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## **Cousin Trio Contributes to Wildcat Success**



Lapwai Freshman, Titus Yearout (left) stands with his older cousins and teammates, seniors Payton Sobotta and Kendall Leighton

Lapwai's 2018-19 boys basketball season would start out as Lapwai basketball always has, except this year the varsity boys would welcome one freshman to the team; Titus Yearout. Joining his two cousins, seniors Kendall Leighton and Payton Sobotta, the three are a dynamic force all playing on the same team.

The trio led the Lapwai Wildcats to a 53-50 victory over the Potlatch Loggers, February 22, 2019 and Lapwai's second straight 1A Division I District II championship. Yearout took control in the second half with an outstanding performance leading his team, and tallying up 20 points. Sobotta knocked down 15 points and Leighton contributed 10. "I'm proud of all of my teammates of course, but mostly Titus for being a freshmen and stepping up to play his game to get the job done," Sobotta said. Sobotta earned the Division I Player of the Year award and was named Whitepine League MVP. In January he was also voted Prep Athlete of the Week. "This is what I worked for all year, I worked hard and looked forward to winning games," concluded Sobotta.

First-Team award went to Leighton and Second-Team Choice award went to Yearout. Sobotta averages 20

points and eight rebounds per game; Leighton scores 14 and dishes out five assists a night; and Yearout chips in 14 points per game. Sobotta's father and coach, Bob Sobotta, was awarded Coach of the Year.

The cousins are a huge contributing factor for the Wildcat's being ranked number one in the Idaho Class 1A D-I media poll the entire year. Oddly, this year was their first year ever playing together, on the same team. In August 2018 they played together in Hawaii for the first time. So what makes them play so well together? "We just go out there and play our own game," Sobotta said.

Sobotta recalls witnessing a game when Yearout was just a fifth grader, "He was tearing it up," Sobotta said. It wasn't until later in high school that Leighton and Sobotta realized they would get to play with their younger cousin. "We always thought it would be just us two, we thought Titus was too young, then we did the math," Sobotta laughed.

"We have fun together, weplaygoodandeveryoneplays their part," Yearout concurred.

Yearout has been preparing himself since he was a kid for his opportunity to play on the high school varsity

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# CULTURAL

### Titwáatit (Story): Sun, Moon, and Frog Girl





Wa-kiiiipa--- (long ago)Once upon a time, two brothers came to visit a certain place where there lived a lot of people. These two brothers, who were very handsome, had only been there a little while, when a group of girls gathered around them in a circle.

There also lived at that place a young girl-frog who was tanning hides at the time. She heard a lot of noise and wondered what was going on. So she went outside and saw the girls all laughing and giggling around those boys. Frog Girl thought to herself, "Those girls won't get the boys for husbands. I'm going to have them both!"

Then Frog Girl wished that it would begin to rain. Suddenly, the rain came down, flattening all the houses so that there seemed to be no place to hide from the storm. There was only one house left standing. The two brothers saw smoke coming peacefully out of the chimney and they decided to go into that house until it stopped raining.

When the boys were in the house, they saw a young Frog Girl tanning hides. They sat down across from her for a while, drying themselves. Finally, Frog Girl put the hides down, and the brothers thought, "Now she'll give us something to eat."

Just then Frog Girl got up and dashed over to them. She threw herself against the elder brother's eye and stuck herself there. The brothers tried to tear her away, but there seemed to be no way to do it. After quite a while, the people found out what had happened, and everyone came around, trying to pull her off.

The boy became more and more scared, and the other girls kept hitting at Frog Girl, trying to pull her off. Frog Girl began to laugh, "ha ha ha," she said "you're all jealous." Everyone kept trying to pull her off, but she seemed to stick tighter and tighter. Finally, everyone gave up hope of getting her off, and they went away.

Then the older brother said, "Younger brother, I was going to be the sun which moved about during the day, but with such a shameful thing as this happening to me, you will have to be the daytime sun, and I will be the nighttime sun."

And so, to this day, the frog in the moon is still there. The frog is stuck there and can never be pulled away. That's how it has been ever since that time.



# **CULTURAL**

### Jaci McCormack Set to Introduce Life Story Film "Rise Above"



Jaci McCormack, Nez Perce Tribal member, and Dennis Lee, Hollywood screenwriter, teamed up with the there is an emerging aware-

Nez Perce Women's Writ- ness and audience demand for ers Institute and Nez Perce Tribe Arts Council to present a keynote address about their upcoming film project.

"Rise Above" (Film) is based on the life story of Jaci McCormack, a basketball prodigy and inspiration for aspiring native athletes throughout Indian country. The Film will help support the mission of Rise Above, a Seattle based 501c3 Non-Profit, founded by McCormack, which empowers native youth to live healthy lives by providing awareness, prevention and character enrichment using sports, and in particular basketball, as a platform.

Timing could not be better for the Film. It is coming along at a time when

### **Chantel Eastman Attends**



Darren Williams, Governor Jeff Merkley, Chantel Eastman

February 10-15, 2019 Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee member Chantel Eastman traveled to Washington DC to represent the Nez Perce Tribe (Tribe) at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Executive Winter Session. The executive session provides a forum for direct interaction between tribal leaders and Congress. In addition to the two-day NCAI session, Eastman also individually met with representatives and senators from Oregon and Idaho and staff from various Congressional committees.

She was also able to learn more about how the Smithsonian cares for and archives materials from Indian Country.

"We were able to view artifacts the Nez Perce Tribe has in holding at the Smithsonian. We learned a lot about the skeletal structures they were working on and the different shapes and textures of the skulls. They all held different meanings and told a different life story," Eastman explained.

During the conference, speakers such as Native Amer-Congresswomen ican Deb Haaland and Sharice Davids,

new voices in film, which has helped to create a renaissance in Native American stories and for women filmmakers.

The industry also has created various forums and partnerships to help develop Native American content and support for Native American filmmakers. One of the preeminent forums is the Sundance Institute's Native American and Indigenous Film Program, which has supported more than 300 filmmakers through labs, grants, mentorships, public programs, and the Sundance Film Festival.

These companies sponsor such programs and film festivals in recognition of the talent that exists in Indian country and the potential for new Williams Conference Center.

voices and stories to emerge. "While movies have been made with a woman as its central character, there aren't many of them. When you take into account "Rise Above" is a true story about a Native American woman who plays basketball, you quickly realize there is nothing else like it. Our purpose is to create presence, thus, from the outset, we are determined that "Rise Above" isn't simply a movie. Instead, Rise Above is the beginning of a movement," explained Lee.

McCormack and Lee will be giving a keynote presentation on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. along with questions and answers. The keynote will be held at Lewis Clark State College,

### NCAI in Washington DC

spoke about their goals and priorities for representing Indian Country. The two women exhibited a powerful drive to improve the advocacy on native issues before Congress. Likewise, Senator Murkowski from Alaska and Senator Udall from New Mexico both passionately spoke about the legislation they have championed to improve economic development in Indian Country and addressed the violence against women and children.

Several cabinet officials spoke on the work federal agencies are doing in Indian Country. David Bernhardt, the acting Secretary for the Department of Interior, spoke about decisions to rescind proposals to reorganize the regions for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and rescind proposals to amend the land into trust regulations. Secretary of Transportation, Elaine Chao, talked about development of regulations for tribal transportation self-governance.

NCAI also gave updates on the federal budgets for this fiscal year, the upcoming fiscal year and updates on Indian cases before the United States Supreme Court. Overall, there

were over 30 speakers or presentations. Eastman also participated in several breakout sessions and group meetings with officials from the Trump Administration regarding workforce development programs, tribal provisions in the recently passed 2018 Farm Bill and tribal transportation.

