Law Enforcement leads to a successful wildland fire investigation.

WeTip is about getting results; local people can report criminal activity, and continue to remain in their communities, safe from retaliation.

Article submitted by:

Soledad Holguin, Wildland Fire Prevention Specialist
Bureau of Indian Affairs/ Pacific Region

forward and fight for all our rights and title throughout our traditional homelands, which without question includes Lakes territory in Canada. We will not permit a self-appointed rogue group that you did not elect ruin it for the rest of us.

By pushing forward with Rick Desautel's case and other initiatives, we are poised to bring about proper recognition of the Lakes in Canada.

Help us be a part of it.

Lim Limpt,
Michael Finley



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LEGAL NOTICES

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Pursuant to Colville Tribal Code §2-2-71

Colville Tribal Credit Corporation, a lending institution wholly-owned by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation,

Plaintiff, vs. Juleah Buckner, Karen Jim, Does 1-20

Claiming any right, title, estate, lien or

interest in the real estate or secured interest described in the complaint

Defendants Case No. CV-CD-2010-33233

To Defendants:

A lawsuit has been filed against you in the above-mentioned Court by Colville Tribal Credit Corporation. In order to defend against this lawsuit you must answer the complaint by stating your defense in writing and filing it by mail or in person upon the Attorney for Plaintiff, David D. Shaw, at the office below stated. If you fail to do this within thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication of this Summons, a default judgment may be entered against you. A default judgment is one where the plaintiff is entitled to what it is asking for in the complaint because you have not answered the complaint in writing.

The complaint has been filed in an attempt to collect a promissory note, and additional security interest. Colville Tribal Credit Corporation is requesting that the Court enter judgment against you for principal balance together with interest accrued at the rate of 8.45% per annum; late fees, spokesperson fees, costs and disbursements; that the judgment bear interest at 8.45% per annum from the date of judgment; that in the event of nonpayment of judgment, execution may be issued for payment of any judgment; any further spokesperson fees, collection costs and cost of further court proceedings for the execution of any judgment entered in this action; that your tribal per capita payments be withheld to satisfy any judgment; that if you are employed by the Colville Tribe, that 25% of your tribal wages or salary or \$50.00 whichever is less be withheld to satisfy any judgment; that you shall

be required to make payments on any judgment entered; and any other and further relief as the Court may deem to be just and equitable.

David D. Shaw
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503.221.4260 (tel)
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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Pursuant to Colville Tribal Code §2-2-71

Colville Tribal Credit Corporation, a lending institution wholly-owned by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation,

Plaintiff, vs. Patricia L. Brooks, Does 1-20

Claiming any right, title, estate, lien or

interest in the real estate or secured interest described in the complaint

Defendants Case No. CV-CD-2010-33286

To Defendants:

A lawsuit has been filed against you in the above-mentioned Court by Colville Tribal Credit Corporation. In order to defend against this lawsuit you must answer the complaint by stating your defense in writing and filing it by mail or in person upon the Attorney for Plaintiff, David D. Shaw, at the office below stated. If you fail to do this within thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication of this Summons, a default judgment may be entered against you. A default judgment is one where the plaintiff is entitled to what it is asking for in the complaint because you have not answered the complaint in writing.

The complaint has been filed in an attempt to collect a promissory note, and additional security interest. Colville Tribal Credit Corporation is requesting that the Court enter judgment against you for principal balance together with interest accrued at the rate of 9.74% per annum; late fees, spokesperson fees, costs and disbursements; that the judgment bear interest at 9.74% per annum from the date of judgment; that in the event of nonpayment of judgment, execution may be issued for payment of

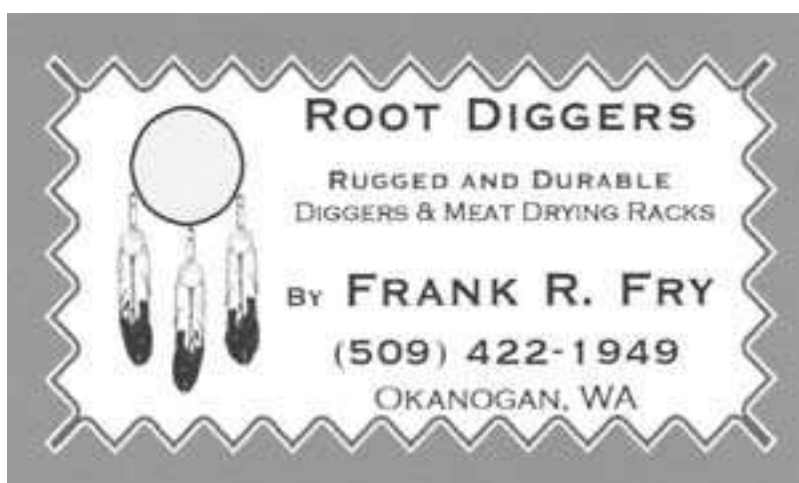
any judgment; any further spokesperson fees, collection costs and cost of further court proceedings for the execution of any judgment entered in this action; that your tribal per capita payments be withheld to satisfy any judgment; that if you are employed by the Colville Tribe, that 25% of your tribal wages or salary or \$50.00 whichever is less be withheld to satisfy any judgment; that you shall be required to make payments on any judgment entered; and any other and further relief as the Court may deem to be just and equitable.
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A.A. MEETING @ AGENCY

West Wing by Tribal College, HRD Building -- QED Classroom
Every Thursday from 4:30PM to 5:30PM
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A.A. MEETINGS @ KELLER

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Colville Tribes Domestic Violence Program

My name is Dianne Sutton-Mellon, I am the newly hired Domestic Violence Advocate for The Colville Tribes Domestic Violence Program, I can be reached by calling 631-1270.

Stalking is a serious and pervasive crime that affects millions of Americans each year in communities throughout our country. Though we

have gained a better understanding of stalking and its prevalence since the passage of the Violence Against Women Act in 1994, this dangerous and criminal behavior is still often mischaracterized as harmless. During Stalking Awareness Month, we acknowledge the seriousness of stalking, we recognize its impact on victims, and we recommit to reducing its incidence.

January is

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