The Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (ICAFS) 2019 Excellence in Aquaculture Award was presented to the Dworshak National Fish Hatchery U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and Nez Perce Tribal Fish Production and Maintenance Team at the ICAFS annual meeting in Boise on March 7, 2019. The award is provided each year to an individual or facility for their outstanding achievement. Recipients are nominated by Idaho Chapter members.

Dworshak is one of the largest and most infrastructure-complex hatcheries ever built. It is also the cornerstone of one of Idaho’s best-known fisheries as the primary producer of Idaho’s B-steelhead. They have gone through a number of hurdles over the last couple of years, and the crew at Dworshak certainly deserves the recognition.

In 2005 the fish production and maintenance positions at Dworshak were transitioned from exclusively USFWS federal employees to half USFWS and half Tribal positions. The transition did not come without obstacles; however, they have become a united and effective team. The crew has a collective passion that links them all; the fish. “There are bumps in the road, but overall the crew is excelling. I would put them up against any hatchery team in the Snake River Basin,” confirmed Steve Rodgers, Dworshak Fisheries Complex Manager.

Operational challenges have also been ubiquitous, but the Dworshak team has prevailed. While repair work was being conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) on a turbine at Dworshak Dam in 2017 and 2018, a major power outage also occurred due to a Clearwater Power transformer failing. With the power outage, fish were exposed to high total dissolved gas (TDG) for extended periods. This could have caused a potential loss of millions of smolts; fortunately, the damage was significantly less than it could have been. This was thanks to the Dworshak team responding quickly, communicating effectively, and working together efficiently. The team stepped up and dealt with sudden change in plans including emergency fish movements, fish releases, and long hours. Though issues with power and generators persisted, the team stayed positive and worked through everything. Through all the obstacles, the team has continued to work towards meeting the mission. They have also implemented a number of improvements. They have advocated for a river water vacuum degassing system to offset the high TDG’s. The system was funded by the ACOE. Without it, steelhead production would not have occurred at Dworshak in 2017 and 2018. In addition, they have added a gas saturation monitoring system, low-head oxygenators to all Chinook raceways, and shade cover over raceway banks. They are also currently experimenting with a lightweight baffle system to concentrate fish waste at raceway outlets, and they were the first hatchery in the Clearwater to adopt the Broodstock Calculator.

Over the last several years, in-hatchery fish health has been improving, meaning that the hatchery doesn’t need to trap as many returning adults to meet program goals. “Hatcheries thrive best with high quality water, reliable infrastructure, and a stable program; none of which describe Dworshak. Despite this complicated and dynamic environment, the team on the ground is excelling at doing the work and adapting as needed,” stated Rodgers.
This tale shows how Múq’uc (Sucker) got his fat lips and Címey (Whitefish) became small mouthed. We also learn why sucker is so hard to cook and whitefish is so easy.

At one time, long ago, among crawling beings lived Múq’uc and Címey, who were good friends. One day, the time came for Múq’uc and Címey to go trade. They took almost everything from the house and took it to the host’s place. When they got there, the host made some porridge and set it in front of each of them. Múq’uc took half of a burned tree and used it as a spoon to sip the porridge. At that instant, his mouth became thick and bulged out from the great heat of the porridge and spoon. While eating he said, “It takes five pack loads to cook me, not just a little, but five whole pack loads.”

Címey, on the other hand, drank the porridge with a piece of hay straw. As he ate happily, he said “I can be cooked with anything, straw, or anything that will burn. Even a small piece of wood will do. I will cook in a short time.”

When they finished eating, the two friends went home. This is why Múq’uc has a thick, turned out mouth, and why Címey has just a small pointed mouth. One ate porridge with burned wood and the other with straw.

Whenever you have Címey, it will cook with just a small amount of fire. However, with Múq’uc, you must cook it a lot and use lots of fire. Even then, it barely cooks. The two fish have been this way ever since that time.
Brent Lloyd

His Own Story

Brent Lloyd works in Land services—GIS/RS for the Nez Perce Tribe. He provides technical geographic information systems (GIS) support for the Nez Perce tribal departments. The Land Services department strives to protect the natural resources of the Nez Perce Tribe while providing economic opportunities for native land owners. Brent educates individuals and departments on usage of GIS and remote sensing and also provides analysis for natural resource management planning. While constantly using cutting edge technology, Brent has overcome many technological barriers. By working together as a team, and using the resources available inside and outside of the tribe, he is able to get the job done efficiently and accurately.

As a GIS Analyst, Brent works with large amounts of spatial data, which is his main challenge. Nevertheless, Brent would like to thank his boss Lauri Ames for assisting him when needed.

After hours, Brent enjoys playing with his three young girls, “they keep me busy all the time,” he said. He considers this his main hobby, “it’s my wife’s fault... i’m pretty sure,” he laughed. Brent would like to give a special shout out to his wonderful wife, Wendy, who has always supported him in everything he does.

Brent is currently going to school working on a PhD in Geography at the University of Utah. As for inspiration, “my fire comes from within,” Brent confirmed.

The purpose of His/Her Own Story is to recognize and introduce employees and departments/programs of the Nez Perce Tribe.