Eastman also personally met with Senators Merkley, Crapo and Risch and Congressmen Simpson, Blumenauer and Fulcher and staff for the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. During the meetings, the primary topics were advocacy for increased federal spending for programs in Indian Country, the Tribe's support for reauthorization for the Violence Against Women Act and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, and other legislation that protects and preserves tribal sovereignty.

"This NCAI Executive Winter Session was my first. It felt incredibly successful and we were able to gather more than I anticipated. There were some wonderful presentations and it was wonderful to converse with many of our Congressmen later on in our meetings," Eastman concluded.

### NORTHWEST

### Roadway Safety: How Can You Reduce Injuries & Fatalities?

#### By: The Safety SME Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP)

With 2,840 known fatalities in tribal lands from 2011 to 2015, most of us have either lost a loved one or know someone that has. You don't have to feel powerless to stop it. There are many ways that each of us can work to prevent roadway fatalities. Small efforts put forth by all of us can make a mountain of a difference and turn the tide.

To figure out how we can prevent these fatalities, we first must study the data. The data tells the story of why these fatal collisions are occurring. Even that is a struggle as we have known under reporting of crashes in tribal areas. This leads us to the first thing you can do: report any crashes that you know of. Contact your tribal transportation planner or grants manager, and let them know, especially about serious crashes or fatalities. The more data that we have; the clearer the picture will be. Also, our chances of obtaining grant funding to correct the safety issues is greatly enhanced by good data.

A Tribal Transportation Committee, formed from many Tribal governments and the FHWA, reviewed the crash data for Native Americans. It's startling to learn that motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death from unintentional injury for Native Americans and Alaska Natives ages 1 to 44. In some states Native likely to die from a motor vehicle crash than the general population. From this review, the committee found five emphasis areas of special concern. The first one is occupant protection (seat belts, car seats, helmets, air bags, etc.). In 51% of Native American fatalities, occupant protection was not used. In tribal areas seat belt usage has been tracked at 78%. The overall US average usage is 90%. Here's the second thing that you can do: wear your seat belt, make sure everyone else in the vehicle does, and make sure to use car seats even for short trips.

The second emphasis area is roadway departure. 63% of Native American fatalities happened when someone left the travel way resulting in a crash, 25% of these were in curves. How can you reduce this? Stay on the road. Easier said than done at times. For most of us, we need to make sure that we are not distracted. No texting or using electronic devices while driving. There's also a lot that Road Departments can do to keep you on the road and help prevent fatalities if you leave the road. They accomplish this with good maintenance of gravel or unpaved roads, striping, signage, a clear roadside, and gentle slopes to name a few items. You can also help with this. Report any signs that are down, that have been vandalized or are no longer reflective at night to your lo-

Americans are four times more likely to die from a motor vehicle crash than the general population. From this review, the committee found five empha-

The third emphasis area is impaired driving. 40% of Native American fatalities involved impaired driving. This is compared to 36% of fatal crashes across the US having an impaired driver. You can help to reduce this by drinking responsibly and helping others to do so. Don't drive if you've been drinking. Offer to give someone a ride if they have been drinking and you have not. Be a good enough friend to take the keys away from a buddy that's drinking.

The fourth emphasis area is pedestrian safety. 11% of roadway fatalities for Native Americans occur when a pedestrian is struck by a vehicle. This number is 3.5 times greater than other portions of the population. The majority of these are at night in rural areas. 77% of the time the individual was walking along or in the road. What can you do? Walk on a sidewalk or path when it's available. If you must walk on the shoulder or in the road, face traffic. Be seen by wearing reflective or bright clothing. Never walk near the road while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

The fifth emphasis area is availability of public safety services. 44% of fatalities in tribal lands have more than an hour from the time EMS is notified to when the victim arrives at the hospital. This number is 23% on average for the US. Road safety experts have a term called the "golden hour." If you can get medical attention within an hour of sustaining severe injury, your chances of living are much higher. How can you help? Consider becoming a community volunteer and take some basic medical training. Provide your information to local EMS, and your willingness to help. It's quite possible you could be first on the scene and provide lifesaving assistance.

### Top 10 - What can I do to reduce roadway fatalities?

1. Report crashes to your Transportation Planner or Grants Manager, especially severe or fatal ones.

2. Wear your seat belt, make sure everyone else does, and use car seats even for short trips.

3. Stay on the road. Don't drive distracted.

4. Report any signs that need attention, drainage issues, or damaged guardrail to the Road Dept.

5. Don't drive if you've been drinking.

6. Take the keys away from someone who is drinking and give them a ride.

7. Walk on the sidewalk or path. If you must walk on the shoulder or path, face traffic.

8. Wear reflective or bright clothing while walking.

9. Never walk while impaired. 10. Take some basic medical training and become a community volunteer.



### **3rd Annual Nez Perce Women's Writers Conference** Tribute to Margo Aragon

The Nez Perce Women's Writers Institute (NPWWI) is holding the third annual conference at LCSC in the Selway Room of the Williams Conference Center. The theme for this year's conference is Indigenous Women in Film. The NPWWI is paying tribute to Margo Aragon on Tuesday, March 12th, with a panel discussion from 2-4 p.m., including panelists John Herrington and Dr. Jan Johnson. Mr. Herrington will speak about the children's book that Aragon encouraged him to write, which was later published through Chickasaw Press. Dr. Johnson will speak on Native American women in film. The tribute will resume in the evening, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Silverthorne Theater with the screeningofherfilm, "Nee-Me-Poo: ThePowerofDance." Priortothescreening, BrendaAxtell willread a short piece written by Aragon, with an introduction of the evening's event delivered by Herrington.

March 12, 2019 Lewiston Idaho. This is a FREE event and is OPEN to the public. Registration is not required. Questions? Contact Sarah Davidson at sarahd@nezperce.org

### NORTHWEST

### **NPTEC Chairman Meets With Washington Governor Jay Inslee**

Shannon Chairman Wheeler of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) met with Washington State Governor Inslee on January 28, 2019, at the state capitol in Olympia, Washington. During the meeting, the two leaders discussed issues between the State and the Nez Perce Tribe such as water quality standards, efforts on salmon and orca protection, recovery programs, and economic development. "It was nice to be 'welcomed home' by the Governor at the beginning of the meeting and to learn of his knowledge and understanding of the Tribe," stated Chairman Wheeler.

Governor Inslee recently released a budget proposal allocating millions of dollars to different programs and efforts to address the problems facing orca populations and also fish passage for salmon. The Tribe

issued a letter of support for the that are a part of the Federal related to dissolved gas levels, progressive budget proposals and discussed the details of the

expressed its intent to com-

ment on the state's rulemak-

ing related to implementation of a recent court agreement

dealing with spills from dams

Columbia River Power System. The agreement was

proposals during the meeting. designed to provide certain-In addition, the Tribe ty with operations while the allowable from spill operations.

Economic development was a major discussion item as well, as the Tribe continues working to expand its business footprint. Recent business and land acquisitions in Southeastern Washington were discussed, with an understanding of need for closer collaboration between the two governments. "I think the meeting was very productive and we covered some very important issues that affect both the state and the Tribe," stated Wheeler. "The Tribe looks forward to continuing development in our relationship with the state as we have many common interests," he concluded. Fridav,

On March 1st, 2019 Governor Jay Inslee announced his commitment to run for President in the upcoming 2020 elections the democratic ticket. on

#### GrowingThunder Selected to Attend NHSMUN



GrowingThun-Garen der has been selected to represent the Northwest Region as the National High School Youth Ambassador (NHSYA). He will be attending the National High School Model United Nations (NHSMUN) Conference in New York City, March 6-9. As the new 2019 NHSYA, GrowingThunder will have to write a weekly position paper on current issues and topics. He will engage in live debates and meet high

ranking officials such as Kelly Knight Craft, US Ambassador to the United Nations; António Guterres, United Nations Secretary General; Bill de Blasio, New York City Mayor; and David Petraeus, retired US Army general and public official. During the summer of 2018, GrowingThunder also attended INSPIRE, a leadership program for Native American teens, in Washington DC. For more information on the program, visit: https://www.nhsmun.nyc/

#### **Broncheau Honored for Dedicated Service**

Kamiah- A potluck retirement party for Kamiah EMT Angela Broncheau was held February 22, 2019 at the Emergency Services Building. Current and former EMTs gathered to share stories and celebrate Broncheau's 35 years of dedicated service to the Kamiah Ambu-

United States completes an

analysis of dam operations.

