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Facts and Stats

“B” Average for SEPTEMBER

According to Idaho Code 39-5701 the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare must inspect each business that sells tobacco to ensure that it does not sell tobacco to minors. For September 2005:

- ❖ 141 Vendors were inspected.*
- ❖ 16 Vendors sold to the inspecting minor.
- ❖ The compliance rate for the month of SEPTEMBER 2005 was 88.65

*Inspections where purchase attempts were made.

Prevent the Sale Website

www.preventthesale.com/idaho

- Learn about the law
- Take the tobacco quiz
- See what the ID's look like
- Play the Game "Would You Sell to This Person?"

It's Time to Renew Tobacco Permits

It's time to renew your tobacco permits! Permits are *free*, and can be renewed on-line at www.tobacopermits.com/Idaho. If you are a new vendor, you can also get first-time permits from the online site. Vendors can renew permits for one business, or can renew permits for multiple businesses. Vendors with multiple businesses have the convenience of renewing all of their businesses at one time. For *any* vendor, renewing permits is easy, fast, and convenient. **RENEW TODAY!**

Four Plummer Idaho Residents Indicted

An August 18 article in the Coeur d'Alene Press by Dave Turner tells of Louie and Kathleen Mahoney, Christine Mahoney-Meyer and Margaret Jose, all of Plummer, Idaho, who received Federal indictments last month for racketeering, money laundering, mail fraud and trafficking contraband cigarettes. The four were charged in a conspiracy that federal authorities claim resulted in a \$56 million loss in tax revenues over a five-year span of time.

The investigation concluded that the four individuals, who live on the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation, sold contraband cigarettes — millions of cartons — to two other Indian reservation smoke shops in the state of Washington. Forty million cigarettes were seized from the two Washington smoke shops, along with \$777,000 in cash. Reports say that agents bought untaxed cigarettes from the smoke shops

Smoking Ban Results

It has been nearly a year since state Senator Brent Hill's bill banning smoking in restaurants took effect, and although the affect of secondhand smoke exposure is controversial, the dollars spent on smoking-related problems is not.

According to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, every Idaho household pays \$519 in state and federal taxes to cover smoking-caused government expenses. Smoking-caused productivity losses cost state businesses \$292 million every year.

"Quotes of the Year" from Tobacco.org

"When we go to a restaurant they don't ask, 'Do you want the asbestos section or the non-asbestos section. They do ask, 'Do you want smoking or nonsmoking.' Smoking is a matter of personal preference." ~Supreme Court nominee John G. Roberts, arguing in 1993 before the Supreme Court against a prison inmate's complaint that he was exposed to secondhand cigarette smoke. He argued the case as a deputy solicitor general.

"This is likely to be the first generation in our nation's history that will have a shorter life span than the generation that preceded it." ~Dr. Michael Weitzman, a professor of medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, whose study of adolescents found that those who were overweight and had been exposed to tobacco smoke were most likely to have metabolic syndrome.

"Quotes of the Year" Continued

"If we are going to be serious about improving health and preventing disease, we must continue to drive down tobacco use and exposure to second-hand smoke in this country." ~Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt, on the Yum! Brands (Pizza Hut/KFC) decision to ban smoking.

"The work of Sir Richard Doll, linking cancer to smoking, has probably saved more lives than any discovery in the last 50 years." ~Ben Youdan, head of No Smoking Day.

"He wanted to smoke, so we let him. We thought he'd get sick when he first smoked, but he fooled us. He'd rather smoke than eat candy or ice cream." ~Mother of Hubert Albert, age 5, in a front page item from the Wisconsin News of July 14, 1933.

"I give people cigars and tell them it is poison. I say: smoke them if you like. The best thing you can do with that box of cigars is give it to your enemy." ~Cuban President Fidel Castro.

It's October!

Youth is like spring, an overpraised season more remarkable for biting winds than genial breezes. Autumn is the mellower season, and what we lose in flowers we more than gain in fruits. ~Samuel Butler



October's Party

October gave a party;
The leaves by hundreds came -
The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples,
And leaves of every name.
The Sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band.
~George Cooper



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