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Disautel Residents Get Phone Service

By Cary Rosenbaum II
After 12 years of developing the idea of connecting Disautel residents to the outside world via phone service, the project has recently been completed thanks to the help of the Colville Tribal Information Technology Department, CCT Planning, Qwest, Nespelem Valley Electric Co-Op, and a few other helping hands.

miss up there,” Telecom Technician Jimmy Jackson said. “A lot of them had to go stand in their yards just to get service. The importance of the elders, some are disabled.”

Originally, Palmer met with the residents to see what their needs were and came to the conclusion that they all needed emergency services. Following that, Palmer said Qwest was contacted to try to extend their copper facilities (phone lines) another five miles out from their original demarcation point.

When the project was first envisioned, Palmer took liberty to apply for a Five Star Grant, which was issued to the project. “It was a 1992 presidential initiative to empower distressed communities through economic development and seed money,” she said. “They contributed \$10,000 believed dollars to the project.”

“It’s kind of hard for people on the outside to push projects like this because they don’t know where to go,” Palmer added. “We drafted a

The project was crucial for tribal members of the area to have emergency services in case any scenario was to arise.

“We’ve had 13 residences in the Disautel area that live on tribal allotments,” said Pete Palmer, who originally started the project in 1996. “They didn’t have any communications with the outside world or emergency services.”

“For safety issues, to get service up to residents was needed,” Telecom Lead Ron Engeseth said. “In talking with one of the residents, there were a couple bears in the area. Her kids were coming home from school and there was no way to call out and warn anyone for the bears.”

And cell phone service is “Hit or

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CAN YOU HERE ME NOW?--Disautel residents finally have phone service thanks to the hard work of these local agencies and individuals above. Pictured are members from local agencies (Tribal and Non-Tribal) who collaborated to complete the project: (L to R) Anne Stensgar, Telecom Manager; Bill Bond, Qwest Technician; Bob Oliver, Qwest Technician; Pete Palmer, Planning (5 Star); Ron Engeseth, CCT Telecom Engineer; Cato Stensgar, CCT Telecom Technician; Steve Muehlhausen, Qwest Technician; Jimmy Jackson, CCT Telecom Technician. Not pictured is Nespelem Valley Electric who allowed the use of their poles to hang copper and fiber and bore conduit under the creek for the ground portion of the project free of charge and without monthly service fees.

Four year terms for Tribal Council

To All Interested Colville Tribal Members

The Elections committee has authorized a grassroots effort to move this issue forward. I know this issue has been around for many years and has never been put to a vote of the Membership. A Colville Tribal Constitutional amendment would have to be approved by the Membership for longer terms to go into effect. We would also need a transitional plan approved as well.

We are looking for Volunteers to gather data and put the information out to the General Membership.

Once the core group is established, they will carry the issue forward from that point. We foresee several informational meetings across the Rez and other areas within the state. Our tentative schedule is a November Referendum Vote.

Interested Tribal Members can call our Election Office at (509) 634- 2221.

John F Stensgar, Chairman
Colville Tribal Elections Committee

Statement of Colville Tribes Regarding Termination of ALJ Contracts

NESPELEM, JANUARY 30, 2008—The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, through its Acting Executive Director, recently terminated the contracts of Marla BigBoy and Renee Ewalt, who had been hired as Administrative Law Judges.

The contracts were terminated because the judges simply were not qualified to sit as ALJs, pursuant to the applicable policy and procedures and contract requirements of the Tribes. The Tribes’ Employee Policy Manual, at Section X(E)(5), states specifically that “All ALJs shall be law-trained, and admitted to practice in the State of Washington and the Colville Tribal Courts.” There is no question that one of the judges was not and never has been admitted to practice in the State of Washington and that the other judge, while admitted to practice by the state, was not admitted to the Colville Tribal Court.

This policy requirement has been

in effect for several years. The ALJs were hired in 2007 by then-Executive Director Martin Bohl. Unfortunately, Mr. Bohl did not inform the Business Council that the judges were being hired despite the fact that they did not meet applicable requirements to sit as judges and would be ruling on cases based upon the very policies and procedures whose requirements they themselves did not meet. As soon as this matter came before Colville Business Council and the Acting Executive Director, Dan Brudevold, who had been delegated the ED’s duties in the absence of Acting ED Carleen Anderson, Mr. Brudevold took the appropriate action to terminate the contracts.

The cases which would have been heard by either of the ALJs are being transferred as quickly as possible to other ALJs who are qualified to hear them. In addition, the Tribes is in the process of recruiting qualified persons to sit as ALJs for the Tribes.

Three Tribal Members Receive National Honors

National IHS Exceptional Performance Award presented to Yvonne L. Misiaszek, CEO, Colville Service Unit



COLVILLE IHS CEO HONORED--Inchelium District Councilman Doug Seymour presents Yvonne Misiaszek with a Certificate of Appreciation for Exemplary Performance in recognition of her receiving the IHS National Council’s CEO Award for Exceptional Performance.

NESPELEM--The National Council (Clinical Directors, Chief Executive Officers, Chief Medical Officers, Oral Health, and Nurse Consultants) convened in San Diego, California, for the annual meeting of the IHS National Combined Councils (NCC) on February 3 - 8, 2008.

There are approximately 150 Service Units across the United States and out of those there were three nominees up for National CEO Awards, one of which was Yvonne Misiaszek.

The Colville Business Council along with family, friends and colleagues gathered in Council Chambers, February 21, 2008, to honor Yvonne L. Misiaszek, who received the Exceptional Performance Award from the National Council of Chief Executive Officers, for her leadership, successes, and improvements which equate to improved and enhanced care.

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Sheilah Cleveland Recognized with the 477 Eagle Award

RENO, NV--Dr. Robert Middleton, Director, of the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, spoke during the 477 National Conference Awards Luncheon, about individuals who have helped make the 477 program a “Demonstrated success.”

The 477 National Conference Awards Banquet was held in Reno, Nevada, on October 30, 2007.

“During the 15 years since passage of Pub. L. 102-477 we have provided little recognition to the tribes,” admitted Middleton. “All of you that have participated – have made this initiative successful. Today I would like to honor some of the tribes that have made outstanding contributions to the success of 477.”

Sheilah Cleveland, Program Manager for the Colville Tribes Employment & Training Program at that time, was the recipient of the



“Eagle Award.”
“The Eagle Award is a special award. I would like to present this

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Andy Joseph, Jr. Receives Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board Delegate of the Year

PORTLAND, OR -- Congratulations to Andy Joseph, Jr. of the Confederated Tribes of Colville for being elected the 2007 Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board Delegate of the Year Award for the second time. His previous award was in 2005. Andy has served as the Colville Delegate to the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) since September 2003.

Andy has served on the Colville Business Council since July, 2003 representing the Nespelem District and is the Chair of the Colville Health and Human Services Committee.

Mr. Joseph’s service to NPAIHB has been invaluable as he is becoming recognized as an expert in Indian

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GRAND ENTRY--The Groundhog’s Day Pow-wow was held February 1-2, at the Nespelem Community Center. Lead ing the way during grand entry on the final day of competition were: (L to R) L.C. StandingBrave, Lenny Friedlander and David BrownEagle. The Groundhog’s Day Pow-wow is sponsored by the Nespelem Drum & Feather Club. Pow-wow photos and results are listed on page 11. (Cary Rosenbaum II Photo)

Its Tribal

By Virgil Seymour

People of Inchelium
I must apologize for the lack of communications. Things have been moving so fast within the tribal organization that it's hard to break away from regularly scheduled meetings or appointments and find the time to keep up with my duties to keep everyone informed. These are duties I don't take lightly but I ask your forgiveness for taking so long.

First of all I would like to acknowledge the loss of not only a colleague but a dear friend and mentor; Gail DeLaCruz. The tribe as a whole lost a "Great Leader" in Gail. Gail was working on a long list of projects for the tribe and I for one am going to do my best to make sure these projects survive to fruition.

One of the main projects was our tribal budget. A lot of time and effort went into our budgets this year. By our Accounting staff and Tribal Council who showed up to these meetings. These meetings were all announced before hand so everyone would have the opportunity to attend, if they saw fit. I want to make one thing clear, our budget problems are real and if we, as your council and as a tribe do not treat the situation as a crisis we run the risk of putting

our existence as we know ourselves today in serious jeopardy. The signs have been there for 10 years; during this time frame we had a healthy General Fund so we threw money at our problems instead of fixing them. This puts everything off for another year, until the next budget cycle. Now we are out of money and it's high time to start fixing the problems.

I know there is a lot of unrest going on about our reorganization, but I believe the majority of Tribal members are behind the move for change. You as Tribal members have seen the signs and wonder why it has taken this long to do something. I would caution all Tribal people to beware of all the misinformation out there including the local newspapers. Some are more interested in selling newspapers than they are in verifying stories or digging for the real truth.

More of the misinformation or just misunderstanding comes from the distribution of our per capita payments. The membership receives these payments from stumpage. Stumpage is what the tribe gets in return for the logs that are harvested from our reservation. Ten percent (10%) of the stumpage goes to BIA

for all the compliance items that come from a logging sale. This includes but is not limited to proper scaling, thinning, lop and scatter, piling, burning, and planting. The membership receives 100% of what is left over in the form of per capita payments. The Council uses none of this in our budgets. Due to the timber market being so low we have had to supplement these payments with money from our General Fund. We can no longer afford to do this anymore because of the budget crisis. So we haven't taken any money from per capitas, we just didn't add money from the General Fund to get them up to the usual \$500. In the future when the market is better we hope we can have \$500 or more for our per capitas.

As far as the Wells Dam settlement goes, I have explained it once but would be more than happy to do it again. The first payment we got out of this settlement was a big one because it was the initial payment and because we could distribute it tax free. We were able to do this because of a onetime deal that the Council at that time had set up with Ross Swimmer who is the Head of Office of Special Trust. By running that money through their account we were able to keep the trust identity of the money. Since the negotiations for the Wells Dam happened before I got into Council I don't really understand why the money from this settlement does not have the same trust status as the money from our Coulee Dam claims, but it doesn't. This means the rest of the payments are considered reportable income. Taxes can be levied against it and it also means the extra income could put Elders and our most needy people over the income limit for services the Tribe and the Federal Government sponsor. Looking at this the Council thought that the money would be better served if we divided it into three separate accounts; 1. Youth and Elders, 2. Education, and 3. Land Purchases. I know there are people out there who would rather have money no matter how much it was taxed. Money is money right. Well as Tribal members we all benefit from the Land Purchase account because we are buying back land that would otherwise leave trust status and possibly be gone forever. As Tribal members most of us have loved ones who will benefit from the other two if not ourselves, either

directly or indirectly. It all goes back to what I said earlier we are in a financial crisis.

Now that I have touched on some of the major issues that are circulating throughout our reservation, I would like to talk about certain projects I've been working on. I know Council travel is in a lot of the members' minds. This was a major campaign concern/issue for me and what I proposed was to put the individual Councils' travel in the paper and list each Council persons' travel costs. By doing this it is fulfilling your request for Council to be accountable to the people on their travel expenditures. At the time of writing my letter I have the informal approval of the Council to report their travel in the paper. The format I'm interested in is simple; list the name of the individual, where they went, the reason for travel, how many days, and last but not least the cost of the trip. This way the members will be more informed and able to address their concerns more directly. I said informal approval because there was no resolution on this. All the approval was voluntarily given. We may have to go through a more formal process later. I would like to say Council has no say on the numbers unless they can prove it to be accurate. These numbers come straight from the books and are submitted to each Council member for their review.

I have been involved with the case against Teck Cominco brought by two former Council members; Joe Pakootas and D.R. Michel. The Tribe is trying to make TCM (Teck Cominco) responsible for the millions of tons of toxic mining slag that has been dumped into the Columbia north of the border. This flows into Lake Roosevelt and affects our fish our plant and root gathering and could have ties to wildlife and human health. The case made it to the Supreme Court where they denied CERT, which allows the case to revert to the lower courts. This was in effect a victory for the Tribes because we already won in the lower courts. We are still having trouble with the Remedial Investigative Feasibility Study (RIFS) that Teck Cominco has been ordered to perform. The problem stems from the fact that without our involvement EPA cut a deal with Teck Cominco. We the Tribe was by passed in this process, we have no say in how the RIFS

is done. We think Teck Cominco is bullying the EPA into allowing them to perform a sub-standard RIFS which we believe will not turn up important contamination evidence and let Teck Cominco off the hook for the type of clean up and mitigation that our river deserves. I will continue to be involved with this case and keep you updated as it progresses.

I'm sorry but I am coming to the deadline for the paper so I will have to cut this short. I do have a lot

more to report so I will be back next edition. I would like to say in closing that I firmly believe we are going in the right direction. I will stand behind my decisions up to this point. What is needed now is a permanent Executive Director to help keep our direction a more positive one. As of right now as a Council we have our choice. By the time of this printing everyone should know and hopefully all negotiations finalized.

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Virgil J. Seymour

Indian Country

By Michael E. Marchand

There are so many issues going on within the tribe and throughout the country that it would take about a hundred page report each month just to touch on them. The tribe is very big and very complex, and so are the issues relating to the tribe's interests.

Affiliated Tribes of NW Indians Conference:

I just returned from the Affiliated Tribes of NW Indians Conference, which was held in Yakima this last week. There were many issues ranging from reorganization of the BIA, to federal funding, to protection of tribal sovereignty, and many other things that affect our interests, incomes, jobs, culture, and our future. Many of the jobs that we take for granted here within the tribe are actually funded by federal dollars. Sometimes these are BIA dollars that we contract for such as Enrollment, or other functions. Sometimes the programs are funded by other Federal agencies. Sometimes, the program may appear to be funded by either the state or by private foundations, but if you look at the trail of money, then you will find that these are often funded by the Federal government also. So, these Federal appropriations and legislation amount to millions of dollars and hundreds of jobs to us here at the reservation level. Also, these dollars offset tribal dollars, because we would otherwise have to use tribal dollars to pay for these services. If we had to pay for everything, it could jeopardize per capitas, jobs, and services.

This all means that we need to have good federal support. We need to maintain strong relations with the Congress, with the agencies, and with our neighbors. It would be a big mistake to just sit here at home and lose out on everything. We also need to elect people into these national offices that will help us. It is important for each and every tribal member to vote. It makes a difference. If we don't vote, these leaders will say that they don't need to worry about us, since we don't even bother to vote anyway. If you are not registered to vote, you need to register. We did get rid of Slade Gorton and we put Maria Cantwell into office, and we were also the difference in getting Governor Gregoire into office also. Make sure you vote.

At ATNI, I am also the First Vice-President of the ATNI, and am also the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, and am also the President of the ATNI Economic Development Corporation and also the President of the ATNI Financial Services Corporation. At this conference, the membership also appointed me to be on the newly developed policy think tank, which is a major appointment. All of these positions are key positions, which put me in a good position to help the Colville Tribe now and in the future. We basically set the national

agenda. When Congress wants to hear from Indians they talk to the officers of these organizations. It is very important to keep our tribe strong in these organizations, for if we don't, then other tribes will step in and they will take what they can for their tribes.

ATNI is one of the important forces to protect tribal sovereignty. Our sovereignty comes under attack everyday. Sovereignty makes things like casinos possible.

There were hundreds of issues being dealt with by ATNI meetings, everything from protecting graves, to health care, veteran's services, highway funding, education, dealing with meth problems, natural resource issues, IRS taxation, international treaties, and so forth.

One of the big issues now is global warming and you might think what does this mean to us, aside from the climate issues themselves, which are significant. But one of the issues is carbon credits. Scientists have found that forests naturally take carbon out of the air, which is one of the causes of global warming. So, at an international level, schemes are being developed which would have the big polluters of industry pay people for having forests. So, if this area of policy development continues like it is, our forests may have an environmental carbon credit value just for having the forest. This all takes place at an international level, so we need to be involved or else we risk the danger of being left out or in getting exploited. If things work out right, it may be that our forests have a greater value to the world in saving us from global warming. Right now, we only make revenue when we cut the forest down. Carbon credits would allow us to get paid every year. But to develop this system will likely take some time and someone will have to negotiate these policies at an international level, it will take staffing from resource and legal people to pull this off. The Quinault Nation is taking the lead in this issue and we are forming a working group with them to implement these ideas for the future.

