



ALLAN, LOUIE, JORDAN ELECTED TO TRIBAL COUNCIL

Coeur d'Alene Tribe Chairman Chief Allan and Norma Jean "Jeanie" Louie were reelected to the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council last Saturday. Paulette Jordan also earned a seat on the Tribal Council.

Allan, who has been Chairman since 2005, was unanimously reappointed Chairman Monday morning by the seven-person council. Allan received the highest vote total of any candidate this year, earning him a third term on the council.

"I am really humbled by the support of the Coeur d'Alene people," Chairman Allan said. "This victory is not my win, but that of the people."

Louie is an experienced veteran of tribal politics and is director of the Tribe's Social Services Department.

"I am thankful to be back on council to serve another term," Louie said. "It's an honor to serve the people. We still have a lot of work that needs to be done."

Jordan replaces Valerie Fast Horse, who didn't seek reelection.

"As a newly elected member to council, I hope to learn, listen and be a strong voice for our people," Jordan said. "I believe humility will be my greatest strength and being a civic servant of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe is an incredible privilege. I look forward to inter-tribal unity and working for the best interests of this nation in its entirety."

Jordan, 29, is the youngest member of the council. In 2003, she graduated from the University of Washington with degrees in Comparative Literature, Communications and American Indian Studies. Jordan served as a National Delegate for Obama during the Democratic National Convention and was elected in her county to serve as the Democratic Party's State Committee woman and helped to organize the Idaho Young Democrats National

Chapter, to which she was also elected to represent as the National Committeewoman. Recently she was selected by the University of Washington as one of the "top 40 up and coming young leaders." Jordan continues to serve Director of Enrollment for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. She has one son and resides with her family in Plummer.

The tribal election had the highest voter turnout (573) of any election over the last 11 years, the most up to date information available. In 2008, there were 522 Tribal members who voted.

Tribal Council seats are staggered three year terms. The Council votes annually to select a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer. Ernie Stensgar was reappointed Vice Chairman and Louie remains Secretary/Treasurer.