Several components of the

agreement depend on Wash-

ington amending regulations

lance. With the retirement of seasoned emergency service volunteers in recent years, more EMTs and firemen are greatly needed. If you would like to volunteer, please call EMT Supervisor Mike Boyer or Fire Chief Dan at (208) Musgrave 935-2672 and leave a message.



# SPORTS

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team. Although he's already familiar with competing against elite athletes his age and older, Yearout enjoyed making varsity. "I put in the work so I knew I earned it. Once I got there, I knew I had to put in more work to play," continued Yearout. "It always feels good

when you can contribute to the win by your performance." Leighton and Sobotta have a message for their freshman cousin, "Carry on the Lapwai legacy that has been carried on for years, play for the community, for family, for yourself, and for the Tribe. Keep doing what you're doing, you represent us well."





Titus Yearout and Kendall Leighton attempt to block Ambrose guard



Payton Sobotta goes for a lay-up in the fourth quarter















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## SPORTS Wildcats Place Third at Idaho State Tournament

boys' basketball team (Wildcats) finished the 2018-19 season with a third place finish at the Idaho 1A Division I state basketball tournament in Caldwell, February 28 through March 2. They opened the tournament with a 65-59 win over the talented Ambrose Archer squad in the guarterfinal. Both Lapwai and Ambrose were fast pace and strong teams, creating a competitive atmosphere. The Wildcats were able to ice the game with timely free throws, successful baskets,

toward the end of the game. The Wildcat's road to a third straight state title was derailed in the semi-final game with a 59-42 loss to their league rival, the Prairie Pirates. The Wildcats beat the Pirates twice in the regular season and were able to get within 8 points in the second half, but ultimately had to resort to fouling late in the game. The Wildcats rebound-

ed the following day with an outstanding performance against the Valley Vikings of

The Lapwai Wildcat and accomplished rebounds Hazelton, to place for third. The Wildcats beat the Vikings last year for the state championship title. Lapwai lead by as much as 21 points in the second half before winning 70-61, with the entire team contributing to a strong season finale. Titus Yearout shot 13for-15 from the field and went 8-for-8 from the free throw line, ending the night with 36 points and leading Lapwai to victory over the Valley Vikings. Payton Sobotta had seven rebounds and five assists to go along with his 14 points.

The 21-5 Wildcats were led by seven seniors, including Alessandro Domebo, Maceo Henry, Tui Moliga Jr., Kendall Leighton, JJ Reuben, Payton Sobotta, and Pox Young. Their class contributed to two state titles, one runner-up finish, and one third place trophy. The Idaho Sports website selected their 1ADI Boys Basketball All-Tournament Teams as follows: 1st Team: Yearout, Freshman; Titus 2nd Team: Kendall Leighton, Senior; and Honorable Mention: Payton Sobotta, Senior.





36 points to end the season

### Wildcats Defeat Ambrose in First Matchup at State



Lapwai defeated Ambrose 65-59 on Thursday night in the guarterfinals of the Class 1A Division-I state boys' basketball tournament, at Vallivue High. Colton Clark of the Lewiston Tribune has given the cousin trio a new name calling Sobotta, Leighton and Yearout Lapwai's "three-headed monster". Together, they scored 56 points, launching the Wildcats into the lead, where they remained from start to finish throughout the game against Ambrose. No matter the Archers' aim, it was constantly dashed by that Lapwai family dynamic. "The consistency of meshing and having that chemistry makes everything better," Leighton said. "Offensively and on the defensive end, because we can switch guard to guard. All three of us can guard mainly everybody."

# **SPORTS**

Morales Claims State Wrestling Title



Aurelio Morales, Orofino High School senior, lead one of the best 2A showings ever for District II wrestlers at the Idaho state prep meet, placing first at the Idaho State Tournament at Holt Arena in Pocatello, on February 23, 2019.

Morales went to state seeded third this year, and upset the number one ranked Michael Barfuss of North Gem, by fall in 2:55 of the final.

The 132-pound Orofino Maniac tallied three pins and a major decision at State and finished the year 35-4. Morales placed at the top of the podium his senior year after taking second at state the previous two years. Morales' championship title contributed to Orofino's overall team score of sixth place in the 2A tournament. Boys Basketball Mons VS Girls Basketball Mons Tuesday, March 12th, 2019 Tip Off at 6:00pm Lapwai High School Gym









Bring some extra cash for: Concessions – Chicken dinner plate, baked goods, red bull blasts! Half Time Hoop Shoot & Dad's half court challenge Admission to game is by donation only LHS Wildcat Fan Gear & Apparel for Sale

Basketball Game

For More Info: Contact Taricia Moliga, Hosted by the Lapwai Wildcat Booster Club

urelio Morales, Orofino Senior, was named Prep Athlete of the Week February 27, 2019



shlyn Wallace, Clarkston Sophomore, was named Prep Athlete of the Week February 21, 2019



ru Allen, Clarkston Junior, was named Prep Athlete of the Week February 4, 2019



# ACTIVITIES

### **Investing Woes**



Dear Dr. Per Cap: I received my end of year 401k statement and my account was down for the year, even when factoring in my contributions and my employer's match. This is not cool. I opened my 401k when I started a new job last spring so I can start saving for retirement and I'm already losing money. What can I do? Signed, Worried in Washington Dear Worried,

2018 is officially in the books and unfortunately it was a rocky year for investors. Nearly all capital markets-global stock indexes, bond mutual funds, currencies, and commodities ended the year on a down note. Many investors like yourself saw their portfolios take a nose dive to close out a whirlwind year that brought us Popsockets, Incredibles 2, and the Washington Capitals first Stanley Cup victory – yes, I'm a hockey fan!

Here's my advice - stay cool and learn some terms every new investor should know, realized and unrealized losses and gains. I'll talk some sports to help explain. Say vour favorite basketball team is down 10 points with three minutes to go in the second half. They're losing but there's still time to turn it around and win the game. An unrealized investment loss is similar to a team that's losing but hasn't lost. Here's an example: you purchase an investment for \$5,000 that performs poorly. Six months later the investment is only worth \$4,500. However, you hold onto the investment and don't sell it. Because you haven't sold anything it's considered a \$500 "unrealized" loss or a "paper" loss. The funds inside your retirement account are experiencing unrealized losses because they're worth less than you paid for them, but as long as you don't sell you haven't lost a dime. Moreover, just like a scrappy basketball team can pull off a come from behind victory, a struggling investment can climb its way back from an unrealized loss and turn it into a gain.

I know what you're thinking: what if my basketball team doesn't come back? In that case the buzzer sounds and they lose. You must be a Lakers fan - just kidding! All joking aside, at this point an unrealized loss becomes a "realized" loss, meaning an investment has been sold for less than it was originally purchased. A realized loss hurts a lot more than an unrealized one because like the name implies, it's real - like Beyonce's long hair. Hey, if you buy that I've got a beach front bungalow in Tuba City, Arizona I want to sell you!

Getting back to your retirement account. Investments like stocks and bonds, which is what most 401k's are composed of, will fluctuate in value over time. Some years your account will be up, other years it will be down. And since I'm thinking you're quite a few years away from retirement, you've got a long investing timeframe. So don't panic, keep up with those contributions, and especially keep enjoying those free matching contributions from your employer. When investing long term, investment accounts with a healthy balance of stocks and bonds have an excellent track record!