Many of our issues are international now. We still have border crossing issues and we still have legal claims to territories and rights in Canada for the Okanogans and for the Arrow Lakes peoples. The Colville Tribes originally came from lands throughout Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Canada. We still have important issues in these regions. Many of the policies that affect us come from Washington DC and from Ottawa also in Canada. This means we need to be there meeting with these decision makers in order to protect our interests. Our tribe needs to be involved and we need to take leadership on these issues to ensure that our interests and rights are protected. We cannot afford to just sit at home and get ignored.

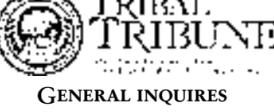
District Election Board Members Needed

The Election Office is in need of interested Tribal Members to work as District Election Board Members during the up coming Colville Business Council Primary and General Election. If you are 18 years of age and an active voter in your district, call the Election Office to request the forms required to be considered.

If you have any questions or would like more information, you can contact me at (509) 634-2221. Thank you in advance for your interest in the Tribal Election process. Niki Wippel, Election Administrator.




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Nissen Report

By Brian Nissen

Minors Per Capitas Distribution Update

Dear Tribal Members:
Recently I've received a number of questions regarding Grand Coulee Dam Settlement per capitas. As you know, the Bonneville Power Administration makes annual Settlement Agreement payments through the Department of Energy directly to the Colville Tribes. The Tribes then issues per capitas to its members from this payment.

Questions have arisen about the transfer of Minors Per Capitas to the Office of Special Trustee in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Colville Business Council recently passed a resolution to assure that the minors accounts will receive their payments.

I'll start with the bottom line: all minors will receive their per capita payments at the same time as other per capitas are issued. Payments are scheduled to be issued on March 24, 2008.

In the past, the Office of Special Trustee has refused to take the Minors Per Capitas from the dam settlement payment made to the Tribes. Because of this, the Colville Tribes used a funding mechanism that paid Minors Per Capitas at OST from the Tribes' general reserves fund. That same amount was returned to the reserves

when the settlement payment was received by the Tribes. This extra accounting step was required because although OST would not accept the dam settlement money, it would accept general reserve funds for the minors' accounts.

We are unable to use this process this year because we are in a serious financial situation—we simply do not have enough money in reserves. The total of all Minors Per Capitas will be about \$3.2 million. In the past, this entire amount was available in our general reserve fund. As the Council has stated in the past, our reserves are depleted.

Several members of the Council will be in Washington, DC, next week, to meet with OST and BIA officials to resolve this matter. In any case, all tribal members will receive their per capita payments at the same time. Minors Per Capitas will either be paid to OST directly from the settlement money or through another funding source to be repaid by the settlement money.

I hope that this answers some of your questions. Please call me at 634-2212 if you want to talk more about this.

Brian Nissen, Chairman
Management & Budget Committee

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benchmark that reflected who the partners were and tasks that would lead us to the completion of the project.”

After the project stretched out for longer than expected, it was taken into new hands.

“Before we were asking ‘why can’t we do this?’” said Oliver. “With Anne Stensgar, Telecom Manager we were asking, ‘How can we do this?’”

CCT IT, Qwest, Nespelem Valley Co-Op, Planning, and CCT Administration collaborated to come up with a new plan to, at a minimum, get voice services to the now 14 residents; as well as, plan for the future by laying fiber to each resident along with the copper cable for both voice and data services.

“Over the years the project was turned over to the I.T. Department,” Palmer said. “They were finally able to get the project underway.”

“When Anne Stensgar, Telecom Manager, took the reigns, the project finally began accelerating again.”

“It was basically a team decision at the time to move forward with voice communications,” Stensgar said. “but lay the fiber for future broadband services to the residents based on my engineers’ and technicians’ recommendation of what they felt they could accomplish this year.”

“When we were directed to turn the project over to the IT department, they grafted other dollars from economic development to further the project and extend Qwest’s lines into the no zone tariff,” Palmer added.

“Before people were looking at it like ‘why we can’t do it?’” Qwest Technician Bob Oliver said. “With Anne, people were looking at it like, ‘How can we do this?’”

In working with Qwest, Stensgar reviewed the phone costs and reductions, according to Representative Jeff Rask. “We were working on those things for a while when she said, ‘What about these people that have never had phone service.’ I didn’t know whose franchise area that’s in, but it turned out to be in an area that doesn’t belong to a phone company.”

“I then talked with the outside plant engineer: ‘Can we get our cable presence out to the last mile?’” Rask added. “During the summer, we placed the cable and reinforced our cable.”

It was at this point that a joint effort was needed from Qwest and Telecom Engineer Ron Engeseth, Nespelem Co-Op Line Superintendent Bob Poch and Telecom Technicians Jimmy Jackson and Cato Stensgar in plowing, attaching lines, and connecting for service.

“It went pretty smooth,” Engeseth said. “We worked with Qwest and the power company, they had to replace the power line they had to replace. The Nespelem Co-Op also allowed us to attach our lines to their poles where there were water issues, at no cost to the Tribes.”

“With the help of Cato and Ron, we did the connections to the house and did the aerial,” said Jackson. “We

had a good crew and were able to train some people along the way.”

“I had no idea that this had been something going on for many, many years,” said Rask “It was a really nice project to provide service to some folks that have never had it.”

“Older residents lived to see the day they had phone,” added Jackson. “That was a bonus when we talked with them.”

Stensgar went on to say that it is community projects such as this that brings a team together. To witness completion of a project that has been pending since 1994 finally come to fruition and completion is extremely rewarding and uplifting.

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“Comments such as this make me grateful that we, CCT IT, Planning, Administration, BIA, Qwest, Nespelem Valley Co-Op, could come together and bridge the communications gap that these people have had to live with for so long.” Stensgar went further to say, “At first it felt as if we’d built a bridge together, now I feel as though we’ve built many bridges; amongst ourselves and with outside entities during the course of this critical and life safety project.”

The only trouble we ran into was when we were plowing new cables in we hit the old cable,” Poch continued. “It took a 10 hour outage to do it and it was unplanned. It put the people up there out of power for a day but they didn’t seem to mind too much.”

Another thing the Disautel residents will not mind is the future is having high speed internet services available to them when the wireless backhaul from Omak to Nespelem is complete and operational.

“Right now we’re completing the new Omak NOC,” Engeseth said. “Then at a later date we will be deploying a wireless shot between Omak Mountain and Keller Butte for broadband services into Nespelem and Disautel so the Tribes will eventually be able to provide both voice and data services.”

“The original plans were to do a wireless shot down there so the residents could get internet,” he added.

Engeseth said he was also responsible for making sure all of the cable got in and everything was set up according to the terms of codes and standards. He also made sure that fiber was put in along with the copper for future broadband services to the residents.

After the project finished, it was the responsibility of the individual homeowner to call Qwest and activate their service, according to Palmer.

“As far as the Disautel Project, just our I.T. in general is heading in the right direction with projects like this,” said Jackson. “We’re looking at more projects in the future too. Other areas as far as down on the river road are being looked at. We’ve got a no tariff zone down there that we might be working on in the future. It definitely wasn’t a one-man show.”

“It’s a bonus for the Tribes to get phone service out in No Man’s Land,” Cato added. “And it’s a bonus for the I.T. Department, showing the capability of what we can accomplish when we work together.”

“It was a great project,” Engeseth concluded. “It’s nice to be able to supply service to an area that couldn’t get it and at a much lower price. We

had a good crew and were able to train some people along the way.”

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After the project finished, it was the responsibility of the individual homeowner to call Qwest and activate their service, according to Palmer.

“As far as the Disautel Project, just our I.T. in general is heading in the right direction with projects like this,” said Jackson. “We’re looking at more projects in the future too. Other areas as far as down on the river road are being looked at. We’ve got a no tariff zone down there that we might be working on in the future. It definitely wasn’t a one-man show.”

“It’s a bonus for the Tribes to get phone service out in No Man’s Land,” Cato added. “And it’s a bonus for the I.T. Department, showing the capability of what we can accomplish when we work together.”

“It was a great project,” Engeseth concluded. “It’s nice to be able to supply service to an area that couldn’t get it and at a much lower price. We

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BLANKET PRESENTATION--The Colville Business Council presented Yvonne Misiaszek with this Pendleton Blanket in recognition of her National IHS CEO Award for Exceptional Performance she received at the IHS National Combined Councils Conference held in San Diego, CA, Feb. 3-8. Pictured: (L to R) Susie Mason, Inchelium District; John Stensgar, Keller District; Yvonne Misiaszek, CEO, IHS Colville Service Unit; Jeanne Jerred, Keller District; Gene Joseph, Nespelem District.

The Business Council presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation for Exemplary Performance and a Pendleton blanket embroidered with the Tribal Seal. They praised her for her hard work, dedication and perseverance and spoke of how proud and honored they were of her for receiving this national award.

“Yvonne Misiaszek has worked long and hard throughout her career. She brought honor to our tribe by not only being nominated but becoming the recipient of the Exceptional Performance Award. She is the first CEO from Colville IHS to receive national recognition,” said John Stensgar, Colville Business Council member.

John represented the Colville Business Council at the National Councils awards ceremony.

Yvonne Misiaszek has been serving as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the IHS Colville Service Unit in Nespelem, Washington, since May, 2003. She has a long list of accomplishments which include a move to the new facility, the implementation of the HR system and the expansion of the Omak Clinic to name a few.

“I am honored to be nationally recognized by my peers. However, it is the Colville Service Unit employees who have made this possible through their commitment and dedication. The Colville Service Unit employees demonstrate a high integrity, sincerity, reliability, and accountability for business and service outcomes. I am proud to be in a place and time to represent this federal service unit, its employees, and the Tribe,” said Misiaszek.

Ms. Misiaszek has an extensive background in management. Prior employment has been with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, the State of Washington and some work in the private sector.

Some former positions have included manager of the Tribal Community Health Program, the Behavioral Health Program, and the Health and Human Services Director. She was the state-wide tribal liaison and co-occurring psychiatric and substance related disorders representative for Washington states’ Mental Health Division.

She provided direct services in and managed mental health, chemical

dependency outpatient and inpatient programs, and child welfare (tribal and state) programs.

Her educational background is a bachelor’s degree from Gonzaga University in Political Science with minors in Business and Philosophy. She attended pre-law courses at the University of New Mexico, and received a Master in Social Work degree from Eastern Washington University.

Ms. Misiaszek has also served as a tribally elected official and chaired the Health & Human Services Committee for two years (formerly known as HEW Committee).

Yvonne is a member of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (Lakes and Quapaw descendency). She is the granddaughter of Barney and Helen Rickard, daughter of Florence Desautel and Norman Boyd, sister to Larry Boyd, Karen LaValle, Linda Palmer, Dennis Boyd, Peggy Boyd, Lester Boyd, Darrel Boyd, and Gerald “Tony” Boyd and the mother of Yalonda St. Pierre, Stephanie Laramie, Michael Misiaszek and Feather Monaghan.

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COLVILLE BUSINESS COUNCIL PRIMARY & GENERAL ELECTION 2008 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 03.....	7:30 a.m.....	OPENING DATE FOR FILING PETITIONS
March 14.....	4:00 p.m.....	CLOSING DATE FOR FILING PETITIONS
March 17.....	9:00 a.m.....	DEADLINE FOR WITHDRAWING PETITIONS
March 17.....	10:00 a.m.....	CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES
(ELECTION COMMITTEE)		
May 02.....	8:00 a.m.....	ORIENTATION OF DISTRICT ELECTION
BOARD MEMBERS		
May 03.....	8:00 a.m.....	PRIMARY ELECTION POLLS OPEN

Polling Places:
Inchelium Sub-Agency
Keller Community Center
Nespelem Community Center
Omak Senior Meal Site

May 03.....	8:00 p.m.....	PRIMARY ELECTION POLLS CLOSE
May 05.....	10:00 a.m.....	CERTIFICATION OF POLL VOTING
May 08.....	10:00 a.m.....	CERTIFICATION OF ABSENTEE VOTING
June 13.....	8:00 a.m.....	ORIENTATION OF DISTRICT ELECTION
BOARD MEMBERS		
June 14.....	8:00 a.m.....	GENERAL ELECTION POLLS OPEN

Polling Places: Same as Primary Election

June 14.....	8:00 p.m.....	GENERAL ELECTION POLLS CLOSE
June 16.....	10:00 a.m.....	CERTIFICATION OF POLL VOTING
June 19.....	10:00 a.m.....	CERTIFICATION OF ABSENTEE VOTING
July 10.....		OATH OF OFFICE

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award to the grantee that demonstrates the characteristics of an Eagle; strong, protective and persistent,” Middleton said. “Over the years, Sheila Cleveland has championed the 477 program like a soaring eagle. Her passion during meetings has inspired those who support Pub. L. 102-477.”

Sheilah was presented with a framed certificate that reads: For Outstanding Service to the 477 Initiative, The Eagle Award is presented to Ms. Sheila Cleveland.

“We would like to recognize our appreciation to Mrs. Cleveland for displaying her strength during hard times, persistence during complicated issues, and protecting the interests and goals of the 477 program,” he continued.

Dr. Middleton said the “477” program is an effective tool for creating jobs, training and educating tribal members and assisting them

in becoming self-sufficient, and promoting economic development. Tribes participating in “477” are more effective in moving people from welfare-to-work and reducing their dependence on public welfare due to the ability of tribes to provide comprehensive consolidated resources.

Public Law 102-477 (usually referred to simply as “477”) is the Indian Employment, Training, and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992. It was recently amended by Public Law 106-568, the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act of 2000. Public Law 102-477 is unique among Federal legislation, in that it allows Federally-recognized tribes and Alaska Native entities to combine formula-funded Federal grants funds which are employment and training-related into a single plan with a single budget and a single reporting system.

CTEC Update

Construction Work Will Soon Begin on \$20 Million Casino Project



CTEC gaming will break ground this spring on its new casino and restaurant which will be built on the Colville Indian Reservation, just off highway 97 near Omak. The casino is expected to be completed by the summer of 2009.

“This is phase one of the overall plan to build this state-of-the-art gaming facility,” said Brian Clark, CTEC board vice-chairman. “Later, we want to add a hotel and convention center.”

The casino plans have been in the works for approximately two years and both the CTEC board and Colville Business Council approved the KeyBank loan to build the casino.

“All our plans will become a reality with the cooperation of these groups and its time for these plans to come to fruition,” said Clark. “It’s exciting to see this all taking place.”

Womer and Associates Inc., an architectural and engineering firm out of Spokane, Washington was hired to do the design work and Colville Tribal Service Corp. (CTSC) will take part in coordinating construction efforts.

According to Randy Williams, CTEC gaming director, the current Okanogan-Bingo Casino (OBC) will be nicely updated. “We will have a few gaming machines in this facility, but we will remodel the Okanogan facility to house bingo which I’m sure our players will enjoy.”

CTEC Board Re-organizes

The Colville Tribal Enterprise Corporation (CTEC) board held their annual elections on January 18, 2008. The executive committee includes John MacClain who was appointed chairman, Brian Clark, vice-chairman, and Conrad Edwards, secretary and treasurer. Joe Pakootas and Mike Marchand fill the other two seats.



John MacCLain,
New CTEC Chairman

“I am honored to be chosen by my fellow board members,” said MacClain. “I would like to see our momentum continue and see this corporation grow while remaining profitable.”

During the meeting, the board set up four additional committees. The audit committee will provide general oversight of the CTEC audit and process, contract activities, certify financial reports and address any related issues. The committee members are Conrad Edwards, John MacClain, Brian Clark and ex-officio members are Lois Wilke, Colville tribal comptroller, and Dennis Lohrman, CTEC director of finance.

The personnel committee will provide oversight to HR and personnel processes, and policies and procedures per CTEC charter, industry standards, tribal law and community mandates. The committee members are Joe Pakootas, John MacClain, Conrad Edwards, Brian Clark, and the ex-officio member is Kary Nichols, CTEC director of corporate support.

