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The Boise State University Women's Center and the Kessler-Keener 'Extraordinary Witness' Lecture Series is pleased to co-host the following event in partnership with RI Productions.

World Premiere Film Screening

IDAHO'S FORGOTTEN WAR

a documentary film by Director Sonya Rosario

Thursday, March 18, 2010

Drumming & singing at **6:30 pm**, Opening Prayer at **7:00 pm**

Student Union Bldg, 2nd Floor, Simplot D

Boise State University

About the Film

One winter's night, an elder freezes to death in his unheated home. Kootenai Tribal elders sensed it is but a matter of time before the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho vanish completely. This film profiles the Kootenai Tribe and its young Chairwoman, Amy Trice, who on September 20, 1974 declared the last official American Indian war on the U.S. Government, by the only woman to do so in US history.

By 1974, the Kootenai people had experienced extreme poverty, isolation and removal off their home lands. Robbed of their culture and basic human rights, the Kootenai people decided to take destiny into their own hands, forever changing their lives and the lives of those in the small town of Bonners Ferry, Idaho. What was once Idaho's forgotten history comes the true story about the Kootenai people and the young Chair woman whose commitment would not waiver. The film includes interviews with Senators James McClure and Steve Symms, who share their roles in this historic and emotional time in Idaho's history and how the Kootenai people rose out of the ashes to become a prosperous Indian Nation. Amy Trice will attend the screening.

For more information, visit the film's website at www.idahosforgottenwar.com.

Special Guests

In addition to Amy Trice, other special guests expected to attend the screening and participate in the panel discussion include:

- Valerie Fast Horse, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, creator of the RezKast.com (Indian version of YouTube)
- Nancy Egan, former Chairwoman and first woman to be elected in 150 years, Duck Valley Reservation
- Randy L'Teton, Shoshone-Bannock, the Sacajawea model for the U.S. dollar gold coin
- Velma Bahe, former Chairwoman of the Kootenai Tribe
- Julia Davis-Wheeler, Vice-Chair of the Nez Perce Tribe
- Cherie Buckner Webb, Opening Prayer, Idaho Black History Museum

Program Details

6:30 - Drumming and singing

7:00 - Opening Prayer, welcome and film introduction

7:15 - Film screening

8:15 - Panel introduction, discussion, and audience Q and A with Amy Trice and other women leaders from Idaho's five Tribes.

9:00 - Opportunities to participate in upcoming efforts to promote mutual respect and healing between Indian and non-Indians in Idaho, and continued discussion.

Cost

There is no cost to attend this special event. Attendees are encouraged to bring canned food items for donation to the Native American Coalition of Boise (NACOB) food bank.

Post Screening Reception, Friday, March 19

The public is invited to a reception for our invited women tribal leaders at The Modern Hotel, 1314 W. Grove St, on Friday, March 19, from 5- 7 P.M. Light appetizers and no-host bar will be available. There is no charge to attend, but donations to cover the cost of food will be gratefully accepted (\$5 suggested). All are welcome to meet the film's director, Sonya Rosario, Amy Trice, and our other guests from Idaho's Tribes.

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