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### <u>ACTIVITIES</u> ()**2019 NPTEC Legislative Reception**

the Nez Perce Tribe hosted their annual Legislative Reception in Boise, Idaho. The reception is typically preceded by a day of meetings with various legislators and representatives from the state of Idaho. This year's event was no exception with meetings occurring from 7:30 a.m. till 4:00 p.m., working through the lunch hour.

Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) members Chairman Shannon Wheeler, Secretary Casey Mitchell, and Member Chantel Eastman attended, along with staff. The group was able to meet with Representative Dorothy Moon, Idaho Conservation League, Senator Dan Johnson, Governor Brad Little, Idaho Department of Health & Welfare Director David Jeppesen, Senate and House Minority Leadership, Senate and House Majority Leadership, along During the various meetings, NPTEC discussed and explained a number of items and issues the Tribe is facing.

Eastman took the lead on discussing Dental Health Aid Therapists (DHAT) and how they can benefit our rural clinics. The Tribe has taken a stance of support for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe in their efforts to amend Idaho Statutes for the licensing of DHAT. A DHAT would be able to perform routine preventative dental procedures, and would not require the oversight of a dentist. Approving DHAT licensing would allow for additional dental care, which is currently lacking due to a shortage of dentists in our local clinics.

Wheeler, along with the assistance of staff attorney Amanda Rogerson, spoke about the Fish Consumption Rate as well as the Hells Can-

On February 4th, 2019 with a few others during lunch. yon Complex (HCC). The Tribe has objections to the fish consumption rates and human health criteria, that have been proposed to the Environmental Protection Agency by the state of Idaho. The Tribe also has many concerns with the HCC including fish passage, harvest shares, and methylmercury levels/ amounts.

One hot topic was the Plaza Interchange Aht'Wy project along U.S. Highway 95/12, and the progress being made. The group was able to discuss what steps are being taken and the anticipated phases of the upcoming project. The Tribe still firmly supports lowering the speed limit and many representatives concurred.

A few other subjects were discussed including Midas Gold, economic development, Medicaid Expansion, the White Bison Wellbrietv program, and Cannabidiol Oil. Having these conversations keeps our local government abreast of what is going on with the Tribe. State leaders deal with numerous people, groups, organizations, etc. and by meeting with them in person, relationships are built. The Nez Perce Tribe has established a positive rapport with many representatives, largely due to this type of interaction.

Many legislators are not fully aware of the work being conducted by the Tribe, nor do they realize the impact the Tribe has on Idaho's economy. However, the Tribe is heavily involved with issues throughout the Northwest. "These meetings are important, they are an opportunity to enlighten Idaho's leadership making sure they know we are here, we are stewards of this area, and we have a vested interest in our ancestral lands," stated Wheeler.



#### **Approves DHAT for Reservation Clinics** Senate

On February 27th, 2019 the Senate Health and Welfare Committee passed legislation from the Coeur d'Alene (CDA) Tribe, seeking to address gaps in dental care. There was opposition from some dental professionals. The Nez Perce Tribe supported the CDA Tribe, and NPTEC Member Chantel Eastman provided testimony.

"The concept of dental therapy is a part of a larger program known as the Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) which the Tribe actively participates in. CHAP is designed to assist tribes with the provision of health services by training tribal members in areas such as behavioral health, community health and oral health. The training of tribal members in these areas increases the resources for health clinics in filling positions with qualified professionals that are culturally connected

to the community in areas that mittee." – Recap of Eastman's have a high turnover rate... Licensing dental therapists is a safe and practical solution to addressing the gap in oral timony in regard to the Dental health in areas such as Indian reservations. The Tribe also believes the legislation will improve and expand upon the care currently being provided on reservations. This is the basis for why the Nez Perce Tribe respectfully requests that this bill be passed out of com-

testimony in support of Dental Health Therapist Licensing

"I was last to give tes-Health Aid Therapist program and believe it turned out well, because my statement was last heard and it pertained to direct issues with reservation services and the issues our communities face. Once the votes came out, the bill passed 8-1!!! On this day Tribal Sovereignty won!!!"

# ACTIVITIES 11 Dig For The Truth on Gold Mining

### 2019 Lapwai Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year



Tarriq Wells has been an active member of the Lapwai Boys & Girls Club for the past 9 years. He is a regular attendee of his Clubhouse, participating in its life-enhancing programs and activities. His time spent at the Club has helped him build positive character and strong leadership skills. Tarrig is a laid back, easy going and silent young leader. As a Jr. Staff, Tarrig has worked alongside program staff in implementing programs and activities for Club Members. He has helped assist in T.R.A.I.L. (diabetes prevention) and Triple Play. He is the Vice President of his Club's Keystone Club, helping coordinate service projects. He is also a participant in the Smart Moves and Ballers Night programs, where he has acquired ways to deal with peer pressures. As part of his participation in the Youth of the Year program, Tarriq would like to advocate the positive impact his Clubhouse has had on his life and to raise awareness for other youth on the benefits of participating at the Boys & Girls Club. Tarriq is a helpful person who leads by example for his peers, younger members and staff. He is a great Club Member and representative for his Boys & Girls Club, family, friends and community.

#### By: Shannon Wheeler NPTEC Chairman

Can mining heal a river? Midas Gold Corporation, a Canadian mining company with an Idaho subsidiary, wants vou to believe that its mining project can. Over the past century, mining companies have come and gone from the Stibnite mine site, near Yellow Pine, Idaho, and have made a variety of promises to the residents of this state. But they all have left behind the same legacy—a polluted and scarred landscape. Now, the latest mining company to arrive at Stibnite, Midas Gold, wants you to believe that they alone are going to "restore" the site, and they are going to do it with a brand-new gold mine!

Midas Gold is proposing the Stibnite Gold Project, a huge open pit, surface mine in the headwaters of the East Fork South Fork Salmon River and within the Nez Perce Tribe's aboriginal territory. The company plans to re-disturb the current mine site and excavate an additional 800 acres of currently undisturbed wildlife habitat, with three enormous mining pits. Two of these pits will be left on the landscape in perpetuity. The company also plans to fill three valleys with 450 million tons of mine tailings and waste rock and to build a 26-footwide access road through three roadless areas, along the boundary of the Frank ChurchRiver of No Return Wilderness. And these impacts are potentially just the beginning!

Most mines, once opened, expand and Midas has already promoted the potential for expansion. This means that the Stibnite Gold mine could go from a large mine, at the initial permitting phase, to a mega-mine involving additional acres, deposits, mining pits, and filled valleys, with compounding destructive environmental effects.

Is this the picture you've gotten from Midas Gold's promotional materials, or have you just heard about its restoration plans for the site?

The reality is that Midas Gold's restoration plans are minor compared to the sheer scale of disturbance associated with the money-making aspects of the mine. Midas Gold's restoration plans also distract from the real potential that its project will actually increase contamination of the site and the East Fork South Fork Salmon River.

Earthworks' 2013 U.S. Gold Mines Spills & Failures Report study found that of 27 active gold mines in the United States (93% of U.S. gold production), all had experienced at least one pipeline spill or other accidental release. The Report also found that 20 of the 27 mines failed to capture or control contaminated mine seepage and had water quality impacts to surface and/or groundwater. Midas Gold claims that the liners they plan to place below, and the soil covers they plan to place on top, of its mine tailings will entirely prevent the type of contaminated mine seepage documented in the 2013 Earthworks Report.

Unfortunately, all liners leak. They leak because they have some natural permeability and they also have defects. Midas's leaking tailings piles may be the least of the problem. Midas doesn't plan to line its waste rock deposits at the site. If the soil covers and vegetation Midas plans to use don't work, which is likely given that unlined waste rock deposits have leaked at similar sites, then these features will also leak contaminated heavy metals into ground and/or surface water.