The gaming committee will work with the Tribal Gaming Commission, and provide general oversight of gaming operations per federal and tribal laws and regulations, tribal compact and industry standards. This committee includes John MacClain, Mike Marchand, Brian Clark and ex-officio member Randy Williams, CTEC gaming director.

The research and development committee will work with tribal planning and assess project potential and business opportunities and prioritize them, they will evaluate new business opportunities in terms of cost and return on investment. This committee consists of Mike Marchand, Conrad Edwards, Joe Pakootas and Brian Clark. The CEO is considered an ex-officio member to all committees.

“Our goals as a board is to improve communication and garner support from the shareholders,” said MacClain. “Our top priorities are to make sure the new Omak Casino opens on time and on budget, minimize losses in the Forest Products Division and seek additional revenue streams whenever and wherever possible.”

Store Manager Retires

Mel Novotney, who managed The Trading Post for over five years and provided oversight to Keller and Incheium stores recently retired. Staff held a dinner for him on January 23, where many employees admired him for his management style.



“I had a good experience working with Mel,” said Chris Johnson, assistant store manager for The Trading Post. “He taught me a lot and we appreciate all the long hours he worked—he was very dedicated to his job.”

Billy Nicholson, the new director of small business, was just getting to know Mel and quickly understood why the staff looked up to him.

“I really hate to see him leave,” said Nicholson. “All the things I learned about Mel were impressive—the long hours he put in, the way he trained his staff and they appreciated the training and advice he would give.”

“My experience working here was a good one,” said Novotney. “I especially enjoyed working with the employees and meeting the customers.”

Before working for CTEC, Novotney worked for Tidyman’s in Spokane for two years. Prior to that, he purchased the family business in Wilbur at age 23 and managed that store for 38 years.

CTEC Employees Travel to Sales Show

The *World of Concrete (WOC) Show* was held on January 22-25 at the Las Vegas Convention Center and is one of the largest events held in Las Vegas with over 1,700 vendors and approximately 85,000 registered attendees. CTEC employees set up a booth at this year’s event to market wood products.

“This is one of the biggest shows that we attend all year,” said Billy Gunn, forest products sales manager. “We met a lot of new potential clients and may have generated business in the mid-west, Chicago, Maryland and possibly Washington D.C.”

The vendors were spread throughout the center which was more than 900,000 square feet. The WOC Show also featured Material Handling, Concrete Repair and Demolition, Technology for Construction and Women in Concrete seminars.



CTEC Summary Data - Calendar 2007 & 2006 (Millions of \$)				
	Revenues		Payroll Related Costs	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Gaming	\$ 35.9	\$ 33.9	\$ 9.6	\$ 9.5
Forest Products	61.6	54.0 *	18.7	15.1 *
Construction	13.5	16.1	3.4	4.4
Retail & Other	8.7	8.3	2.7	2.3
Total CTEC	\$119.7	\$112.3	\$34.4	\$31.4
			* CIPV Closed 6 months due to fire	
			Gaming Distributions	
			Stumpage Payments	
CCT Related Costs	\$ 5.3	\$ 8.3	\$ 8.4	\$ 7.2

For more information regarding the latest CTEC activities, please visit our website at www.ctecorp.org.



Second Time Around

How's it going this month! Hope you can feel spring coming on! I'm ready! This February, our loggers have been working at the lower elevations, not too far from the highway. You may notice the recent logging along State Highway 155 and along the Moses Meadows Road. I believe it was 1990, or 1991 when this nice stand of Ponderosa pine was thinned and logged. It looked good then and has been looking pretty good over the years. Since that thinning, some of the trees have lost their good health and western gall rust disease has had a negative impact. We've now thinned it again in early 2008. We call this treatment a "second commercial thin". Back in the early 1990's, we called it a "first commercial thin". You know how we've talked about the importance of "time" in our forest management activities. I may not get to see this area treated again, but it's sure cool to see it get two commercial thinnings.



One of the very rewarding aspects of helping take care of the forest, is keeping watch over a stand of trees, over a length of time. Now, I wasn't able to see the "birth" of these trees. Let's say that this forest stand got started in the early 1900's; maybe after a wildfire. It took awhile for the trees to grow up to merchantable size. We may have had a logging entry in the 1970's. I'm not sure; I must've been in junior high ☺. I first got acquainted with this area in the late 1970's. This area is a good example of our desired management for Ponderosa pine. The majority of trees were "born" at about the same time and have grown up together for these 90 some years. The main concern is that the trees get overcrowded as they grow up. We address this, by thinning them and giving the healthiest trees more room

to grow. So, to see this happen twice, is very cool. Now, this must mean that the trees are healthy and growing pretty fast; or that I've gotten older and have been watching these trees for a long time. Guess it's a little of both. ☺

When we plant trees, we're starting a new forest stand. The baby trees are all the same age. We can get the same effect with a stand of natural regeneration. A little further up the Moses Meadows Road is an example of an "Overstory Removal" harvest treatment. Here, we had some older trees standing over young trees that had seeded in naturally. We harvested the majority of the overstory trees and now have a stand that is basically one aged. As we watch young trees grow up, our first recommended treatment is usually a thinning at about age 20. This is called a "pre-commercial" thinning. The young trees are not of "commercial size". We then watch the trees grow up to about age 60 to 70. We then go with the "first commercial thin". This will make the stand healthier and boost

the growth of the trees. If all goes well, at age 90 to 100, we'll go with another thinning. This is the "second commercial thin". We'll keep watching the stand. As the trees get to over 100 years of age, growth will be slower. At about 120 to 140 years of age, we may go with a "regeneration" harvest treatment to start the process all over again. Now, this timeframe is very general. Each tree, each timber stand is unique. We can certainly lengthen or shorten these general timeframes depending upon conditions. All part of the rewarding and exciting process of watching over and taking care of the forest. I've been very fortunate, in my young life, to have seen trees planted and then pre-commercial thinned. Seeing two commercial thinnings is very cool. If I could live to see trees planted and watch them grow up to the first commercial thin; now that would be very, very cool! Don't be too surprised if you see me biking up Jack Creek Road in 2040 to check on some special places on Keller Ridge. Talk with you again next month. ☺



Linda McLean, 4-H/ANR Extension Coordinator

Good Luck Christine!



Thank you for your many years of dedication and service, Christine.



Christine Buckminster, Office Assistant for WSU Extension, Colville Reservation-Ferry County, is transferring. She has taken a new position with the Tribal Energy Program. Christine has been the Office Assistant for WSU Extension for the past 5 years. She has assisted in many ways with the various programs involved in Extension work. Over the years, she has been able to add her own artistic talents to many posters and newsletters distributed throughout the Colville Reservation. Christine has been a constant fixture in the WSU Extension Office, and will be missed by many. While we hate

to see her go, we do realize that she needs to venture forward to new experiences. Good luck in your new position.

Keller 4-H Culture Club



The Keller 4-H Culture Club has been going strong this winter. They have been learning about dance regalia and the process involved in designing and creating their own regalia, from Darlene Wilder. The goal is for each 4-H club member to create his or her own regalia. Aaron Carden came in and taught the club members how to tan and smoke a deer hide. This is good experience for learning how to be self sufficient and use all parts of the animal that you hunt.

The club members are looking forward to making their own dance regalia and performing in the upcoming spring powwows. In order for this to happen, the club members will need the assistance of parents and community members. 4-H Leaders, Karen Neal and Dolly Brudevold are planning sewing nights. The hope is that adults will volunteer to assist the youth in cutting and sewing the necessary garments for their dance regalia. If you have time and a talent for sewing, or materials you would like to donate, please contact Karen or Dolly and let them know that you are willing to help.



The Keller 4-H Culture Club meets the first and third Tuesday of the month, 3:00 pm, at the Keller School. If you would like to help out, or if you would like to see what the young people are working on, feel free to stop by.

Phil Linden, 4-H Challenge Program Coordinator

4-H Challenge Portable Training at Twin Lakes, 3/31-4/2

The WSU Colville Reservation- Ferry County Extension 4-H Challenge Program will be hosting a Portable Challenge Training from 3/31 thru 4/2, 9AM- 5PM, at Twin Lakes Youth Camp in Inchelium, WA. Interested adults (must be screened upon application), 4-H Teen Leaders, 4-H Club Leaders and any adult that works with youth can attend such as church youth leaders, school counselors, prevention intervention specialists, etc. Participants can gain valuable information from this training that can be used in classroom, boardroom, club, work and family settings. This training will be during spring break so 4-H Teens and Leaders may have a greater opportunity to attend. There will be dorms on site for attendees, but food will not be provided.



This three-day intensive program is designed to increase participants' knowledge about facilitating team building and leadership development activities. Learning will take place through information sessions, involvement in cooperative, challenge activities as both a participant and a facilitator, with opportunities for feedback, and group discussion. Topics to be covered include selection and sequencing of appropriate activities based on group characteristics, stage of development, time, and resources; leading safe challenge activities; methods of facilitating inclusion, participation in activities, and successful debriefs; 'what if' situations and question and answer sessions; and hot tips drawn from experience.

Participants are asked to arrange a volunteer payback agreement to 4-H Challenge, or pay a \$125 course fee.

Daniel L. Fagerlie, Project Director, Ferry County
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Cooperative Agencies: Washington State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture (special project number 93-EIRP-1-0036), Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Colville Agency BIA, and Ferry County. Cooperative Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported to your local Cooperative Extension Office. Daniel Fagerlie, Project Director

Fish and Wildlife—Projects Under Review

Chief Joseph Hatchery Program – Okanogan County, Wash.

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council recommended that BPA study a program sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation to assist in conservation and recovery of summer/fall Chinook salmon in the Okanogan sub-basin and the Columbia River below Chief Joseph Dam. This program would include a new hatchery near the base of Chief Joseph Dam and acclimation ponds throughout the Okanogan River sub-basin. The use of the proposed facilities to reintroduce spring Chinook salmon in the Okanogan sub-basin is also being considered. The program would augment the ceremonial and subsistence harvest of salmon for the Colville Tribes. This program would be designed to have no effect on Chief Joseph Dam operations. Public meetings on the draft EIS were held and comments were accepted through June 18, 2007. A final EIS is planned for April 2008 and a ROD is expected by June 2008. For more information, see BPA's Web site: www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental_services/Document_Library/Chief_Joseph/.

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Children and Family Services Needs You

By Lou Stone,
Program Manager
February 2008
Children and Family Services (CFS) employees are privileged to serve our tribal children who are abused and neglected. Many of you are already aware of what our program offers, but it may be helpful to review for our Members [and Members of other Tribes], what this service is about.

CFS employees are beginning to rebuild the Program, finding ways to benefit from continuing education and training that should produce a Program that is more credible to our Members' families and communities. We know credibility needs to be earned. We are moving from a place of destructive conduct among staff, towards honoring the healthy lifestyles acquired by our staff. When applying for jobs in CFS, applicants are required to demonstrate they have had a clean, healthy, substance abuse-free lifestyle for at least three years. Trust me when I write, it is quite a gift as a Program Manager, to have employees who share clean lifestyles and who attend to the cultures and traditions of the tribal community within which they operate.

Shared leadership in Program decision-making is also an important feature for our development as a community that protects children. Such shared leadership extends beyond CFS programming. Part of CFS's movement towards credibility in competent, effective services for our children requires a constructive relationship with other Tribal Programs and external agencies and programs. We are seeking strong partnerships with programs that provide evaluations and mental health services, case management for chemical dependency issues, health care, housing, education, and employment training. We

partner with the tribal prosecutor's office and tribal court to prosecute criminal offenses against women and children.

Healthy, safe, and affordable housing, respectable jobs with a living wage and related training, and other community education services share in the work of CFS and contribute to our ability to succeed in our mission for children's safety and family re-unification. We at CFS are currently making an effort to ensure cultural relevance in the care of our children in Foster Care placements. Whether our children are placed with tribal families or non-tribal families, we at CFS have acquired the duty to assist in facilitating cultural relevance placements.

Facilitating and enabling cultural relevance is vital because as most of us know, chemical dependency, domestic violence/sexual assault (DV/SA) not only destroys one's ability to properly provide a safe and healthy lifestyle for the children, it also obstructs a child's ability to clearly see our Ancestor's cultural gifts when the parents are active in their addictions.

CFS's main objectives are rehabilitation and reunification of families. The Tribes' Behavioral Health Program is an important part of that, as nearly every court order requires parents to address their mental health and or chemical dependency concerns in such a way as to reduce the risk of harm to the children so that they can be returned to their parents or extended family.

Many times, CFS caseworkers are under attack from angry parents who have failed to complete the court ordered services to treat their chemical dependency, domestic violence, and or sexual assault issues. Victim and perpetrator education to overcome domestic violence (DV) and or sexual assault (SA) is court

ordered to support reunification. CFS and other tribal services have the shared task of providing safety and stability to the children, while the parents attend to their treatment. The goal is to reunite the family as quickly as possible, while ensuring the parents can adequately care for, and protect their children.

Prevention is also part of CFS's role in our communities. Perhaps one of the primary means by which we seek to prevent harm to our children is through education of our young people about the need to maintain a drug and alcohol free lifestyle, especially in regard to pregnancy. When pregnant women continue to use alcohol and drugs, it can cause permanent harm to our next generation. The care and welfare of these drug and alcohol affected children has an impact on our entire community.

If the parents are resistant to getting healthy, they can end up blaming others for their sorrows. Complaints then come from various sources while CFS responds to referrals, whether or not the complaints are valid. CFS does not have the ability to place children back with their parents if the parents are out of compliance with their court orders. On the other hand, maintaining CFS operations at a level of functioning that is respectful for our mission includes remembering that these parents are a troubled People, and CFS Management and staff cannot perpetuate any further abuse of People who are suffering.

How can you help us help ourselves? A few ways to consider:

We need tribal Foster Homes who can assist us in our mission. Our Foster Homes are like our staff, as they are within a circle of care for our children. As CFS re-builds and endeavors for credibility, we seek healthy tribal families to assume some of the burden to save our children from further harm. Please join us in this effort.

CFS is also seeking experienced and qualified Masters and Bachelors level caseworkers in our effort to re-build the Program. While CFS is not the only tribal program that is wishing to re-build, we extend our wish that qualified, competent and ethical caseworkers and potential supervisors seek a return to help your tribal operations fulfill the wishes of your Ancestors. Thousands of years before learned chemical dependency abuses, ethnic cleansing and cultural oppression, our Ancestors were healthy in our own cultural integrity, economics, ceremonies, respecting the water, the animals and respect of a healthy life for children.

Finally, your advice and counsel for the re-unification of families, protecting our children from further harm, will always be welcome. Please address your thoughts and interest to CFS Program Manager, PO Box 150, Nespalem, WA 99155 - 509-634-2774. Lim limt.

COLVILLE INDIAN HEALTH CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES

CHS MANUAL/CFR's INFORMATION FOR CHS ELIGIBILITY

2-3.4C Service Unit has the responsibility to ensure program/budget control and "effective utilization" of CHS funds at the Service Unit level. (The Service Unit determines the use of CHS funds).

2-3-.7A There is no authority to provide payment for services under the CHS program unless funds are, in fact "available".

2-3-7-3B CHS will be made available to students who would be eligible for CHS at the place of their "permanent residence" but who are "temporarily absent" from their residence.

2-3-7G, 7a. Alternate Resource. Students whose grant includes funds for health services shall be required to use the grant funds to purchase available student health insurance.

42 CFR 36.23 (a). Persons to whom CHS will be provided. In general to the extent that "resources permit" and subject to the provisions of this subpart CHS will be made available as medically indicated. When necessary health services by an Indian Health Service facility are not reasonable accessible or available. This includes 36.23 (b) Students and Transients. (Right now "resources do not permit" using CHS funds to cover these groups of patients).