To nominate an employee of the Nez Perce Tribe for His/Her Own Story

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Please provide employee’s full name, department or program, email or phone number, and the reason for nomination. Selected employees will be contacted and interviewed by Communications

When flood season comes around, we never know the veracity of events to follow. Last year one of the results was a large planted tree in a metal base, getting pushed out into the Clearwater River. On March 15, 2019 Aaron Miles, Department of Natural Resources Manager, and Rich Guzman, Water Resources Technician, waded out to remove the item.

Branches and metal were cut, in an effort to remove the plant. The base was a solid root and it had settled in the river. It was a bigger project than anticipated, but the guys got it removed and cleaned up the area.
Native Ventures Assists Native Businesses

Native-owned businesses in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho can now get free assistance breaking into federal contracting. New business incubator Northwest Native Ventures provides free training and technical assistance to American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian entrepreneurs. It offers help with SBA 8(a) and other federal contracting certifications, federal contracting best practices, and data management to meet federal contracting reporting requirements.

The organization offers webinars, podcasts, and online resources on its website at nwnativeventures.org. It also provides limited individual business coaching. In addition, Native-owned businesses in Washington, Idaho, and Oregon can apply to be one of 15 participants in Northwest Native Venture’s upcoming 3-day business boot camp in Spokane, WA.

Northwest Native Ventures is funded by a $300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Minority Business Development Agency to Kauffman & Associates, Inc. (KAI), a Native woman-owned business.

“We are excited and grateful for this opportunity to assist Native businesses in the Pacific Northwest as they look to grow to the next level,” said KAI President and Founder Jo Ann Kauffman.

Learn more at nwnativeventures.org. For more information about the boot camp, contact Program Manager Elizabeth Bohnee at (509) 789-2867 or Elizabeth.bohnee@kauffmaninc.com.

Anthony Capetillo is a student at Northwest Indian College in his third year of the Bachelors of Science degree program in Native Environmental Science (BSNES). The following article was submitted by Anthony as part of his Native Environmental Science Seminar course taught by newly hired BSNES faculty, Ciarra Greene. Anthony will continue to develop his senior thesis project on SOPs for traditional fish harvesting in the coming year.

Invasive Species, Invasive Disease, and Traditional Harvesting:

When conducting our first food ceremonies we always start with prayer and drinking the water before honoring our other traditional foods. Water is what brings life to this world; that is why it is important that water comes before all others. In our sweat lodges we use the water to cleanse our bodies and the steam from pouring the water on the hot rocks take our prayers to the Creator. When waters are compromised through pollution and hot summers with little snow melt and run off to replenish the streams, great dangers begin to grow under the surface that we may not be aware of. As a Native Environmental Science student at Northwest Indian College, and a Nez Perce Tribe Fisheries research employee, I am interested in researching and collecting data on the water qualities and possible dangers that could threaten our traditional resources.

What questions should be considered as we search for better ways to protect and heal our natural resources? Not all our battles are fought in the court system or behind a computer desk; some are fought within the very waters which we rely upon to keep our culture and environment alive and healthy. I fear that there could be an impending danger in invasive species. Our traditional tributaries can become breeding grounds for invasive species and diseases that could possibly become detrimental to local aquatic species survival and reproduction. Thankfully, we may already have some of the tools and resources we need in order to ensure that we are not spreading these invasive species and diseases as we travel from tributary to tributary as we harvest our fishery resources.

The Nez Perce Tribe Fisheries Research Division, and most other entities, already have standard operational procedures (SOPs) in place when gathering research data or completing restoration throughout multiple tributaries. These SOPs include disinfecting procedures that help personnel ensure minimal or no spread of invasive species and diseases. One concerning example in our region are invasive mussels, which can multiply in great numbers causing oxygen levels to dangerously decline in the water our salmon thrive in. Invasive species compete for space and food with native species creating an unbalanced ecosystem. There are also a number of other diseases which can cause a decline in aquatic plant and animal species which are important to the ecosystem as a whole. Without healthy plant life, the stability of the stream banks become compromised and can cause landslides comparable to those following forest fire events. These landslides can put large volumes of sediment into the tributaries, which can suffocate aquatic life as it buries spawning habitat and has even redirected entire streams at times. These diseases, which disrupt the ecosystem, will put more stress on local aquatic species as they struggle to find the needed resources. This additional stress will make them more vulnerable to other diseases, predators, and impacted by climate change.

As traditional harvesters who spend time in our various tributaries, are we potentially spreading invasive species and disease while using and/or wearing the same gear and clothing? To prevent the spread of these threatening invasive species and disease, should we be incorporating these SOPs of disinfecting into our traditional harvesting practices?