There is no question that the long history of mining at the Stibnite site has left this site in Idaho degraded and in need of healing. But, betting on a new, enormous mine to do the cleanup is too risky for fish and wildlife, residents of Idaho, and for the Nez Perce people, who have worked since the mid-1990s, expending approximately \$2.5 million annually, to restore fish populations and fish habitat in the Salmon River watershed. The preservation of Idaho's cherished natural resources is a top priority for the Nez Perce people.

The Nez Perce Tribe opposes the Stibnite Gold Project. Please join us. www.digforthetruth.org



# 12OPINIONCorrections to Lewiston Tribune's Opinion Piece

On Sunday, February 24, 2019 an article was printed on the front page of the Opinion section in the Lewiston Morning Tribune (Tribune). The Nez Perce Tribe (Tribe) is disappointed in the Tribune's decision to publish something so distasteful, and a formal letter has been sent to the Tribune's Editor/Publisher. We are fully aware of the varying opinions out there but for the Tribune to support one of such egregious nature is concerning. The support from readers of that article is greatly appreciated. The Tribe is honored to have such wonderful partners, advocates, and friends. Though the Nez Perce Tribe does not feel obligated to respond to the writer in the Lewiston Tribune, on behalf of our tribal members, it seems only right to publicly correct the many inaccuracies contained in the opinion piece. History

Nimiipuu have been in this region since time immemorial, encompassing virtually all of what is now North Central Idaho, in addition to extensive portions of northeastern Oregon and southeastern Washington. Nimiipuu have always possessed all the attributes of a sovereign governmental entity. It has been recognized that "those powers which are lawfully vested in an Indian tribe are not, in general, delegated powers granted by express acts of Congress, but rather inherent powers of a limited sovereignty which have never been extinguished." This sovereign status has been recognized by the United States and even earlier by foreign governments.

Treaties are agreements between sovereign govern-

ments, and treaties with tribes are accorded the same dignity as those with foreign nations. With the peacetime treaties negotiated between the United States and Nez Perce Tribe in 1855 and 1863, millions of acres of tribal land were ceded to the United States creating the current day reservation. Any federal monies that flow from these treaties are not federal handouts, but rather are the fulfillment of preexisting obligations of the United States. When examining these treaties, which are still valid today, one of the most important legal standards for treaty interpretation is the fact that a "... treaty was not a grant of rights to the Indians, but a grant of rights from them - a reservation of those not granted." Government, Enterprises,

#### and Community Contributions

Today, the Nez Perce Tribe is consistently one of the top three largest employers in the region. Understandably, there is often a misunderstanding of how the Tribe functions. There are two sectors, the government (non-profit) side and the enterprises (for-profit) side. Though they work collaboratively, they run separately.

The Enterprises is currently comprised of five entities including the Clearwater River Casino & Lodge, Nez Perce Express, Camas Express, It'se Ye-Ye Casino, and most recently the Clarkston Golf and Country Club. Each year, millions of dollars are contributed to the economy just from these enterprises. In addition, the casinos contribute 5% of net profits to local education programs and schools. Since 2004, over \$4.9 million has been awarded through this program. For the 2018-19 program year alone, over \$330,000 was awarded.

The government side is made up of numerous programs and departments working towards bettering the land, wildlife, community, and way of life. Many programs are supported by federal grants, that staff diligently write and apply for regularly. Much of the work being conducted is not iust for the benefit of the Nez Perce Tribe but also individuals who love this area. Fisheries, bio-control, wireless internet; to name a few, provide a benefit for all of us. If these services were not provided by the Tribe, it is likely they would not be provided at all or at least not to the current extent.

According to Steven Peterson's Economic Impact Report, the Tribe increases total regional employment by 2,045 jobs. Total sales from tribal economic activity exceeds \$195.9 million each year. Also, even though some economic activities are tax exempt, the Tribe pays property taxes, sales tax, excise tax, and income tax in the approximate amount of \$6.15 million annually.

#### Aht' Wy Plaza Interchange

In 1996 the Clearwater River Casino opened at an already well established commercial, and residential, area. Since that time, the Tribe has improved the area and has spent over \$2 million on road and safety modifications. To construct something of this nature is no simple task and the pre-work is quite extensive. Many factors contributed to the delay in the project. It was not until 2018, after all things were considered, that the project was fully approved for continuation.

The Tribe along with ITD are now actively planning and moving forward with construction plans for an interchange. It is anticipated to have a completed plan by fall of 2019, and for the project to be "shovel ready" shortly after. In the interim, the Tribe has implemented a number of improvements to the highway and is considering additional improvements based on the recent safety audit.

The Tribe, since the beginning, has taken an active role in this project. Though there have been a number of partners, the Tribe has paid for all improvements up to this point. In addition, the Tribe has proposed other ideas on more than one occasion, including the reduction of the speed limit on Highway 95/12. The Tribe's number one concern is safety and every life is precious, which is why this project has been given such high priority. The Tribe will continue to push, ensuring the project is seen to completion.

#### Cúulim Maqsmáqs (Yellow Bull)

Chief Yellow Bull was a well-respected man of influence among Nimiipuu. He was also a survivor of the 1877 Nez Perce war. He stood alongside the well-known Chief Joseph and was a close friend. This quote is part of his speech at Chief Joseph's memorial in 1905.

"When the Creator created us, he put us on this earth, and the flowers on this earth, and he takes us all in his arms and keeps us in peace and friendship... We (the red and white people) are both here, and the Great Spirit looks down on us both; and now if we are good and live right, like Joseph, we shall see him..."

#### Thank You Elders

A very special thank you to all of our tribal elders and other tribes for attending our first Annual Valentine's Day Luncheon and Bingo. We hope you all had fun, that's what it's all about! Hi'meeq'is Qe'ci' yew'yew

## **OPINION** The Importance of Connection

#### **By: Stephen Kingsley Methodist Church Pastor**

If you've ever had vertigo you know how miserable it can be. It is most often caused by dislodged crystals in the semi-circular fluid-filled canal in the inner ear, which is lined with millions of fine hair like sensors. When these crystals rub against the sensors they cause confusing signals to be sent to the brain, which rapidly tries to recalculate and balance the body. That's why the room spins. Many people have found relief using what is called The Epley Maneuver. It involves a series of movements that uses gravity to move the crystals back where they belong, and the vertigo ends. It is like a miracle. Your health care provider can likely help you with this maneuver. For do it yourselfers there are several videos on YouTube that show how it's done.

That vertigo can happen is proof of how precisely the inner ear is designed to work. Just as amazing is the eye with its millions of cells that pick up light and color and send all that data to the brain, which puts it's together and gives us sight. Take a step further and consider that the function of the ear, the eye, and the brain are dependent upon all the other systems of the body: can forgive a dog for biting my heart, lungs, digestion, nerves, hormones, and many more. The Bible is right when it says we are "fearfully and wonderfully made." (Ps. 139:14) And then think for a moment of all the integrated systems in nature that keep the body alive: food, air, water, etc. If just one thing in any of these systems is missing or not working right, everything else suffers. Everything is delicately fine-tuned.

I cannot understand how anyone can consider the vastness of the universe and the precise balance of all things, and not believe in an all-wise and powerful Creator.

Equally important is our connection with one another. I recently wrote about forgiveness; something friends do for one another to stay connected. Unforgiveness cuts people off from one another. I compared life to dancing closely with others, which means getting your toes stepped at times. When this happens, friends excuse the mistake and forgive the wrong. And the dance goes on. Like the dependence that makes all life possible, communities thrive when we are connected to one another through mutual support, forgiveness. kindness, and Forgiveness is one

thing, but trust is another. I

hand, but the next time I'm inclined to scratch her between the ears, it will be hard to do. Once trust is broken it takes a lot of work to win it back, but it is worth pursuing, if possible.