42 CFR 36.23 (e) Priorities for CHS. When funds are "insufficient" to provide the volume of CHS, indicated as needed by the "population" residing in a CHS delivery area, priorities for service shall be determined on the basis of "relative medical need". (Right now due to insufficient funds, our number one priority is to the population on the Colville Reservation).

42 CFR 36.12 (2) What services are available and who is eligible to receive care. Generally, an individual may be regarded as within the scope of the Indian Health and medical service program if he is regarded as an Indian by the community in which he lives as evidenced by such factors as Tribal membership, enrollment, descendants, residence on tax-exempt land, ownership of restricted property, trust land, active participation in Tribal affairs, or other relevant factors in keeping with general Bureau of Indian Affairs practice in the jurisdiction. "Jurisdiction" has the same geographical meaning as in Bureau of Indian Affairs usage. (To be eligible you have to live on the Colville Indian reservation or trust land, and a user of BIA. To be a user of BIA you have to be "Indian").

A Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisor's (SHIBA) Success Story

A customer who is 80, and has Medicare, can't get her Prescription from the I.H.S. Pharmacy anymore because they don't carry the drug. If she pays for it down town, it will cost her more money than she can afford. She heard that Marie Covington at the Area Agency on Aging might be able to help.

Due to her SHIBA training, Marie tells the customer that she has her "Letter of Creditable Coverage" from

the Portland I.H.S., she can sign up for a Part D Medicare plan at any time with no penalty. The Part D plan will help pay for Prescriptions. Marie can also help find the right Part D plan for the customer and check to see if she qualifies for any other programs as well.

See Marie Covington at Area Agency on Aging for help with:

- Understanding your Medicare Coverage.

• Making sure you are getting the benefits from Social Security and Medicare that you qualify for.

• Obtaining letters of Creditable Coverage.

• Understanding how your Employer plan works with Medicare.

• Looking for Health Insurance Coverage for your Family members And More...!!

Call for an appointment at 634-2831

AAOA Report

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Attention all seniors... We at Area Agency on Aging want all the seniors to know that there are now policies and procedures for all the meal sites. There is a copy of the policies and procedures available for your viewing at each senior meal site. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call Reva Desautel, Program Manager at 509-634-2759.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR ELDER'S FUNDRAISERS!!!

Omak Senior Meal Site had a Yard Sale fundraiser and made \$402. They are having another yard sale on April

5th, 2008. Please Show them some support!!!!

Donations can be dropped off at the Meal Site. Every Friday morning they will be doing craft workshops to make things for their giveaway in May, any volunteers are welcome....

Nespelem Senior Meal Site had a successful Valentine's Day Dinner Fundraiser and made about \$364. Thank you for the community support!!!!

Thank you for the door prize donations (Jody Cook, Loghouse Café, Gina Aldrich CDC, Sharon Redthunder).



We would like to thank everyone who participated in Wear Red Day on Feb. 1st. Our heart felt thanks to the family of Gayle DeLaCruz for allowing us to honor her memory as part of our efforts to raise awareness to the risks of heart disease in women. To further our efforts we will be providing free women's health risk screens as scheduled below. Please join us. Call either of the numbers above if you have any questions.

Inchelium April 16th ** Keller April 23rd ** Hunters April 30th

Cecelia Somday Education Fund 2008

Applications for the 2008-09 School Year are available in the Colville Tribe's Higher Education office.

The deadline date is Tuesday, April 1, 2008.

Applicants must be an enrolled Colville Tribal member with a minimum of 3.0 grade point average in the past three terms of high school or college. The scholarship amount will depend on availability of funds. We are looking for a well rounded student with strong involvement in school and community activities. The applicant should have a desire to have positive impact on the Colville Tribe's future.

For further information, please contact the Higher Education Program at (509) 634-2779.

Inchelium Senior Meal Site

Hello from the Inchelium meal site staff

We thought it would be nice to give our people an update on our meal site. Here are the following people that work here; Jessie Swan (head cook), Sarah Finley (Assistant Cook), Sherry K. Boyd (On-call cook), Larry Fry (Handyman/van driver) and Gerri Lelone (Elder assistant).

We would all like to say we love our jobs, and love to take care of our elders in our Inchelium community. We assist with home meals, meals prepared here at the meal site and served, Senior wood applications,

Low Energy Applications, In home care assistance, home visits, getting wood in, and just about everything that can help an elder get by.

If you have any questions about any help or anything we will try our best to get the help you need. To reach us call @ 722-7074.

We also wanted to tell you that the Inchelium meal site advisory board meetings are held at the meal site the 1st Thursday of every month @ 12:15pm. You can show up early and eat lunch. Everyone elder is welcome to join the meetings and give some input and ideas on activities, trips or anything.

We also take trips to Colville for shopping on the 1st Friday of every month. If you like to join us please call us. We leave after breakfast.

Please mark you calendars for these important dates.

Another thing the staff would like to say is Thank you to our Inchelium Senior meal site Advisory board and attendees, for purchasing the handyman/van driver a new snow blower, he gets a lot of elders taken care of due to a lot of snow that we got this year.

Also, thank you to Gary Wulff and Dave Sandvig for taking care of the Inchelium meal sites parking lot. You guys do a great job on keeping it plowed and sanded. We really appreciate the help.

Thank you elders for all the compliments on our food and how well we take care of the meal site. We are here to work for you.

Any questions please contact any of us.

Here are Birthdays for this months elders:

Happy Birthday!

Millie Swan
March 15th

Corby Swan
March 30th.

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Inland Northwest Blood Center
As you may be aware, in 2007 we began a new program called "Top Drops" in an effort to recognize you for all your hard work in support of the Blood Center. In addition to my gratitude, I would like to congratulate you on your Top Drop status. Your group of generous donors collected 9 units of lifesaving blood in 2007 and because each unit has the potential to go to three different patients; your efforts may have touched the lives of up to 27 patients in our area!



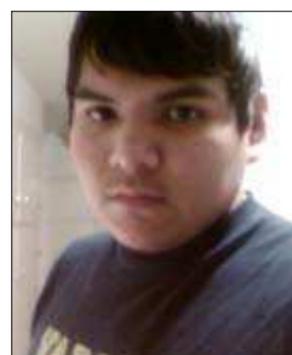
Happy 3rd Birthday
(March 16th) Beven Tala Senk
(Mama'a Bobo).
We love you, Little Man,
Mama & Grandma Wendy



We would like to wish our two boys a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!
William Dennis Wentz will be "3" on March 19th and Tyrell Blue Kiser will be "9" on March 23rd. You two are growing so fast and we love you more and more everyday!
Love, your proud parents, Niki Wippel and Chad Wentz



Lezette Cynthia Ray born Jan. 13, 2008 to Travis Ray and Veronica Garcia, grandparents Cindy Nanamkin Ray and Ferlin Ray, great grandparents Danita & Joe Nanamkin, great great grandparents Ernestine and George Nanamkin she also has aunt Danita Ray and Uncle's Joe Ray, and Dewey Pierce.



Colville Community CALENDAR

Omak All Indian Bowling Tournament

April 18th, 19th & 20th, 2008
Valley Lanes, Omak, WA

#20.00 per event/\$25.00 Masters Event
All Events, extra \$3.00

Friday night Squad 9:00 p.m.
Saturday squads, 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m., Masters, 8:00 p.m.
Sunday squads, 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., if needed.

Men & Women Singles
Men & Women Doubles
Mixed Doubles

Team event (Changed this year, can be mixture of men and women or all men or all women)
Masters Men & Women, A Div., B. Div.

Contact: Rich Tonasket, 509-826-5140,
Leonard Cheer, 509-422-7551, or Valley Lanes, 509-826-1273.



Happy belated birthday to Ashlynn and Rayah Hill!

We love you both very much.
Love always, Mom, Dad and your families in Omak and Wellpinit!



Happy 9th Birthday—January 22nd, to grandson and nephew, Kevin T.W. Garry-Louie in Auburn, WA. He is in the 3rd grade at Chinook Elementary. We love you Kevin and are so proud of you. You are tops in your wrestling matches, keep up the good work.
Grandma, Papa & Uncle Kerry

William and Deanna Condon had their first wedding anniversary on February 3, 2008.

We were married at the White Swan Independent Indian Shaker Church on February 3, 2007. The wedding was officiated by Russel Billy an Evangelist of the Church and respected elder.

We would like at this time to thank everyone who kept us in prayer throughout the year and please keep us in your prayers always.

Thank you to all of the relative who traveled to the wedding, especially to Mary Condon sister of Bill who helped during the ceremony. James Harvey who had honors of giving the bride to the groom. We know many wanted to travel due to events with our elder Leonard Condon at the time, we understood and kept him in our prayers. Once again, thank you to all the family members and friends.

Sincerely,
William and Deanna Condon



Ohitika Caske Martin

Melissa and Joshua Martin of Coulee Dam, Washington are pleased to announce the birth of their new baby boy born on January 11, 2008 at Coulee Community Hospital. Ohitika Caske Martin weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 21-1/2 inches at birth.

Siblings are Shinowa, Tuesday, Kenya and Kylee Jo.

Maternal grandparents are Judith Ferguson and Ed Whalawitsa of Nespelem, WA. Paternal grandparents are Judith Hillman and Donald Hillman of Oglala, South Dakota.

Great-grandparents are Lavonne Little and Samuel Martin.

Payton Robert Gallaher Ostenberg

Patricia Osterberg and David Gallaher of Nespelem, Washington are pleased to announce the birth of their new baby boy born on January 14, 2008 at Coulee Community Hospital. Payton Robert Gallaher Ostenberg weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 19 inches at birth.

Sibling is Xander, age 3.

Maternal grandparents are Del and Peggy Ostenberg.

Paternal grandparent is Donna Marchand.

Great-grandparent is Vicki Gallaher.

Myah Bessie Emma Smith

Adrienne Dena Smith and James R. McVay of Nespelem and Wenatchee, Washington are pleased to announce the birth of their new baby girl born on January 25, 2008 at Coulee Community Hospital. Myah Bessie Emma Smith weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 19-1/2 inches at birth.

Siblings are Jessie R. Garsia, age 5; James Owen Smith, age 4; Edward Mitchell, age 2, and Taylor Eldstome, age 7.

Maternal grandparents are Elaine and Kenny Clark of Omak, and John Smith of Nespelem.

Paternal grandparents are Shelly and Dave Epps of Tonasket.

Great-grandparents are Edwina and Hank George of Omak and of Wenatchee.



Proud parents, Lynette Hawley and Travis Michel, announce the birth of their daughter, Savanna Angela, born on February 6, 2008. She joins Lanae, Charlie T., Rachele and Lane at home.

BRINGING IN A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

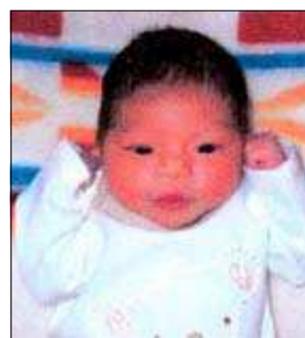


For 2008 New Year Rummy Royalty title, Matthew was crowned the Rummy King, with his two court jesters in tow, Cassie Vargus and Kaylene Gregory. All the rest of us think Matthew won because of the "home court advantage!"

Matthew and Linda Dick have hosted, as an alternative to going out and partying, a family gathering on New Year's Eve. They have hosted this event for the past 10 years or so. Matthew and Linda have opened their home to family and friends to come play cards, eat to your hearts content, and watch the fire works at midnight. To add a special touch, the men have presented all the females in attendance a rose. After the fireworks and the rose presentation, the family gathers and each member takes time to make a toast by sharing what they have gone through in the past year and what they wish for in the coming New Year.

As part of the family gathering, a family competition to win the title of "Rummy Royalty" has ensued. We cannot exactly claim it to be a "friendly" game of competition nor a quick win (most games last until about 6 in the morning), but we can say it is a coveted title by all.

We wish you all a Happy and Safe New Year.



Lonzell Teddy George B. Lucei

Born to Lonzell Hawk Lucei and Naedeen Maggie Lynn Iness on February 14, 2008 at 3:40 p.m at Yakima Memorial Hospital. He weighed 6 lbs. and 14.5 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches.

Grandparents from mom's side are George B. Innes Jr., and William and Deanna (Phillips) Condon.

Grandparents from dad's side are Louie Lucei and Loretta Simpson.

Proud grand uncle Theodore Phillips and proud uncle Darrel Elery Iness.

Happy Birthday to you "Bro", Victor J. Louie
Congratulations on your little daughter, Victoria.
From your Bro, P.V.L.

Happy Birthday Albert E. Louie
His birthday was 2/5/08.
From your son, P.V.L

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DO YOU REMEMBER...

If you recognize an individual in one of the photographs please contact the Tribal Tribune and tell us your story.



Unidentified Dancers under the old July Grounds Dance Hall.



Unidentified young boy.



Unidentified riders.



Unidentified Women's Stickgame.

FINANCIAL AID CORNER

By Glenn A. Raymond
CCT Higher Education, Financial Aid Specialist

Cross Your "T's" and Dot Your "i's"

Yes, it is time to get ready for the next educational funding cycle. August 1, 2008 is the deadline to have your Colville Tribal Educational Assistance Program (CTEAP) application in for the 2008-09 academic school year. Tuition and fees, room and board, transportation, childcare and other educational expenses take a heavy toll on the pocketbook.

Although, CTEAP is one source for taking a dent in educational expenses, it is not the only source. In fact, there are over 700,000 scholarships and/or grants available nationwide. Remember, all funding sources have their own applications and deadlines. Fill out their forms in detail and don't forget to cross your "T's" and dot your "i's" because you don't want to end up in their "incomplete: does not qualify" file.

Your basic financial aid source is the "Free Application for Student Financial Aid" (FAFSA) available on the web (www.FAFSA.ed.gov). FAFSA is your open door to federal and state grants. Next, among many, try the most comprehensive internet scholarship search site www.fastweb.com. Also, there are hundreds of scholarship directories available in libraries and bookstores. Use your phonebook for community organizations, church groups, clubs, professional associations, and regional businesses which raise funds that serve your local area.

The new CTEAP 2008-09 application is available at: Higher Education, P.O. Box 140, Nespelem, WA 99155. Write us for our list of

funding agencies. The following is a sample from our list of links to scholarship programs for people of color including Native American students.

1.) Adolph Val Pellet Scholarship. Applicants must be Native American students interested in undergraduate or graduate education (\$500-\$800). Contact: Association of American Indian Affairs, Inc. Scholarship Coordinator, P.O. Box 268, Sisseton SD 57262.

2.) American Indian Heritage Foundation. Maximum of \$1,000. Native American high school graduates are eligible to apply if they have been accepted by an institution of higher education and demonstrate a good grade point average. Contact: American Indian Heritage Foundation, 6051 Arlington Boulevard, Fall Church, VA 22044-2788.

3.) Sovereign Nations Scholarship Fund. Awards up to \$3,500. Scholarships are available to students of any American Indian Nation, enrolled in any major, undergraduate, graduate or professional school, attending both tribal colleges or mainstream universities. Contact: American Indian Scholarship fund, 8333 Greenwood Blvd., Denver Colorado 80221.

4.) AIAC Nursing Program. Free tuition, free books, \$250 monthly stipend and guaranteed job placement at Providence Hospital, District of Columbia with starting salary of \$40,000. Contact: Ms. Beshon Smith (202) 266-5841.

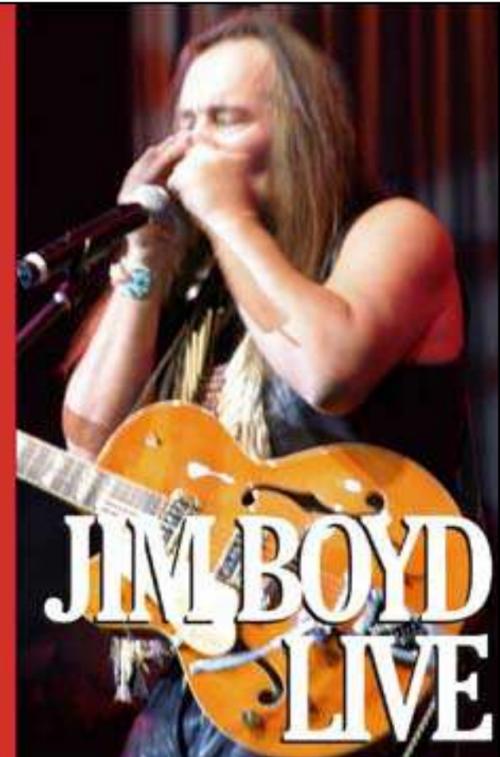
Nespelem Head Start Program is accepting applications for 2008-2009 school year.