I think of relationship in a friendship or marriage as existing in a sacred space between two people. It is a place of good faith where two spirits unite and grow closer. Both persons must guard this space against offense and distrust. If allowed to remain, little offenses gather others and soon the relationship is at risk. An old wise man once said, "You can't help it if a bird lands in your hair, but you can keep it from building a nest."

It is as if we are living in a world that is suffering from vertigo, and no one knows how to make it stop. But as we honor God for the life we've been given and live with gratitude, we are a force for stability in our community in a larger world seemingly spinning out of control. God has shown his love and teaches us that each person is of ultimate value. Everyone has something to give to enrich all others. May we seek to honor and restore our connection with each other in God's creation and keep the space between us as sacred as possible.



**Congratulations Julie Joss Nez Perce** Tribal Enterprise **Employee** of the Month January 2019



#### From the American **Psychological Association**

Resilience - the ability to adapt well in the face of hard times; disasters like hurricanes, earthquakes or fires; tragedy; threats; or even high stress - is what about the important things makes some people seem like that have stayed the same, they've "got bounce" while others don't. Developing resilience is a personal journey.

It's important to put things in perspective. The very thing that has you stressed

out may be all anyone is talking about now. But eventually, things change and bad times end. Learn some relaxation techniques, whether it's thinking of a particular song in times of stress, or just taking a deep breath to calm down. Think even while the outside world is changing. When you talk about bad times, make sure you talk about good times as well.

Get connected to your community. Talk though things,

## **Got "Bounce"?**

whether it's with a family member or a counselor. Take Care Of Yourself. Be sure to take of yourself - physically, mentally and spiritually. And get sleep. If you don't, you may be more grouchy and nervous at a time when you have to stay sharp.

Take Control. Even in the midst of tragedy, you can move toward goals one small step at a time. During a really hard time, just getting out of bed is a challenge. Bad times make us feel out of You might have times when you

control back by taking decisive action. Express Yourself. Tragedy can bring up a bunch of conflicting emotions, but sometimes, it's just too hard to talk to someone about what you're feeling. If talking isn't working, do something else to capture your emotions like start a journal, or create art.

You can learn resilience. But just because you learn resilience doesn't mean you won't feel stressed or anxious. control - grab some of that aren't happy - and that's OK. 14

# **OBITUARIES**

#### Dr. Burnett Lee Whiteplume Sr. "Left Hand" Nowoot, 72, Salt Lake City, UT



Dr. Burnett Lee Whiteplume Sr. was born June 3, 1946 in Fort Washakie Wyoming to Jacob Whiteplume and Angela ('Nee Brown) Whiteplume. He was called home to Creator at 7:31pm on February 21, 2019 at University of Utah Hospital, Salt Lake City, UT.

The Wake and Rosary will be held on Monday, February 25, 2019 beginning at 7:00pm at the Great Plains Hall in Arapahoe, Wyoming. The funeral services will be held Tuesday, February 26, 2019 beginning at 10:00 am at Great Plains Hall. Burial will follow at St. Stephens Cemetery, St. Stephens, Wyoming. A feast, traditional Arapaho ceremonies and giveaway to follow at the Great Plains Hall.

Dr. Burnett L. Whiteplume Sr. was raised on the Wind River Indian Reservation. He attended St. Stephens Indian School. Burnett graduated from Haskell Indian Junior College, Lawrence, KS, in 1964. Then attended Hartnell College, Salinas, CA, graduated with his A.A. Degree in Business in 1969. Burnett obtained his undergraduate degree a Bachelors in Business Administration at Washington State University, Pullman, WA in 1978. He obtained his Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Honolulu, HI in 1982. He continued his higher learning path to obtain his Doctor of Philosophy in Education

with emphasis on Curriculum & Instruction at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY in 2017.

University of Wyoming has granted Honorary Doctorate Degree's to Northern Arapaho Elders, Burnett was the first Arapaho Man to earn his doctorate. Individuals associated with Burnett obtaining his Doctorate include but not limited to were Tim Rush, Franciso Rios, Michael Day, Carol Bryant, Carry Green.

Dr. Burnett L. Whiteplume served as a member of the US Air Force and completed a tour of duty in Vietnam.

Burnett was an avid supporter of learning and encouraged his loved ones to pursue their education. Burnett's doctorate emphasis was Curriculum and Instruction with projects which included a field trip to the Latin American country of Bolivia where they travelled to meet and work with the newly (at that time) elected President Evo Morales, of Bolivia. President Morales was the first Indigenous individual to be elected President where among his early administration initiatives was to design, develop and implement their public education system to be culturally relevant and sensitive to the Indigenous people of Boliva. Burnett met and got to know President Evo Morales through this project.

Burnett's employment career includes Chief of Quality Assurance & Quality Control for Firestone Tire Company; Pacific Bell Telephone Company both in Salinas, CA; Supervisor for the Potlatch Corporation Lumber Mill, Lewiston, ID; MCH/WIC & Nutrition Director for the Nez Perce Tribe. Also served as Chairman for the Northern Arapaho Business Council in early 1980's. After serving on NABC Burnett began a career with Indian Health Service at the Taholah Service Unit, Taholah, WA for the Quinalt Tribe. Burnett then accepted a transfer and promotion to Indian Health Service Headquarters East, Rockville, MD with a subsequent

transfer to Albuquerque Area Office in Albuquerque, NM. Burnett returned home to Arapahoe, Wyoming to care for his father Jake Whiteplume.

Dr. Burnett Lee Whiteplume, Sr. brought with him a wealth of knowledge of the Indian Self-Determination Act and Education Assistance Act of 1975 (Public Law 93-638) which authorized the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and some other government agencies to enter into contracts with, and make grants directly to, federally recognized Indian tribes, of which he shared and worked to improve all tribal government services for the Northern Arapaho Tribe to assume their federal cost share of the Indian Health Service allocation which began Wind River Family Health Care. Burnett also brought knowledge of 3rd party billing which is utilized to generate revenue to sustain Wind River Health Care.

Under the authority of the P.L. 93-638 Burnett secured programs for the Northern Arapaho which include: Department of Family Services, TANF, Child Support, General Assistance, Child Protective Services, Sanitation & Facilities. Additional projects included Northern Arapaho Language Revitalization such as: Arapaho Immersion School, Inter-Tribal Conference on Language Status and Experience and organized annual Arapaho Language Preservation Conference's in Denver, CO.

Burnett initiated a letter of intent to enter into a Gaming Compact with the State of Wyoming, following through with this endeavor, he submitted a letter of intent 3 times in good faith on behalf of the Northern Arapaho Tribe. With no response from the State of Wyoming after the 3rd request, under the authority of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, Northern Arapaho Gaming established. was The 789, Wind River and Little Wind Casino's were established andare in operation

generating gaming revenue for the Northern Arapaho Tribe.

Burnett and Jackie and Sons in late 1980's were members of the Northern Arapaho Pow Wow Committee. Other committee members were Ernest and Mary Rose Sun Rhodes and Family; Ben Oldman and sons Gary and Lance Oldman (& other Oldman brothers); Tommy and Marie (Behan) Oldman, Jamie, Anna, Pat, Richard and Kenny Brown; Daniel and Joan Oldman; SoldierWolf Family; Leo Addison. These members under the direction and leadership of Burnett set up and operated weekly bingo and sold pull tabs as a way to raise prize money for the Northern Arapaho Pow Wow held every August. Upon the first year of weekly bingo, this Northern Arapaho Pow Wow Committee together exceeded their goal of \$20,000.00 for prize money. This committee continued to operate bingo for a number of years and had successful Northern Arapaho Pow Wow's drawing big name pow wow drum groups, champion dancers in all categories from all over pow wow Indian Country. Upon their success of operating bingo, this Northern Arapaho Pow Wow Committee had surpassed their yearly funding goals and began paying out grants to Northern Arapaho Tribal Members to assist travel expenses for medical appointments in Billings, MT; Casper, WY; Denver, CO; Salt Lake City, UT.

Burnett was passionate about his work and a particular project among his favorite was Good Road of Life For Men. He met and worked closely with Clayton Small (Northern Cheyenne Tribe) whose dissertation thesis was Responsible Fatherhood. Burnett would help facilitate gatherings and secured a 5-year contract. He would facilitate focus groups. He was willing stand up, share those teachings, men coming together, sharing teachings,

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stories and healing. Making more commitments, young men who were divorced, got more involved with their families, and learned to be a more active parent. Burnett strong in our Native American Church would incorporate those teachings. Burnett along with Clayton Small and Sandor Iron Rope facilitated a Responsible Fatherhood Conference with 300+ in attendance.

Burnett was a Road Man with the Native American Church. He shared this faith with his sons and family. Through the Native American Church Burnett, Sons, and family traveled and attended NAC ceremonies all over Indian Country. Burnett's Northern Arapaho NAC Family (Hiram Armajo; Jerome Oldman; Sluggo Addison; Ben Oldman; Lance Oldman; Gene WallowingBull; Bobby Jo Goggles; Billie Joe Goggles; Darrell Hutchison; Patrick LittleShield; Dustin Blackburn; WinterHawk Felter-Oldman, Tommy and Marie (Behan) Oldman; Mary Rose YellowBear and many more) traveled often to run NAC meetings in Lapwai, Idaho for the Edion Edward, Jacob Benjamin, Burnett Lee, Jr. Whitep-

lume and Jacqueline Lee Wapato families. With the Native American Church Faith that Burnett drew his strength and endurance to carry on with his work to contribute to the betterment of the Northern Arapaho People, who are his family.

Burnett was the drum keeper for the Eagle Society after the late Clark Trumball. This is a high honor given to Burnett by Arapaho Elders and this duty he strived to carry on and be at all Eagle Society functions. This honor Burnett held in utmost regard and strived to perform this role giving his best at all times.

Burnett Lee Whiteplume, Sr. was married to Jacqueline Lee Wapato for 20 years, starting their life in Salinas, CA. Burnett as a member of the Air Force was a candidate for the NASA Astronaut Space Program chose to follow Jacqueline Lee Wapato to Salinas, California. Burnett and Jackie are the biological parents to Edion Edward Whiteplume, Jacob Benjamin Whiteplume, Burnett Lee Whiteplume Jr. The Whiteplume sons were all born in Salinas, California. Burnett and Jackie separated in 1986 when the sons relocated with their Mother Jackie to Lapwai, Idaho. Burnett Lee Whiteplume married Ruby Elizabeth (Quiver) Big Medicine upon the final divorce of Burnett and Jackie in 1991. Burnett and Ruby raised Dustin Vance Big Medicine, Amiel Nick Quiver, Anny Quiver as family. Burnett and Ruby also took in Devin Big Medicine and Sienna Arthur. Burnett and Ruby provided a loving home sharing the NAC faith, love, hope and charity and became a blended family.

Survived by Sons: Edion Edward Whiteplume, Amanda Rose Brown (Chuck Slow Bear), Joshua, Jason, Jordon Slow Bear; Jacob Benjamin Whiteplume, Elizabeth Marilyn Whiteplume, BlueSkyla Raine Whiteplume, Gracie Ila Jane Whiteplume, Jacob Benjamin Whiteplume, Jr.; Burnett Lee Whiteplume, Jr (Ramona Marie Meanus Whiteplume) Andrea Jaci Whiteplume, Cynthia Nenah Whiteplume, Thomas Lee Whiteplume, Leland George Whiteplume.; Dustin Vance Big Medicine Sr., Dustin Big Medicine Jr., Devon Vance Big Medicine; Sienna Sharae Arthur, Ruby Big Medicine; Hunter Big Medicine; Amiel Nick Quiver Whiteplume (Marcel Oldman) Khalia Q. Whiteplume, Kenya Q. Whiteplume; Daughters: Anny Faye Quiver Whiteplume, Kendallyn Whiteplume, Koltyn Groesbeck;

Heather Azure (Floyd) Madison Azure, Deric Azure, Daniel Azure, Floyd Azure III. Sisters: Susan ('Nee Whiteplume) Crazythunder, (Bill Sr.) Bill Crazythunder Jr.; Joseph (Irene) Crazythunder; Angela (Brandon Layton) Crazythunder; Sandra ('Nee Whiteplume) Brown, Sarah Jack, Blake Buckskin, Sally Ann Jack, Paisley; Stanley Jack, Jr., (kids); Susan (Doy) Jack, Letitia Jack, Makayla; Dwayne Wahtomy Jr. (kids); Alma Wahtomy, Stacia, Spencer. Numerous Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren and Great-Great Grandchildren. Many more, too many to name, those who knew and loved him.

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Preceded in death by wife Ruby Elizabeth Whiteplume; parents Jake and Angela ('Nee Brown) Whiteplume; brothers Douglas Arthur Whiteplume, Randall Joseph Whiteplume, Franklin Sun Rhodes. Sisters: Levina (Dorothy) ('Nee Whiteplume) Gambler; Katherine ('Nee SunRhodes)Eagle Staff; Patricia ('Nee Sun Rhodes) Arthur. Maternal grandparents Joseph and Susan ('Nee Littleshield) Brown; paternal grandparents Maurice and Sarah ('Nee Tyler) Whiteplume; Uncle and Aunt Ernest and Ruth ('Nee Friday) Sun Rhodes; Tommy and Marie (Behan) Oldman.

#### Cedric Wayne Ellenwood, 54, Lapwai, ID



Nez Perce tribal member and Lapwai resident, died Friday, Feb. 21, 2019, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston. Cedric was born March 13, 1964, in Lewiston, to Delbert Ellenwood and Chloe Halfmoon. Cedric was baptized at Stites Presbyterian Church in Stites in 1964 by the Rev. Walter Moffett. Cedric attended Talmaks Church Camp growing up and was a member of the Spalding Presbyterian Church.

As a child he grew up attending Lapwai School District. Growing up, he played Little League baseball and loved riding his motorcycle. In high school, he enjoyed playing basketball and football, as well as playing his trumpet in LHS band. Cedric was known as an avid skateboarder and took an interest in the study of martial arts. On March 17, 1983, he married Sheila Roberts. Together they had four children. That marriage later ended in divorce. Cedric was a heavy equipment operator and also attended classes for welding.

Cedric later had a love for golf and was one of the top drivers. He was a traditional fisherman at Rapid River and Ahsaka. He shot his first elk at a young age and later taught his sons how to hunt and fish.

Cedric is survived by his parents, Delbert Ellenwood and Chloe Halfmoon, of Lapwai; brother Richard Calfrobe of Browning, Mont.; sister Deleen Ellenwood of White Plains, N.Y.; sister Diane Ellenwood of Lapwai; sister Charlotte Ellenwood of Lewiston; daughter Latonia Ellenwood of Seattle; sons Cedric Ellenwood Jr., Theo Ellenwood and Apollo Lawyer of Lapwai; granddaughter Kiara Boycan of Seattle; grandsons Kurtis Ellenwood and Rashawn Ellenwood of Pocatello; grandson Alex Graves Jr., of Fort Hall, Idaho; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Richard and Nancy Halfmoon, Eugene Ellenwood and Bertha Stevens-Webb; daughter Sunny Jo Ellenwood; and brother Joseph Calfrobe.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25, at the Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center in Lapwai, with burial to follow at the Spalding Presbyterian Cemetery and a dinner to follow at the Pi-Nee-Waus center. Malcom's Brower-Wann Funeral Home of Lewiston is in charge of the arrangements.