- 1.) Child must be 3 by August 31, 2008
- 2.) Birth Certificate
- 3.) C.I.B.
- 4.) Current Immunization Record
- 5.) Well Child Screen, Every Third Thursday of each month.

For more information please call Margaret GunShows @634-2403 or Annette Moses @634-2279

Margaret R. GunShows
Family Service Specialist
Ext. 634-2403 Fax 634-2288

BENEFIT CONCERT



JIM BOYD LIVE

Benefit Fundraiser for Deb Hall

MARCH 8, 2008
Omak Performing Arts Center
1st Show - 2 PM
2nd Show - 6 PM

PRESALE-TICKETS
(Only Available thru 2/28/08)
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FOR TICKET INFORMATION: OMAK: (509) 824-4492; WILKELLEN: (509) 424-4132; NESPELEM: (509) 424-4132

Deb Hall, 48, is a Colville tribal member who grew up and resides in Omak, Washington. She recently became ill and has gone through several surgeries in a Seattle hospital and will be there for an extended amount of time due to an unexpected health condition. She has a daughter and one grandson and is a foster mom. The funds raised will help her family with the unexpected financial difficulty and other costs associated with this situation. The family appreciates your support.

Tribal Tribune (509)634-2223
E-mail: editor.tribune@colvilletribes.com

Colville members Nick Erb, Audrey Seymour, and Joseph Heldman have starring rolls in the film "Rain in the Mountains."

"Rain in the Mountains" to be released on DVD and HD-DVD

NEW YORK, NY – Foxhall Films is pleased to announce that our feature film, "Rain in the Mountains," will be available to buy and rent on DVD and HD-DVD beginning April 26th, 2008.

"This is a real proud day for us," said Joel Metlen, director of "Rain in the Mountains." "We are really excited that this film is not only to be released on DVD, but also HD-DVD. This marks us as one of the first truly independent films to be on high-definition format!"

So far, the film will be available in both HD-DVD and DVD at Amazon.com, Barnesandnoble.com, Deepdiscount.com, Target.com, Buy.com and other online retail outlets. You can also rent the film on DVD at Netflix.com, Blockbuster.com.

"Rain in the Mountains" is the comedic saga of Eric Smallhouse; a Native American who believes it is his destiny to lead his people back to the old ways. Unfortunately, he was raised off the reservation and knows nothing of those ways. Undaunted by this fact, Eric drags his 12 year-old son through endless misadventures in an attempt to reclaim the past. Failing miserably at everything he tries he learns the hard way that things weren't any easier back before the white man brought electricity. Eric, who now calls himself Rain in the Mountains, begins to believe that the modern world with all of its convenience is the real enemy. He makes plans to strike back, but his antics soon leave him on the run from the U.S. Government.

The film stars Steve Pierre, Nick Erb, Audrey Seymour, and Robert Satiacum, who are all members of Washington State tribes. The film itself was shot entirely in western Washington state. The film has won numerous awards around the country including Best Feature Award at the Tacoma Film Festival and the Mammoth Mountain Film Festival. The film also won the Sandcastle Award at the Moondance International Film Festival.

"Rain in the Mountains" plays March 15-22 and is sponsored by the Red Road Association and WVC at Omak. In this comedy, Eric Smallhouse is a Native American who believes it is his destiny to lead his people back to the old ways. Failing miserably, Eric begins to think that the modern world, with its modern conveniences, is the real enemy and his antics soon leave him on the run from the authorities. Three of the main actors in this film are Colville tribal members.

Philip Cown, the director of the Tacoma Film Festival, says, "I really enjoyed this movie and guarantee its quirky sense of humor will make you smile."

For more information about the film "Rain in the Mountains" and other Foxhall Films productions, check out our website at www.foxhallfilms.com.



Nicholas Erb (Todd Smallhouse)
Hailing from Omak, Washington, young Nick is a Colville tribal member and a student at the Pascal Sherman Indian School. When he first was chosen for the role of Todd during the highly competitive open casting sessions, Nick admitted, "I've never done movie acting before." The directors are more enthusiastic. "Nick walked away with the role," says Christine Sullivan. "Nick became the character immediately," says Joel Metlen. "I incorporated his improvisations into the script."

Nick spent his free time during the shoot playing video games and sharing his favorite hip-hop tracks with the crew.



Joseph "Wandering Grizzly Bear" Heldman (Dead Man)
A wanderer at heart, Joe, a Colville

Indian, has visited every state in the Union. What else has he done? "Two tours in Vietnam. Did a hitch with the Hell's Angels. Played the horses a lot." He has been pals with Steve for 30 years, ever since they almost killed each other in a bar fight over the song "Motorcycle Mama."

"Not too much unlike the Dead Man, I have been wanted in more than one state. I like the Dead Man because he's always conniving, kinda like the spirit my people call Sinclip, the Coyote. He's an ornery little guy. Reminds me of me."

Joe was last seen on the big screen in the movie Hell's Angels '69 riding road captain, out in front of the pack.



Audrey Rose Seymour (Lindsay Smallhouse)

Audrey is a mother of two and member of the Colville confederated tribes, Arrow Lake Bands. She finds many similarities between herself and her on-screen persona. "My mother said I should be named Badger, since they're the meanest animal on the planet." Her favorite scene is the one where she confronts Eric in the jail. "That sort of thing happens all the time. That's how people react." She enjoys hunting, fishing, and riding horses.

"I think this movie teaches people a lesson that, no matter how big a hole they get into, if they stick to it, they can make it."

Sixth Annual WVC at Omak Film Festival to feature "Rain in the Mountains"

The Associated Student Body of Wenatchee Valley College at Omak present a series of six films at the Mirage Theatre in Omak.

The films in the 2008 series are: "Lars and the Real Girl," "Sweeney Todd," "The Great Debaters," "The Kite Runner," "Who Killed the Electric Car" and "Rain in the Mountains."

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WVC at Omak students who present a current student ID card will be admitted free and are allowed to bring one guest, also free of charge. Films play weekdays at 6:30 p.m. and on weekends at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. Call WVC at Omak at 509-422-7810 for more information.

Nespelem Community Center News

Big thanks to Pete Palmer, Colleen Leskinen and Sherry Dazell for doing an awesome job in cleaning the Nespelem Longhouse. I am working temporarily as the Nespelem Community Center Director and put out an announcement asking for help to clean the Longhouse and Nespelem Community Center. I believe we must be part of the change we want to see in our community; which includes taking care of our facilities. The Longhouse looks great.

If you would like to use the Nespelem Longhouse there is a \$50.00 refundable clean up fee; which will be strictly enforced. There too is a \$10.00 deposit for keys. The Nespelem Community Center requires a \$100.00 refundable clean up fee and a \$50.00 dollar non refundable user fee. I think there should be a daily use fee for the Nespelem Longhouse; excluding Tribal events and funerals. The basic fee would help pay for paper

towels, toilet paper, and garbage bags. I too am interested in hearing your thoughts and ideas for the Nespelem Community Center and Longhouse. You can e-mail me at nancy.johnson@colvilletribes.com or call (509) 634-2370.

Again thanks Pete, Colleen and Sherry for a wonderful job!
Nancy Johnson
Temporary NCC Director

Interested in sharing a skill or trade with others

To teach any of the classes listed below or e-mail me and let me know your interests. What gifts or talents do you have? Are you willing to donate some of your time? This request is sent out in an effort to bring community together. Maybe you're interested in a class that is not listed? We could search for an instructor and divide the costs. My goal is to offer one or two classes

each month. E-mail me at: nancy.johnson@colvilletribes.com or call 634-2370.

Fry bread, Make up, Weight training, Chinese Cooking, Quilt making, Beading, Cake decorating, Soups, Snow showing, Knitting, Photography, biking, Hiking club, Self hypnosis, Beading, Yoga, Western Swing, Line Dancing, Scrap booking.

I will be the first to volunteer my time. I learned how to make truffles that taste great and look professional. Just in time for Easter! You will leave with a great Easter gift.

Truffle Class

When: March 16, 2008
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: Nespelem Community Center
Cost: 20.00 (cost of supplies)
Class limit: 10
Age: 12 an older
Call: 634-2370 to sign up



Wilbur Students Have Busy Second Semester

Seniors

Time is passing quickly with graduation on their minds Seniors Kurtus Tarbush, Jesse, Esquivel, Jessica Ogle, Daniel Monaghan and Alyssa Boekel are continuing to work on their Senior Projects. They are to be completing their hours of community service, continuing to work on the writing part of their chosen topic in English class and completing their micro-applications class. They will be pulling this all together and begin practicing for their oral presentation to be given before a board. While doing all of this they have done research on scholarships, applied for scholarships at colleges they might want to attend, and will be preparing scholarship applications for scholarships available through the Wilbur School District and the Colville Tribes Higher Education Program. **Senior Project are:** Kurtus Tarbush-History of Games-Jesse Esquivel Environmental and Cultural Impact of Hard Rock Mining-Alyssa Boekel-Dance and Music Arts-Daniel Monaghan - Genealogy -The SanPoils-and Jessica Ogle-Youth Organizations and their Benefits. Quite a wide variety of topics!

Juniors

Already beginning to prepare for their Senior year, they will soon be receiving informative packets that will start them on their way to begin preparation for their Senior Year. Making plans already to attend a two or four year college are Juniors Michaela Spratling, Janessa Esquivel and Amanda Kheel.-----The Art Institute of Seattle -A representative from the Art Institute visited Joanne Sherwoods art class. After her presentation Junior Amanda Kheel knew this was just what she was looking for. She has always been interested in Art Animation. She applied for the Summer Workshop offered and was accepted. In July she will attend the 3 day workshop offered to 2009 H.S. graduates interested in exploring educational and career options in the Creative Arts Field. The workshop she will attending is called Animation/Game Art and Design. Amanda will stay in housing on campus, will participate in evening activities outside of the classroom, explore Seattle, and meet other creative arts students. Quite an agenda. We are proud of you Amanda!

7th Grade

Seventh graders enjoyed a field trip to the Grand Coulee Dam for the Bald Eagle Festival on Feb. 15th. Students were able to attend the educational talks and exhibits. 500 students attended from surrounding schools. Wilbur students enjoyed the workshop given by the WSU Raptor Club. A variety of birds were featured. Paco the great horned owl was one of the main features. Other presentations were given by the West Valley School District and also Wildwise, an organization out of the Woodland Park Zoo, in Seattle. Attending with their class was Aaron McCrea, Lazelda Foster, Christy Niewald, Michael Peoples, Lyndsey McCartney and Jason Esquivel.

Student Profiles

Sophomores

Taylor Epperson was a Wildcat Cheerleader this Fall. She enjoys school and said she is especially interested in Mr. Grisbys Geography class. The class is working on a unique project called Around the World.

Freshman

Brandon Lovett- Brandon played on the Wildcats Junior Varsity. He plans to go for the sport next year. He is on the honor roll and his favorite class this quarter is Mrs. Sherwoods Art Class. The class is working with clay and Brandon said it is a fun class and he is really enjoying it. Barney Ferguson- Barney is a Wildcat Wrestler and will be playing baseball this Spring. He enjoys Mr. Grigsbys P.E. and Athletic Conditioning Classes and is also on the Honor Roll.

8th Grade

Waylon Elwell -Waylon always has a smile.Waylon played Wildcat football and basketball. We will see him on the baseball field this spring. He likes playing center field and pitching. He was an All Star Player in the past.He won 2 pitching awards he is very proud of and broke the base running record at 11.3 seconds (it was at 12 sec.) His favorite pastime is watching the National Geographic Channel. He also likes Science and the study of animals. Be looking for him on the baseball field this spring with his Wildcat Spirit!

7th grade

Lyndsey McCartney- Lyndseys Wildcat Sports are basketball and baseball.Her favorite classes are Mrs. Jones Social Studies and English Class and Mrs. Mills Math Class. She always strives to do her best and is a very organized person when it comes to her Science Notebook for Mr. Maiohos Science class. Keep up the good work, Lyndsey!

Intro to Business Class

7th graders have been preparing a power point presentation on a chosen career. They have researched many careers and will present their power-points at the end of the quarter.--Lazelda Foster- Veterinarian- Chris Peoples - Special Forces - Jason Esquivel-Retail Management-Michael Peoples- Truck Driver. These students definitely are looking ahead to the future.

Spring Sports

Students from Wilbur and Creston met with all Spring Sports Coaches at Wilbur School. Signing up for Spring Sports -Baseball -Barney Ferguson-Davey Ogle-Josh Tonasket and Waylon Elwell-Girls Softball-Alyssa Neal-Track-Janessa Esquivel.

Honor Roll

3.0-3.5-Brandon Lovett Barney Ferguson-*Chelsea Niewald-*Michael Peoples -Logan Jannot.
3.5-4.0-**Janessa Esquivel --* Alyssa Boekel--**Spencer Nee -
*Jessica Ogle --*Michaela Spratling
*Principals List- **Superintendents List.



Amanda Kheel with her Art teacher Joanne Sherwood



Jason Esquivel



Michaela Spratling



Waylon Elwell



Daniel Monaghan



Brandon Lovett



Congratulations Barney!

Barney Ferguson is a Freshman at Wilbur High School and competes in the 160 lb Varsity weight class. He earned the Bronze Medal at his 2B District Meet in Republic, WA. He moved on to Regionals but came up short of making the state tournament.

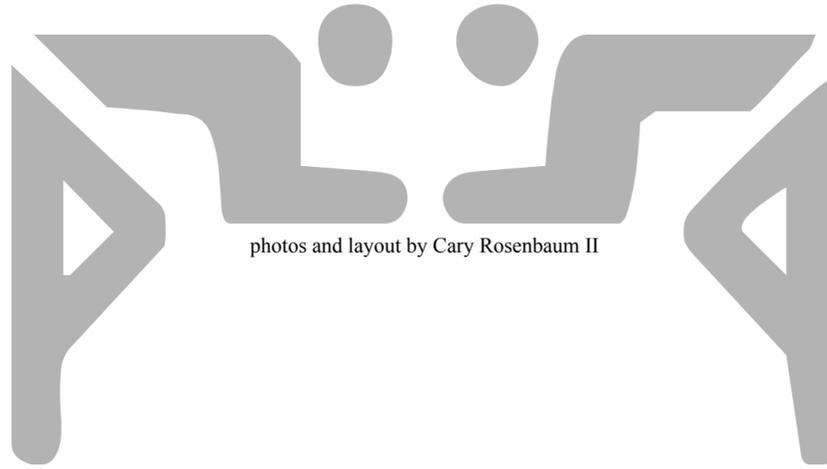
We are proud of all you have accomplished this year in wrestling.

Keep Up The Good Work!

1A DISTRICT WRESTLING AT LAKE ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL

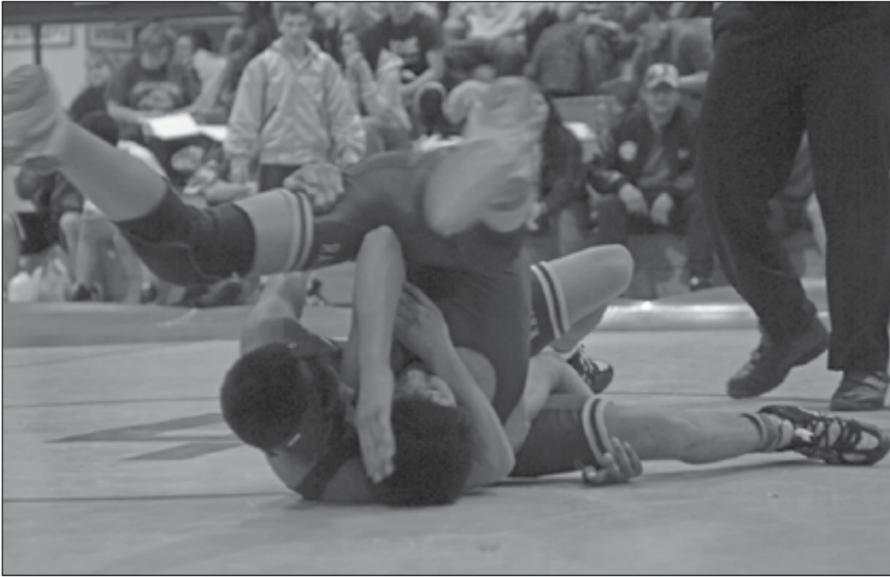
1A Region 3 Tournament results from WIAA.org

- Weight Class: 103
5th Freshman DeShawn Dunham - Omak
- Weight Class: 112
4th Sophomore Jeff Condon - Omak
5th Freshman Lindsey Vargas - Lake Roosevelt
- Weight Class: 119
5th Freshman Randy Gross - Lake Roosevelt
- Weight Class: 125
4th Freshman Brenden Aguilar - Omak
- Weight Class: 130
4th Junior Kasey Green - Lake Roosevelt
- Weight Class: 145
3rd Junior Nate Pfitzer - Omak



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- Weight Class: 152
1st Junior Andrew Miller - Omak
- Weight Class: 160
1st Junior Robert Miller - Omak
4th Sophomore Cole Stanger - Lake Roosevelt
- Weight Class: 171
2nd Junior Brandon Hughes - Omak
- Weight Class 189
3rd Senior Brian Stanger - Lake Roosevelt
5th Senior Tyson Williams - Omak
- Weight Class: 215
3rd Freshman Jordan Velasco - Omak
- Weight Class: 285
3rd Sophomore Gary Sumerlin - Lake Roosevelt
5th Junior Isidro Diaz - Omak



Lake Roosevelt's Lindsey Vargas placed fifth in regionals before losing out in the state tournament.



Junior Cole Stanger placed fifth in the Region 3 Tournament before also losing out in state.



Shan BirdTail of Lake Roosevelt lost out in Districts.



Lake Roosevelt's Sahn Birdtail picks up this Tonasket opponent.



Omak's Brenden Aguilar placed fourth in districts.



Lake Roosevelt's Gary Sumerlin placed seventh at state.



Freshman DJ LaPlante tussled with teammate Lindsey Vargas.



Lake Roosevelt's Cole Stanger made it to state with brother Brian who graduates at the end of the school year.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Tribal Tribune would like to recognize the following individuals who participated in the 2008 Mat Classic - WIAA State Championships:

Girls:

Patty Davis, Senior, Lake Roosevelt

She participated in the 119 lb division, losing her first round match to Ricarda Garcia of Mount Vernon 12-2.

Ann Thomas, Lake Roosevelt

She weighed in at 125 lb and started the tournament with a first-round bye. Thomas then proceeded in defeating Jocie Weinberger of Kennedy before losing two in a row to Kelsey Klein of Hoquaim, Alysia Pohren of Sedro Woolley and took fifth place overall with her victory over Yokeca Goff of Lakeside.

Boys:

Lindsey Vargas, Freshman, Lake Roosevelt

He lost his 112 lb first round match to senior Jeremy Wolfe of Goldendale and was put out of the tournament by sophomore Jeffrey Condon of Omak.

Jeff Condon, Sophomore, Omak

Participating in the same bracket as Vargas, Condon lost his first match to Justin Hernandez of Tenino before beating Vargas and losing out to Castle Rock's Parker Williamson.

Cole Stanger, Sophomore, Lake Roosevelt

In the 160 lb division, Stanger lost his first match to Kevin Yoo of Bellevue Christian. He then took on Kalama's Ricky Hunzelman and won 3-1. Stanger was put out of the tournament by fall versus Riverview Kennewick's Chris Strawn.

Brian Stanger, Senior, Lake Roosevelt

In the 189 lb bracket, Stanger lost his first match to Granger's Guillermo Galeno. Much like his younger brother, he won his first consolation match against Ira Aleferas of Montesano before losing out in his third match to Connell's Nato Orozco.

2008 GROUNDHOG'S DAY POW-WOW



Sierra Haynes of Coeur D'Alene won the Miss Drum & Feather award.



Levi Shankling



Katrina Blackwolf



Phillip Fulton



J.J. Meninick



Everyone came out of their seats for the Sweethearts dance.

Want more?

If you're looking for more Groundhog's Day Pow-wow photos, feel free to send requests to CaryRosenbaum@gmail.com



photos and layout by Cary Rosenbaum II

RESULTS

Listed by: Prize, Sponsor, and Winner.

GIRLS 7-12

1. Pendleton Blanket, Chas Williams, Katrina Blackwolf
2. Saddle Blanket, Jeanne/Roy Moon, Kellie McDonald
3. Wool Blanket, Christine Redthunder, Robin Redstar

BOYS 7-12

1. Pendleton Blanket, Jeanne/Roy Moon, Sam Jim
2. Saddle Blanket, Casey Cleveland, Tristain Valdez
3. Wool Blanket, Grace Moore

TEEN GIRLS 13-18

1. Pendleton, Blanket Jeanne/Roy Moon, Shaundina Spencer
2. Saddle Blanket, Jaiyyn Cleveland, Monica Warriors
3. Wool Blanket, Janelle / Daylon Dick, Amber Davis

TEEN BOYS 13-18

1. Pendleton Blanket, Coulee Dam Casino, Red Horse Wesley
2. Saddle Blanket, Jenna Cleveland, Jake Charley
3. Wool Blanket, Rachel / Ida Dick, Kyle Davis

WOMEN 18-54

1. Pendleton Blanket, Sharon / Soy Redthunder, Zelma Nelson
2. Saddle Blanket, Sharey Cleveland, Clarissa Charley
3. Wool Blanket, Sonny Redthunder, Cree Warriors

MEN 18-54

1. Pendleton, Blanket Video Quest, William Wesley
2. Saddle Blanket, Sabe / Atwice Redthunder, J.J. Meninick
3. Wool Blanket, Louella Friedlander, L.C. Standing Brave

GOLDEN AGE WOMEN 55 & OVER

1. Pendleton Blanket, Joanne Redthunder, Bernice Jim
2. Saddle Blanket, Dorothy Camerena
3. Wool Blanket, Roseanna Jim

GOLDEN AGE MEN 55 & OYER

1. Pendleton Blanket, Carrie Bourgeau, Bill Timentwa
2. Saddle Blanket, Sharon/ Soy Redthunder, David Browneagle
3. Wool Blanket, Terri Redthunder, Lenny Friedlander
4. Wool Blanket, Dorothy Camerena, John Grovenor

MISS DRUM & FEATHER CLUB 2008-09

Sierra Haynes, Coeur d'Alene/Colville, Post Falls, Idaho

OUTGOING SPECIAL FOR MAROUE WILSON GIRLS 7-12

1. Allys Haynes
2. Katrina Blackwolf
3. Jaiye Quinto

"3 GENERATIONS" SPECIAL SPONSORED BY LENNY FRIEDLANDER

1. Iris Moen, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
2. Bernice Jim, Goldendale, Wa
3. Sabe Redthunder, Nespelem, Wa
4. Jeanne Moon, Nespelem, Wa
5. DeeAnn Haynes, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

DRUMS ATTENDING

1. K-Town - Keller, Wa
2. White Hawk - Nespelem, Wa
3. Golden Eagle - Nespelem, Wa
4. Golden Eagiettes - Nespelem, Wa
5. Houqua - Omak, Wa
6. Smalltown - White Swan, Wa
7. High Rock - Wapato, Wa
8. Blasting Eagle - Missoula, Mt.
9. White Swan Intertribal - White Swan, Wa
10. Firestone - Spokane, Wa

RAFFLE WINNERS

Listed by: Item, Sponsor, and Winner.

1. \$100.00 Cash, Elena Bassett, William Higgins
2. Pendleton Blanket, Sharon/Soy Redthunder, Alan Eirils
3. Beaded Belt Buckle, Sharon/Soy Redthunder, Rod Haynes
4. \$50.00 Cash, Eren/Ryan Moon, Kevin Manuel
5. Food Basket, Yvonne Moses Family, Dee Haynes
6. Quilt, Joanne Redthunder, Delvis Heath
7. \$25.00 Cash, Rudy Aripa, Louella Friedlander
8. Necklace & Ear rings, Barbara Aripa, Jimmy Milus
9. Men's Ribbon Shirt, Jeanne/Roy Moon, William Higgins
10. Beaded Hair Barrettes, BarbaraAripa, Howard Haynes
11. \$25.00 Cash, Barbara Aripa, William Higgins
12. Ladies Shawl, Elena Bassett, Lawrence Waters
13. \$100.00 Cash, J&J Smoke Shop, William Higgins
14. (2) Snagging Poles, Trading Post, Grandfather Rounds
15. "Sacred Trapping", Grover Tapaum, Tamara Tomaskin
16. (3) Hanks of Beads, Native Knapp, Delvis Heath
17. Gift Certificate, Native Knapp, Elena Bassett
18. Beaded Key Ring, Grover Tapaum, Barbara Aripa
19. Green Necklace, Ken Knapp, Dale Jones
20. Bolu Tie, Pipet, Dale Jones
21. Pillow Set, Elvira/Marvin Bob, Lucetta Desautel
22. Spirit Rock, Diane Mellon, Dale Jones
23. Deer Antler Key Ring, Diane Mellon, Amiera Parisien

A special thanks:

I would like to take the time and opportunity to thank everyone associated with our annual Groundhog's Day pow-wow. I know I will forget somebody's name, so I just want to thank everyone. The dinner for the dancers, the sponsors for the raffle, for the sponsors of the winners of the dance categories, to all, thank you. This is, and always has been, a volunteer effort and those who sponsor every year, a very special thank you. To the dancers, drummers, vendors and Nespelem Community Center workers you made this very special. 2008 marks the 40th year of this pow-wow, and those elders who started this, thank you!!

Keith "Soy" Redthunder, President Nespelem Drum & Feather Club Nespelem, Washington

A big Thank You To Everyone

On July 22, 2007, I Charlie Charette was diagnosed with Colon Cancer. It was not the kind of news I thought I would receive on my birthday.

In August 2007, I started my radiation and Chemotherapy (chemo) treatments in Spokane, WA. They were going to last for 6 weeks. The Providence Cancer Center, Holy Family Hospital provided me with an apartment at a very low cost during most of the weeks. It helped keep my travel time and expenses down. I was not able to work full-time due to the treatment schedule and I had to wear a Chemo pump attached to my chest 24/7 during the 6 weeks.

I started to look for additional funding and support. One of my first calls were to the Colville Tribal Council, to see what type of help was out there for someone in my condition. I talked to the late Ms. Gayle DeLaCruz. Ms. DeLaCruz said she would check around and get back to me. Ms. DeLaCruz called back and told me the tribe "does not

have anything set up for anybody in your condition. But, Charlie, lets not give up; we will find you some help."

On October 20, 2007, at the Twin Lakes Tavern, there was a benefit pool tournament for me to help with medical and travel expenses. There was a great turnout with plenty of support and awesome prize donations from the CBC, everyone in all four Tribal districts and off the Colville Reservation to name a few: New Mexico, Two Rivers, Chewelah and a number of individual money donations and gifts. The 50/50 Raffle winner was Ms. Michelle Nanpuya; she donated her half back to Charlie, Thank you.

Tournament winners: 1st place winners received jackets, Mr. Sonny Redthunder and the late Ms. Gayle DeLaCruz. Ms. DeLaCruz donated her coat back to Charlie. She told Mr. Kimbo Swan that she was going to win a coat for Charlie on the way up to the tournament. She was a very determined lady/Tribal Leader and

friend that will be missed deeply by us. 2nd place winners received Sweatshirts: Mr. Robert Stensgar and Mr. Tim Finley. 3rd place winner received T-shirts: Mr. Tony Stensgar and Ms. Dana Marchand. All jackets, sweatshirts, and T-shirts donated by Mr. Mark and Sonya Hoffman. Also, a big Thank you to Love Stitch for making the trip and playing music, it was great.

We also would like to thank everybody for the food, raffle prizes, and money donations. The incredible support by the community was astounding and very much appreciated. Special thanks to Mr. Joe Desautel for your help and support. There was enough money raised to help Charlie with travel and medical expenses.

A Big thanks to Ms. Sonya Hoffman, Sharon Deleon, Mr. Sharyl Rae Pakootas, Ms. Dana Marchand, Ms. Shanna Marchand, Ms. Addie Lou Condon, Ms. Laurie Charette, Ms. Debi Condon, Ms. Cheryl Condon, and the late Ms. DeLaCruz,

The Red Writer Sends Greetings

Good tidings to all of you. May the Great Spirit guide your path to the sweetest waters and offer peaceful dreams in 2008.

Now, I hope to bring good news, as I see the pact signed between the Colville and Spokane tribe, with the state governor, for use of water out of the mighty Columbia River. This is a nice gesture to irrigate farm lands in the lower valleys.

It also brings revenue to both tribes. Remember, now we as a tribe must vote on how to use this money,

i.e. approx. 3.5 mil.

The Red Writer says it should go to the people, and be added on to the 181-D as we were promised, increased payments each year from electricity used, (RIGHT). And robbed of the Wells Dam monies, pacified with a three hundred per capita. I think we have sacrificed enough through rights and reservation losses, don't you. I still feel the council is doing a good job in making hard decisions and I see less use of the white lawyers

in decision making (GREAT). I think they are on the right track in reinforcing stricter drug laws. I pray they will all continue to set good healthy examples for all to follow, REMEMBER, all eyes are on you. So keep up the good work.

I wish all you beautiful people a very happy and prosperous new year.

Walk in peace,
Mel Toulou
The Red Writer

Boog Stillwell, you asked for my opinion!

One Opinion:

Advise, adshmise! Nobody is equipped to give advise! But if you ask my opinion, I'm "front and center." And... Boog Stillwell, you asked for my opinion!

Some of what I'm opining is iteration. If they don't get it, I'll keep saying it till Hell freezes over and we can all go skiing!

Most of us don't take the money and run. We (Tribes) are no unlike all Dynasties: The Vanderbilts, Morgans, Rockefellers and Kennedys, (all have had their money handed down to them). Can you imagine one of their money managers saying, "we've mismanaged, you won't be getting your expenses this year." There would be Hell to pay!

I raised two families and after my daughter passed away, I remained sole parent, administrator, confidant and sometimes provider. My BIA dollars saved the day many a time. I consider it a blessing! (My grandmother and mother left me a wonderful legacy.)

I get what you're trying to say, Boog, it's called "biting the hand that feeds ya!"

Also, whatever "we assume," it's clear to me, at least, what's been going on to bring us to the predicament we're in: 1) the Reservation is small and localized. 2) the "you scratch my back and I'll scratch your back," the caughtcha, gotchs and the "small minds with authority, wrangled key positions without being qualified... or qualified with no backbone,

allegedly, creating a Mafia type situation and no one wants to make waves for fear of reprisal. We painted ourselves into a corner. There's no where to go but to fail? NO WAY! It's time to clean house! Stand up and be heard. Say what you want. Don't be afraid to speak out. We need to hear more and more voices... a constant mantra!

Re: "The Sacred Mountain", God is everywhere, Boog, even Mt. Tolman... He lives there too.

"Pros and Cons?" There's a faction (Secret Society if you will) who owns 90% of all mineral rights in the world. If "they" wish to acquire mineral rights of Mt. Tolman, they will. (Research it.)

Mollie Obrecht

The major problem and cause of alcohol & drug dependence

To: Colville Confederated Tribes

The major problem and cause of alcohol & drug dependence as a means to cope with conditions of personal and family, i.e. community inadequacy, is not the use of a God given & therapeutic medicine(s) but ignorance and indifference to reality, which can become a lifestyle spent with dysfunctional people and environments of a kind to reveal thru God, Christ, Holy Spirit of love, life, light.