#### Prairie River Library District (PRDL)

All eight PRLD branches will celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Week, March 18-22, with various activities. All PRLD locations, hours and events can be found at prld.org.

Craigmont Library has a new manager and hours as of Feb. 25. Doreen Schmidt will take the position at Craigmont (previously held by TJ Breeze, who is now at Kamiah) in addition to managing Peck's library. The new hours at Craigmont will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. The book club's selection for March is A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith. Call 208-924-5510 for more info or find the library on Facebook and Instagram.

**Culdesac Library** has extended operating hours to Tuesday 11:00 am - 4:30 pm, Wednesday 11:00 am - 4:30 pm, and Thursday from 10:30 am - 5:30 pm. Call Lynda at 208-843-5215 for more information on the library's programs.

Kamiah Library continues showing an Indigenous **Rights Film Series on Tuesdays** at 2:00 p.m. The series, which is free and open to the public, explores the struggles of indigenous people worldwide to maintain their sacred land and culture. Celebrate National Oreo Day at the library on March 6 with taste testing and contests! Writing Group will meet on March 12 at 4 p.m. to give feedback for pieces on the theme "water." The Cut the Cord Workshop on streaming was well-attended and the presentation is available on YouTube. Preschool story time continues on Wednesdays at 10:30 am weekly. Follow Kamiah Library on Facebook and Instagram or call April at 208-935-0428 for more program info.

**Kooskia Library** has extended open hours to Monday-Friday, 12-6 p.m. to better meet the needs of their patrons. Celebrate National Oreo Day on March 6 at the library – ask Dena for details. Dena host Messy Mondays from 2-5 p.m. where she provides a messy art project for teens and adults. Call 208-926-4539 for more info or find the library on social media. Stop in for free coffee and help us finish the current puzzle. Follow Kooskia Library on Facebook and Instagram for programs and more.

**Lapwai Library** will celebrate National Oreo Day on March 6 with fun activities from 4-6 pm. Win prizes for stacking, peeling the center and more! Contact Julie at 208-843-7254 for details or find the library on Facebook.

**Nezperce Library** has a new manager and extended hours. Terra Baldus will replace Jenny Grobey as manager as of Feb. 25 (Jenny will stay on as a substitute). The new hours are Monday 10:30 am-5:30 pm, Wednesday 10:30 am-6:30 pm, and Friday 10:30 am-5:30 pm. March 8 at noon is the next session of Learn & Play Time for Toddlers and March 15 at noon is the next K-1st Grade Story Hour. Call 208-937-2458 for more info or

find the library on Facebook. **Peck Library** has changed operating hours to Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Doreen has a makerspace for the kids, computers, and homework help that is tied into the school's curriculum. Call her at 486-6161 for details.

**Winchester Library** has extended hours to Monday-Thursday from 12-5:30 p.m. Celebrate National Oreo Day at the library on March 6 with a taste testing contest – guess the flavors! This event is free and open to the public from 12-6 pm. The library is also on Facebook and Instagram.



#### **CRITFC** is Hiring

**Fisheries Geneticist** (FTR/Exempt) Salary: \$57,098 -\$75,283 (GS 11/1 - GS 12/4; DOQ) Department: Fishery Science Location: Hagerman, ID Recruitment: 2/15/2019 3/31/2019 \_ CRITFC is seeking a Fisheries Geneticist w/experience in population genomics, assoc. with mapping, analyses of mixed stock fisheries. Support lab analyses w/next gen sequencing methods perform analyses w/heavy emphasis on population genetics. REQ: M. S (3-years of experience) or Ph.D. in the field of molecular biology, genetics, fishery biology, ecology and/ or a related discipline. For complete job description and application information see: https://www.critfc.org/blog/ jobs/fisheries-geneticist-5/ **Fisheries** Technician II (2 positions), 2/8/19 \_ 4/13/19, Full time/temporary, Salary/Wage: Non-Exempt, GS – 5 (DOQ), La Grande, Oregon, 3-4 months, Start Date: 7/8/2019. For complete job description see: https://www.critfc.org/blog/ jobs/fishery-technician-ii-5/

Lamprey Collection Tech. (2 positions), 2/8/19-4/19/19, Full-Time Temporary, Nonexempt, Salary/Wage: GS 5-9; Portland, OR. 4-6 month; Start date: 5/1/2019. For complete job description/ essential job functions and qualifications see: https://

#### prey-collection-technician-5/ Geneticist

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(2 positions) 2/14/19-3/31/19 Full-time, w/Full Benefit Pack-Exempt/RUS/GS-12/4age. DOQ Located in Hagerman, For complete job de-ID. scription/essential functions and qualifications see: https://www.critfc.org/blog/ jobs/fisheries-geneticist-5/ NOTE: Incomplete applications will not be considered; send complete application materials including: a cover letter, CV/resume, three references, completed job application, for each position listed. Must have a driver license and be insurable under CRITFC insurance. (application available on our website at http://www.critfc. org/critfc-employment-opportunities/. Email: hr@critfc. org (please follow with mailed original), Fax: 503.235.4228



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS





### 9:00 TO 3:00 APRIL 2, 3 AND 4, 2019 INDIANPRENEURSHIP A Native American Journey into Business

COMMUNITY CONTACT Nimiipuu Community Development Fund Jonelle Yearout (208) 621-3729 or jonellew@nezperce.org

Lunch & snacks provided

LOCATION Clearwater River Casino Miyoxat Conference Room, 17500 Nez Perce Road, Lewiston, Idaho 83501

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Please join us for a very special Earth Day to celebrate the awesome Nimiipuu Protecting the Environment traditional canoe project and Lapwai Community Garden. This is also your chance to meet the Water Resources Worm Colony, and learn about how you can help pollinators and the climate. Local farmers and environmentalists will be featured, as will ways to reduce and reuse plastic waste.

### April 23, 2019 10-3 pm apwai Community Garden @ Nimilpuu Health

Hosted by the Nez Perce Tribe, UI Extension Nez Perce Reservation & Lapwai Community Action Team Info about booths: sarahd@nezperce.org

# NATIVE ARTIST WEBINAR SERIES

Join the Potlatch Fund and the IDRS Acorn Project for a series of free webinars designed to help you grow your art business!

May 24th: Photographing your art

July 25th: Email marketing for the artist

August 8th: Working with art galleries

June 6th: Legal issues for artists

February 28: Do it yourself video marketing March 14th: Best practices for selling at art markets March 21st: Marketing on A shoestring budget April 11th: Tips for selling your art to gift shops April 18th: Social media marketing for artists



RSVP TO: Lynn at <u>lynn@idrsinc.org</u> or (918) 978-7622 to be automatically enrolled in the webinar series

# FINAL LISTING

### **CERTIFIED NPTEC CANDIDATES**

SEAT 1	SEAT 2	SEAT 3
* LIZ ARTHUR -ATTAO	* SHANNON WHEELER	* ARTHUR BRONCHEAU
CHRISTI LUSSORO	QUINTIN ELLENWOOD	DOUGLAS DELORME
	LESLIE RANDALL	SAMUEL PENNEY
		LOUIS HARRIS
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### March 25-27 10am-3:30pm SIDE HUSTLE SPRING BREAK CAMP

Want some extra spending money? Interested in turning a hobby or something you like to do into a business? Free giveaways just for attending. Anyone ages 12-24 is eligible to sign up for this three-day class. Come and learn how to start a business and potentially create a new stream of income through a great process called a Side Hustle. Only 24 slots are available. Sign up now!

> Host: Jonelle Yearout Nimiipuu Community Development Fund Presenter: Camille Koster, IDRS Youth Program Manager Contact: Jonelle Yearout at 208-621-3729

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