The flaws and character defects which each person has a duty to self and F.O.G. (Family of God) to eliminate, by personal one on one spiritual, mental, physical, social, material, medical, sexual means comprising the whole of one being (you) and need for religious aid and

assistance from God as source and church as body of Christ resources of uncontained, unrestrained, unconditional and unequivocal agape love. The very power and source of your unique status as a created being, entitled to love others as well as self. An educated person knows in reality his or her status with God. Conscience dictates the amount of change needed for each and every environment and social society uneis assigned by God to or constrained by unkind to.

Our individual walk with God begins with talk to or about or with the Creator thru the son Christ Jesus and love's power of being only a prayer away, 24 hours a night or day overcoming short comings, errors in judgment, mistakes and

the ability caused by them can or usually brings on a condition of mal de mer or acceptance of the human condition is one and collectively to blame others or self both uses being factual pertaining to cause and effect. Bad values can become apart of your character and the results of criminal behavior will eventually lead to diseases for both the perpetrator(s) and the victim(s).

Honoring good as of God is the 1st spiritual step the Creator thru Christ's powers of love will in time and God's will help you and your to achieve positive good as ultimate good in life.

Rev. D.R. "Sonny" Ives
c/o Religious Services Dept.

Medical Center for Federal Prisoners

letter stating she is only allowed here as a visitor for 90 days. So in about 2 more months the people in charge of our housing project are going to make me kick her out of my home.

She has no where to go and no car to even get there. I am absolutely horrified at the thought. I always believed our way was to care for our elders and to take care of our own. Is this what I am to teach my Native children?

If anyone can help us please e-mail me at hamnerokanogan@aol.com, or call me at 826-1146 as soon as possible. Time is of the essence for my poor mother's sake. Please help me.

Sincerely,
Eric Hammer

and many others who did a lot of the footwork to make this benefit possible. Thanks to the Twin Lakes Tavern, Mr. James Finley for allowing the tournament to be held there.

On October 22, I had my surgery, and it was successful. On November 27, 2007, I started additional Chemo treatments that will last till May 2008. I will try my best to get through these treatments because they are rough.

Thank you very much everybody, we love you all, Bless you.

Charlie Charette

I ask for your support

Tribal Members:

The 2008 Colville Tribal Council Elections will start in March, 2008 and I want to let you know why I think that I could be a productive Councilman for the Colville Tribe.

My main focus would be the Colville Business Council Law and Justice Committee. I have the education and interest in representing the Colville Tribal Membership in the Colville Tribes in Law & Order.

I have a B.A. Degree in Law & Justice from Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA. I was the Tribal Public Safety Director (Law & Justice Director) from November, 1991 to April, 1998. As the Public Safety Director I did the Administrative duties for all the Legal Departments, such as the budgets and filling vacancies such as the attorneys, police officers, support staff and judges.

The Colville Tribe is not any

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different than most of the Tribal Governments and it is sad to say that decisions are made by 'who you know and not what you know'. Our Law & Justice programs are important to all Tribal Members and should be fair & impartial. But our Law & Justice is not fair & Impartial to all Tribal Members.

The average tribal member cannot afford legal representation in a private or employment issue and the Council and administration get 'free' representation from the Office of Reservation Attorney's office. Legal representation is critical and as laymen in court verses an educated attorney, this is neither fair nor impartial.

As the Tribal Chairman of the Law & Justice Committee I would enforce the fairness that is suppose to happen in the Tribal Court. I have had experience in working with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington

D.C. and Department of Interior Office in Albuquerque, N.M. in Law & Justice issues.

What I consider my #1 asset is working with our youth. Throughout the Nespelem District there are not too many young men who I have not coached since 1974 until 1998. I believe that our youth is our #1 asset and I do something about it. I guess it would be bragging but my head does swell a little when I see the basketball court on the agency being used by our youth during the spring to fall time especially at night time. I would rather have the youth playing basketball than out drinking or doing drugs. My brag is that it personally cost me \$11,000. I have to tell you that the past NCC Director Phillip Wak Wak put up the lights.

I ask the Nespelem District Tribal members to give me your support and vote and I will not let you all down. Lem-lem.

Eldon L. Wilson

Hillary Clinton for Native Americans

As a Native American, 74 year old woman, I am endorsing Hillary Clinton. I plan to encourage my family, friends and other Native Americans to vote for Hillary Clinton.

As First Lady, she worked with tribal leaders to train and fund 1,000 new Native American teachers. She promises to increase funding for the Head Start Program because it provides the foundation for native languages and support for tribal cultures. She supports tribal colleges. She recently voted for the signed College Cost Reduction and Access Act, which included \$10 million to help create a program for Native American Serving Institutions.

She supports tribal sovereignty and promises to sign an executive order that supports meaningful consultation and collaboration with Indian tribal governments. She promises to honor trust responsibilities. She will appoint a senior official in the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to serve as her liaison to Native American communalities. Note this is a position

discontinued by Bush.

Although the Indian Health Service (IHS) works to bring health care to Native Americans, 30% go without proper coverage. Life expectancy is nearly 5 years less than the rest of the population. Native Americans are 650% more likely to die from tuberculosis, 450% from diabetes, and 52% from influenza than the rest of the population. In 2003 the federal government spent nearly \$6,000 for each Medicare recipient, but only \$2,000 for Indian Health medical care per person. While the important areas of health policy are directed at the assistant secretary level, the IHS's lead officer remains a director. Hillary will elevate the head of IHS to assistant secretary so she or he will have more power.

When I was a child, we lived in an overcrowded house, no plumbing, no electricity, no telephone. This has not changed for many Native Americans. Approximately 90,000 families are homeless or under housed and an estimated 200,000 homes are needed. Hillary will increase funding for the

Native American Housing Block Grant and modernize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act.

American Natives are twice as likely to be victims of violent crime, one in three women will be raped in her lifetime. Methamphetamine has devastated tribal communities. The tribal police are under staffed. Hillary supports increasing resources for law enforcements, promoting state-tribal cooperation to reduce crime.

Native Americans, on a per capita basis, provide more members to the military than any other group. By the end of December 2005, the Department of Defense reported that 20,000 Native Americans and Alaskan Natives were serving in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and the Air Force. Yet Native Americans utilize VA benefits the least. Hillary will make sure that all those who have sacrificed on behalf of our country receive the help and care they need.

Ruth M. Wapato

I need some kind of help

I need some kind of help (or) here me say. I been abused from our Meal Site. I am 58 year old and it shows me that I can not ride our Senior Van because the way this persons says I am wasting her gas. When it was Tribal Van and Gas Card and using the van going out picking up peoples to go to meals and bringing them back and after they use the van to go out the Elders wood. But to say they have a pick-up park on the side of the building and not using it and I been calling persons up for some help and I was helping out at Meal Site, like Second Harvest to filling boxes of food for home deliveries, help with yard sales, bring clothes for them and, I like to say, I like to get out of town and the Elders go on trips. But then they say it was their new policy for me to go when up to 60 and over to go and I gone to Okanogan to pick up my check and I seen my name marked off. Could not go on the trip.

I hitchhike down to Okanogan Casino. I live at 3rd HUD, Rockie River Rd. and I tried our tribal counsel members and No help and I had 2 sons liven with me and they both have to move out just before Christmas. So, I'm the only one have to chop my wood and carry it in my home and I have my third pacemaker and sometimes I have light heart attacks and I walk to town about 6 miles out of town to do my shopping little at a time and I try to get some kind of help for me.

I do not want to be out here with nobody come and see me (or) talk to. I'll be 59 years old in April and I see myself walking every other day and is this right for an Elder to be treated this way and to see them talking about running me down.

I see myself out there like a Lost Elder and when (or) where is anyone to help me. I sit at my home so sad sometimes. I cry out why do they treat me like this. I cannot hear

anyone laughing (or) talking to each other and am I just an Elder that can not get any kind of help from anyone. So No Thanks to my peoples cannot give me a hand, Huh!

Lonesome Elder,
Kathleen T. (Wapato) Jerred

I voluntarily resigned

Dear Tribal Members:

I voluntarily resigned the position of Interim Executive Director of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation on Monday, February 25, 2008. After being asked to take the job by the Colville Business Council, I have been in the position since July 10, 2007, The position was "interim" because, from the beginning, the Business Council intended to hire an Executive Director and they have done so. As of last Friday, February 22, 2007, Council hired a person.

The Council wanted my assistance to make necessary budget cuts due to dwindling Tribal dollars. This was done and my position has been a "lightening rod" for bashing, name calling, etc. So be it. The cuts were made - over \$11 million was dropped from the FY 2008 Tribal budget. In consultation with key staff and members of the Business Council, we began a process of identifying areas where we could manage the budget in a more efficient and prioritized manner. That effort to get the tribe in better financial shape for the future was my goal.

My love for the people and the Colville Indian Reservation has been unwavering. The Tribes are in serious financial trouble and unless action is taken to remedy the problem, it will cause significant long-term harm to the people of the Colville Tribe. We made some progress, but not as much

as hoped.

Some members of the Colville Business Council are making decisions today as if there is no budget problem. The most recent example is yesterday the Council agreed to donate \$7,320 to the Lake Roosevelt Boys' Basketball Team. This donation will pay for an additional chartered bus and \$260 per player expenses, despite the fact that the school district is already paying for the teams' food, hotel and transportation.

The gravity of the budget problem is such that virtually all seemingly harmless financial allocations -- big or small -- have a long-term impact on the tribe's financial condition. The future of the tribe depends on Business Council Members' ability to make business decisions, not personal decisions, when it comes to the budget.

I was born on the Colville Reservation and my desire is that the tribe will be here forever. I took the position of Interim Executive Director because I wanted to help the tribe. We were able to succeed in prioritizing those parts of the budget that are important for the long-term future of the tribe. Some members of the Business Council need to take that effort seriously, or all of our hard work for the tribe is for naught.

Carleen Anderson

BRYSON EDWARD MARCHAND DEC. 28, 1991 – JUNE 15, 2007

Our family would like to extend our deepest heartfelt thanks to everyone that attended his funeral

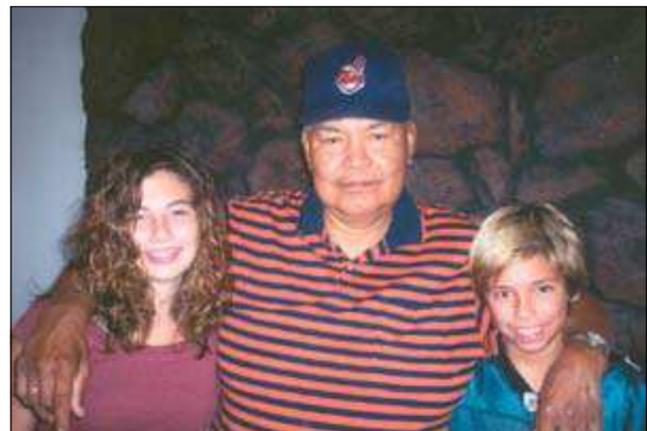
services; for all the phone calls, cards, flowers, and for just being there for our family. This tragic

event hurt us to the core. I would like to especially thank Aunt Joan, Aunt Penny, Aunt Shirley, Carrie George, Matthew Pakootas, Glenda and Archelle Ramos, Raynee and Rhonda St. Pierre, for stepping in and taking care of everything that had to be done for Bryson, WE LOVE YOU WITH ALL OUR HEART!! Thanks to those people to who took the last sweat and helped Benny take care of the sweatshop that him and Bryson built. Thank You, to all Benny's sweatshop brothers and the "House of Cry", your support and prayers really helped him beyond any words can really express, he is eternally grateful. Thank you Smoker Marchand for the wonderful artwork you did on the casket, you captured him and the things he loved and we will be forever grateful to you. Thank you to all the people that came to the hospital and stayed with us, and helped us through the first night. It was very devastating to our family, and we couldn't have made it without all the love and prayers. It makes my heart feel good to know that Bryson has touched so many people in his own special way, and was obviously loved very much. Thank you to Val Palmer for all her excellent work she did for his announcements and the poster she made, she wasn't given

much notice or direction, but still managed to do a very awesome job. Thanks to cooks that helped out with the meals, that was a huge job, and they did it very well, we thank you. A HUGE THANKS to all his friends and loved ones that stood up and spoke about Bryson at the services, that means so much to us and to him. Every day is a challenge for us, but it is good to know that we have so much support from everyone that knows and loves Bryson. Thanks to the Pall Bearers; Robbie Seymour, Brett Marchand, Blake Marchand, Brian Condon, Kerry Carden, and Matthew Pakootas. Thanks to all his friends who dug his final resting place, I know it was hard and it took great courage and strength to do this and we appreciate each and every one of you.

Everyone has helped us in so many ways that it is hard to pinpoint every one, but we just wanted EVERYONE to know that we are FOREVER GRATEFUL to all who helped us and continue to help us. Bryson will truly be missed, but he will be kept alive in all our hearts. Please remember to show your loved ones how much they mean to you.

Much Love and Respect,
Benny, Alana & family



STAND-IN-DAD & UNCLE.

We will greatly miss you forever. Rest in Peace.
Love, your kids, Jordan & Kieran Adrian

A LETTER OF THANKS FOR HELPING OUR BROTHER PHIL

My family and I, Penny Gregorio, would like to thank the following people for their much appreciated help for the services of our brother, Phillip J. WakWak, "Ushk".

We thank those who were present at the hospital, the nurses and the attending doctor & "Cowgirl".

Also, to our brother Sam for being at our brother's side as he came to his end. My little sisters: Shirley, Joan & Nina for meeting him there. My two grandchildren, Jordan & Keiran Adrian for putting their hearts into dancing for their "stand-in-dad" uncle.

Nephews Brent Jordan & Perry Palmer and niece Buffy Nicholson for their special good-bye. Brother Bobby and sister Janet for flying home to be here with our family. Also Brent and his wife for flying home. All the nieces and nephews for being there.

A special thank you to Ushk's best friend Delno Salueskin and his family.

Our Aunt Pauline Stensgar, Uncle Ed Covington, Aunt Margret McCuen.

The nephews who hunted for their uncle. Pat Gordy for all the salmon and family from the valley for coming for their uncle. Carol WakWak and family for the good apples.

The cooks, the people who brought

food, pies and cakes and those who dried meat.

A big thanks to the Pallbearers. Much love to you all.

Those who had to travel long distances, you are greatly appreciated.

The people who had nothing but nice things to say at the services.

Thanks to Jackie & Jolene for being there.

Hoss for being brother's "ace in the hole". Lilian Belgrade, thank you for the help for brother. Thank you for the ones who brought flowers, cards & cards we are still receiving and all the hugs and prayers.

Thank you Lynette from Tribal P.D. for all the help.

Specials thank you son to Will-i-Wak Wak for buying all brothers clothes.

Special thank you to Seven Drums (16 drums), our brother went like our father, Isaac WakWak, as a real proud Chief. I am truly sorry if I have missed anybody. Thank you to everybody who was there for our family.

Our brother & uncle, your friend, "Ushk", Phillip J. WakWak will be missed forever.

Thank you Penny, Judy, Shirley, Joan, Janet, Marie, Nina, Sam, Bobby for helping brother to his journey.

Sincerely,
Sister Penny and family

IN LOVING MEMORY OF LUKE "JERRY" JIM "KA KINNAS" JULY 27, 1937 - DECEMBER 10, 2007

Ka Kinnas was born on July 27, 1937 to Wuanita Joe of Nespelem and Charley Loup Loup Jim of Malott. His given name was Luke Jerry Jim and in 1995 he received this grandfather's name Ka Kinnas and was member of the Okanogan and Wanapum bands. This maternal grandmother was Kinumpt and grandfather was Ka Kinnas (Columbia Joe) and his paternal grandmother was Mary Loup Loup Jim and Jim Loup Loup. Ka Kinnas was raised by his grandmother Mary Loup Loup Jim in Malott and learning the Shaker religion. He spent his days with his sisters Hazel Abrahamson, Mildred Shadle, Linda Ennis and brother Conrad Jim.

Jerry worked variety of jobs as a Longshoremen at San Francisco, Tree Faller for Rainier Logging at

Forks, Washington, Crew Boss at Timber Stand Improvement here in Nespelem, Steel Grinder at Portland, Oregon and seventeen (17) years Mt. Adam Furniture in Wapato, Washington.

As you can see Jerry was blessed with many children his daughters Brenda Brown, Cheryl Michel, Karen Jim, Verlene LaDeaux, Denise Bear, Frieda Ross and Little Mary Ross and sons Greg Jim, Charles Jim, Elon Yallup, Ira Yallup, Lil Joe Yeatian and Lou Yallup. He was preceded in death by four of his children.

Jerry liked to play golf, horse racing, slots and playing cards. But you would have seen him at Chief Joe with son in laws Mark and Wade trying to catch the one that got away and if it wasn't for Mark and Wade verifying it got a way, we would all

know that was big fish story.

In childhood memories shared by brother Conrad, when they would fight to see who would go to the Methow to pick huckleberries with their grandmother. I don't know if Conrad ever said who won. Conrad also shared how he loved to ride horses especially the old white horse that he had to ride from Malott to Okanogan Stockyard to sell. Jerry did as he was told and he rode that horse all the way to the stockyards to be sold but promise when he catch up to that horse and it would carry into the gates of heaven.

Ka Kinnas truly loved the Shaker faith and is very thankful that the Independent Church, Malott and all Shaker members that are here especially for his children and grandchildren. The songs and the

beating of the drum from his relatives of Wanapum will bring comfort and strength to all. Ka Kinnas wanted his services to be open to "anybody may speak, and sing or pray, I know there good words about me, Aye."

Ka Kinnas leaves behind a beautiful lady named Mary Ross who has a graceful and kind spirit and he was honored to be part of her life.

Besides his four children, he is preceded in death by his sister Rita Sherwood and brother Guy Nanamkin.

The family would like to thank all the people that came to be with them before, during and after their father passed away. Your kindness and love will mean a lot to all of us and a special thanks to all those who helped with the services.

The Children & Family of Jerry Jim

Thank you to the people who donated to these causes because they made a world of difference to my family

It is tax season again; some people are looking to make donations to charitable causes. I just wanted to give you some insight. I am a single mom who lost a son to Duchene's Muscular Dystrophy. Yes, he was one of the kids that Jerry Lewis raises money for. The Muscular Dystrophy Association paid for many things for my son's short life of sixteen years. He had to have yearly orthotic braces for his feet. He had to have wheelchairs (first a push one, then a power chair). He had several operations. Home equipment, bath chairs, hospital bed, feeding tube pump, wheel chair ramps. He also was able to attend a MDA camp every summer that enabled him to have a one-on-one aide and to be around other kids that had the same disease as him. This was a highlight of his life.

There are volunteers who take time out of their busy life and run this camp for these kids. A lot of them were fire fighters from Spokane District (his camp was in the Coeur d'Alene area). Hats off to these guys,

they are awesome.

There was also nurses, doctors, lawyers and housewives, every walk of life, a huge thank you to all these kind people. When my son had surgeries at Children's Hospital, we stayed at Ronald McDonald House. This was so convenient and the staff at each place was so kind and considerate of our needs. The first year my son was diagnosed the Make a Wish Foundation sent our whole family to Disney World in Florida. That was a trip of a lifetime!!

I cannot even explain the gratefulness I feel for that highlight of his short life. I just wanted to let people who donate their hard earned money that there are some good causes out there. Thank you to the people who donated to these causes because they made a world of difference to my family.

In loving memory of Cody Bush who would have been 18 this month.

Melinda Lazard
Omak, Washington

Cody,

I remember....
Your smile...
Your little hand around my neck...
Your cute little way you tilted your head...
How your two cow licks made your hair stick up...
When you learned the alphabet you said double me instead of "W"...
How you killed the stampede goldfish, by pouring cheerios in the bowl to feed them....
How you always would say look at my muscles!!!! And flex your skinny lil arms
When you toddled around and pointed to what you wanted...
How you would wake up next to me and look at me with your ever changing eyes....
sometimes they were blue blue blue
then green, then hazel
they were magic just like your smile...
I loved sharing my birthday with you...
You were the best present a mom could ask for...
I miss you more than anything...February 21 you would have been 18...
Love and miss you lots
MOM

Cody I miss....

Your smile,
Your gentle spirit...
When you would get mad and yell at the TV...
Watching you drive your wheel chair with Daisy on your lap
And Nico or Shawn on the back.
The fresh smell of your hair after a shower.
The sound of your laughter while playing your video games...
When you get mad at me for
Forgetting my left side from my right side
Always needing a straw
When you always asking me if I love you...
I love you.
I miss you when you tell me
I miss you.

EUGENE R. MOSES

Eugene R. Moses, 60, of Omak, died January 27, 2008, at his home. Eugene was born on October 4, 1947 in Nespelem, WA to Raymond and Mary (Dick) Moses. Eugene attended and graduated from Coulee Dam High School Beavers in 1966. He then went on to Haskell Indian Junior College and graduated in 1968. Eugene served in the United States Army from 1968 until 1970 in Ft. Lewis, WA and Korea. Eugene was a member of the Catholic Church, the Colville Confederated Tribes and the Washat services. He worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Colville, WA.

Eugene is survived by his mother, Mary M. Moses at the family home in Disautel. Brother: Darryl D. Moses of Omak, Larry D. Moses of Monroe, WA; Marvin M. Moses of Nespelem, and Alfred E. Carden of Disautel; sisters, Rae Ann Moses of Spokane, Colleen M. Moses of Coulee Dam, Cheryl R. Moses of Elmer City and Shirley M. Moses of Orange Park, Florida. He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Moses.

Rosary Services will be held Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008 at the Nespelem Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 31, 2008 at the Nespelem Community Center at 9:00 a.m. Interment was at the Little Nespelem Cemetery, Fr. Jake Morton presiding. Precht-Harrison-Nearents Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

LEWIS A. DOUGLAS

Lewis Douglas, born March 18, 1950 at Madigan, died January 4, 2008 at Tacoma General. He was an enrolled member of the Colville Native Nation and a Vietnam Veteran.

Graveside services were held Monday, January 14, 2008, at Calvary Cemetery. Arrangements handled by Gaffney Funeral Home.

North American!
After experiencing Combat in the Viet Nam War, my older brother was sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for rest & relaxation, or a leave or such and my brother went away without leave, or AWOL.

I state hereby that Mr. Lewis Arthur Douglas or any soldier of the United States of America after experiencing the traumatic experience of actual combat during what has become known as the Viet Nam War (many wars take a long time to be resolved, or reasonably settled) should have been allowed or permitted to be close to his family.

After watching my brother, he gave me the idea of trying to encourage by writing letters or requesting as many people as possible to please help for a sea port, land locked country's of the world.

From his brother,
Charles J. Douglas

IN MEMORIAM

In this section, we wish to say farewell to our beloved Colville Tribal Members and send our wishes for health, happiness and faith to their families.

We welcome memorials about your loved ones and friends who have passed away, including photographs and poems if you wish.

Please send your contributions to: Tribal Tribune Memorials, P.O. Box 150, Nespelem WA 99155.

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LEGAL NOTICES

In the Children's Court of the Colville Confederated Tribes NOTICE AND SUMMONS No. MI-2007-27012

In Re the Welfare of W.C. Minor Child.

To: Matthew Carden, Jr.

You are hereby given notice that an Adjudication Hearing pursuant to the Colville Tribal Code will be held at the Agency Campus, Nespelem, WA on the 18th day of March 2008 at 10:00 AM. The sole purpose of this hearing will be to determine if the above-named minor should remain a Minor-In-Need-Of-Care.

You are hereby summoned to appear at this hearing. Failure to appear may result in an Order of Default against you. Dated this 11th day of January 2008.

Joseph Caldwell

Prosecuting Atty

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JOBS

POSITIONS AVAILABLE BOARD MEMBER (DIRECTOR) TWO (2) POSITIONS AVAILABLE

1. Member of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. 2. Banking Representative (at least five (5) years banking management experience)

SALARY: Board members receive a stipend of \$250 per meeting plus travel expenses per Colville Tribal Credit Corporation policy.

REPORTS TO: The stockholders of the Corporation which is the Colville Business Council.

LOCATION: Nespelem, Washington

AUTHORITY/RESPONSIBILITY: The Board of Directors is the legal authority for Colville Tribal Credit

Corporation, the revolving loan and check cashing facility for the members of the Colville Tribes. As a member of the Board, a Director acts in a position of trust for the organization and is responsible for the effective governance of the Corporation.

QUALIFICATIONS/SKILLS: Knowledge and skills in the areas of Board governance which include policy, finance, programs and/or personnel; One available director position must possess at least five years of banking experience in a management position; The other director position must be a member of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation.

TERM: Directors are selected by the Colville Business Council. Directors serve for a two-year term.

REQUIREMENTS: Knowledge and skills in one or more areas of Board governance: policy, finance, programs, and/or personnel; Commitment to the work of the organization; Attendance at Board meetings, to be held at least quarterly; Attendance at annual General Meeting; Be informed of the services provided by Colville Tribal Credit Corporation and publicly support them; Prepare for and participate in the discussions and the deliberations of the Board; Be aware and abstain from any conflict of interest; Authorize credit history report and possess acceptable credit history; Must be current on all loans at Colville Tribal Credit Corporation.

MAJOR DUTIES: Governing Colville Tribal Credit Corporation by the broad policies developed by the Board; Establish overall long and short term goals, objectives and priorities for Colville Tribal Credit Corporation in meeting the needs of the Tribe; Recommend policy to the Board; Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of Colville Tribal Credit Corporation through a regular review of programs and services; Being accountable; Prepare for and participate in the discussions and the deliberations of the Board; To foster a positive working relationship with other Board members and the Colville Tribal Credit Corporation staff; Be aware of and abstain from any conflict of interest.

APPLICATIONS: Resume and letter of application must be submitted to General Manager, Colville Tribal Credit Corporation, P.O. Box 618, Nespelem, WA 99155 by 4:00 p.m. March 21, 2008. For

further information, please contact Sharon Holmdahl at 509 634-2661 or sharon.holmdahl@colvilletribes.com.

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GENERAL MANAGER/ DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Cayuse Technologies, LLC, located within the Coyote Business Park near Pendleton, Oregon and wholly owned by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, is looking for a General Manager/Deputy Director to provide day to day operations oversight, marketing and sales, and contract management for the company. This is the top leadership position for a dynamic, new and growing business that provides Software Development, Customer Contact Services, Document Image Processing and other Business Process Outsourcing services.

The General Manager/Deputy Director will provide leadership for the development, execution and compliance for all agreements between Cayuse Technologies and third parties, the financial performance and health of the business, client and community relationship-building, facility operations, and for employee relations and staff development.

This position reports directly to the Board of Directors on matters related to Cayuse Technologies business and to Accenture on matters related to service delivery and other matters outlined in the management agreement between Cayuse Technologies and Accenture.

The ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree and 8+ years of commercial business experience, with responsibility for profit and loss, and management/sales experience, or 12+ years of applicable experience without a degree. Strong candidates will also have relevant experience in technology-related fields. In addition, knowledge of American Indian history, self-determination, historical and current issues, social complexities, and culture is required. Indian preference will be observed.

Cayuse Technologies offers a comprehensive benefits package and competitive pay, with bonus potential, all depending upon qualifications and results. Pay and benefits will be commensurate with experience.

For an application or more information, candidates should contact the Cayuse Technologies Human Resources Manager at 541-278-8468 or get our application packet online at www.cayusetechologies.com. Cayuse Technologies, LLC is an equal opportunity employer.

THE COULEE AREA PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT (CAPRD) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Coulee Area Park & Recreation District (CAPRD) has two (2) vacancies

on its Board of Commissioners, and we are soliciting volunteers to fill the positions. The appointees would serve until the end of the 2008 calendar year and would attend both regular and special meetings of the CAPRD. These are unpaid positions, and the main duty is to assist the CAPRD in completing a plan for a community pool, as well as comprehensive plan for the whole district. If you are interested in serving as a Commissioner, you need to be a resident of the District, which stretches from Nespelem to Electric City, and you need to be a registered voter. Please contact Sean Hess at 633-7158 or sean.c.hess@gmail.com for application materials. Applications shall be mailed to CAPRD, P.O. Box 411, Grand Coulee, WA 99133. They may also be submitted by e-mail. The deadline for receipt of application is February 8, 2008. Applicants for the position will be considered at the February 11, 2008, regular meeting of CAPRD, which will be held in the Staff Room at Center School starting at 6:30 p.m.

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CCT UTILITY AUTHORITY COMMISSIONER

Public Works & Utilities Water/Waste Water Program is seeking persons interested in serving as a commissioner on the CCT Utility Authority, a board being established to serve as the advisory, administrative, and management authority for the CCT Water/Waste Water Program. This is a volunteer position; however, expenses incurred in attending scheduled meetings will be reimbursed. Qualifications are:

1. Experience, education, and/or background relevant to the business of the Utility Authority is preferred, but is not required.

2. A best effort will be made to select a person from each of the following three communities, but such representation is not required: Keller/Twin Lakes, Nespelem/Rebecca Lake, and Omak/Disautel/Malott. Additionally, a fourth commissioner position will be at-large, and the fifth and final commissioner position will be a Tribal Business Council designee.

3. Must be able to meet regularly whenever normal business and other issues arise that require attention, and in no case less than once per quarter.

4. Except for the upcoming first term, all commissioners will serve for two years. Terms for the initial commissioners are: Tribal Council designee - 1 year, Keller/Twin Lakes position - 2 years, Nespelem/Rebecca Lake position - 1 year, Omak/Disautel/Malott position - 2 years, and at-large position - 1 year.

Reply to Ronald Toulou, Jr., Water/Waste Water Program Manager, CCT Public Works & Utilities Department, P.O. Box 150, Nespelem, WA 99155.

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health matters on a national level. Andy serves as a member of the NPAIHB Executive Committee, a position he has held since January 2004, in which he is responsible for providing guidance to the NPAIHB Executive Director and Management team in operations of the Board. As a member of the Executive Committee, he is also responsible for accompanying NPAIHB to Washington, D.C. to lobby and advocate on health care issues of Northwest Tribes and has provided testimony on behalf of the NPAIHB and Northwest Tribes before the House Interior Appropriations subcommittee; and he is responsible for chairing the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ANTI) Health Committee when called upon and presenting Committee recommendations during ATNI general assembly meetings. He has also served as the Portland Area representative on the IHS National Budget Formulation Work Group since 2004. In this capacity, Andy is responsible for presenting and advocating for the Portland Area Tribes budget recommendations in developing the Indian Health Service (IHS) budget at Area and National work sessions.

NPAIHB would like to thank Andy for his hard work and dedication to NPAIHB's Mission. NPAIHB would also like to thank Andy's wife, Lori Lynn Joseph, his four sons, one daughter, and three grandbabies for

the sacrifices they make when Andy is away on travel. NPAIHB would also like to thank the Colville tribes for providing all of Indian Country such committed and knowledgeable representative. The Delegate of the Year award is determined by Andy's peers, the other forty-two tribal delegates. Because this award is determined by other delegates, it's truly an honor.

The NPAIHB Delegate of the Year award was presented to Andy on January 16, 2008 and read: "In recognition for his dedicated and selfless advocacy and prioritization of Indian health issues. Andy serves as a representative of NPAIHB with distinction, integrity, and humility. He works tirelessly in educating others on trust responsibilities and tribal sovereignty. He is a third generation tribal leader that lives as he advocates; as a healthy role model who is knowledgeable of and practices his culture, language, and spiritual customs with respect and reverence. NPAIHB offers our appreciation to Andy, his family and the Confederation of the Colville Reservation for his contributions to realizing the Board's Mission to assist Northwest tribes to improve the health status and quality of life of member tribes and Indian people in their delivery of culturally appropriate and holistic health care."



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