For my senior thesis at Northwest Indian College, I am studying what it is that our tribal research and watershed projects are trying to prevent from spreading, and how we, as traditional harvesters, might promote the protection of our waterways by adopting standard operating procedures. I plan on researching the many different types of aquatic invasive species and diseases that are in the Pacific Northwest and how much of a danger they are or could be to Nez Perce traditional tributaries if they spread to our waters if they are not present already. This research will consider the effectiveness of these SOPs in helping us protect and conserve our traditional natural resources through the prevention of spreading invasive species and disease. I intend to bring my findings back to my community so that we can discuss the potential dangers and decide if implementing these procedures will be important in the ongoing resource protection and conservation efforts of our people. It is important to recognize dangers and take action to address the problem early on, in order to minimize the impact. As our promise to the fish, animals, roots, and berries, it is our responsibility to keep our own impacts on a positive level throughout traditional Nez Perce territory.
NMPH Welcomes Dr. Naomi M. Bender

Dr. Naomi M. Bender, a proud (Peruvian) Indigenous Quechua woman, was born and raised in central Minnesota, but often spent months at a time during her childhood, with family, learning about her cultural ways in Peru. The granddaughter of Carmela Fajardo Ulco, and the daughter of Soledad Zumarán Henriksen, Naomi comes to WSU, Spokane’s Health Sciences Campus, from the University of North Dakota’s Center for Rural Health, School of Medicine & Health Sciences, Grand Forks.

Bender has a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Teaching & Learning in Higher Education, with a focus in Curriculum and Assessment, and whose dissertation focused on the Lived Mentoring and Support Experiences of Native American medical students and resident physicians, during Medical School. She has a Master of Arts degree in Communication, with a focus in Mentoring, Interpersonal Communication, and Org. Communication and a Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice, with a focus in Law Enforcement.

For the past several years, Bender has been a Senior Program Coordinator who developed and managed Native American health and allied health science programs under the longtime success of the Indians Into Medicine (INMED) program and the Seven Generations Center of Excellence (SGCOE). Between both federally funded Native American pipeline programs, Bender managed the daily operations of 20 successful pathway and academic support programs that focused on the recruitment, matriculation, support, and achievement of Native American pre-med and medical students, physician assistants, nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, medical lab science, Master of Public Health, social work, counseling, and other allied health science students.

Bender’s doctoral research engaged 19 Native American medical students and those in residency in the Northern Midwest, to share their lived experiences as they pertained to mentorship and supporting mechanisms during medical school, and how those experiences helped them succeed. By doing so, the voice of Native American medical students and physicians provide meaningful considerations for medical school administrators, faculty, curriculum, and their climate, as they engage in educating our healers.

Bender has also served as a Senior Project Coordinator for the Center for Rural Health, where she researched national best practices in curriculum and policy to build a North Dakota statewide Peer Support Specialist workforce. In addition to Naomi’s work with Native American Health Science programs, she has taught undergraduate Communication courses for the past 12 years and developed workshops for Native American students and employees of INMED and SGCOE, for the past 6 years.

Bender has also facilitated Y2 medical student’s patient-centered learning experiences and led trainings for North Dakota’s Behavioral Health Division for peer support expansion. Prior to her work in higher education, Bender was a former State Trooper and Canine Handler for the North Dakota Highway Patrol from 1999-2005, and a licensed Peace Officer of ND from 1999-2009. Naomi’s extensive background in areas that have helped meet the systemic and holistic needs of indigenous peoples, is deeply seeded from her love of working with Native American students and helping them succeed. As Naomi has lost her grandmother and other family members to disease and a lack of culturally appropriate and meaningful healthcare, it is her life’s work to make an impact where our healthcare providers’ learning begins.

It is her goal, to pursue partnerships that will help further develop and expand Native American Health Science programs that will not only support Native American student success but bring healthcare into our tribal communities where it’s needed the most.

By doing so, we help promote and actuate real change in the healthcare and well-being of our tribal people of the Pacific Northwest. As access and opportunity are at the forefront for Native American success, and tribal voice guides these pathways, she hopes to build upon these foundations with holistic, cultural, educational, and collaborative efforts.

Himéeq’ís Qe’ciyéw’yew Dr. Guzman

After nine years of exceptional service as the Dental Director at Nimiipuu Health (NMPH), we say farewell to Dr. Jesse Guzman. Dr. Guzman was presented a plaque in honor of his service at NMPH as well as a Pendleton blanket. While he will be greatly missed by the community, organization, and patients NMPH wishes Dr. Guzman the best of luck in his future endeavors. March 8th was his final day with NMPH.
Sequoia Wheeler was named to the NAIA’s Cascade Collegiate Conference’s All-League squad as a guard. Wheeler, who is currently playing at Multnomah University in Portland, OR, averaged over 16 points per game for the year, with her high total being 29 in a game against College of Idaho on January 12, 2019. Continuing remarkable scoring consistency for her collegiate career, Wheeler also averaged 16 points a game in both her freshman (2016-17) and sophomore (2017-18) seasons.

With a packed out gym and a full parking lot, the Lapwai community reunited for yet another basketball event. This time in recognition of, not the high school boys or girls, but the mothers of the players. The Lapwai Wildcat’s Booster Club celebrated its 2nd annual Battle of the Moms showdown on March 12, 2019 in support of Lapwai’s student athletes. The 2019 Battle of the Moms event resulted in raising over $1,000 to contribute to the Lapwai Wildcat’s athletic program. Although the event was fun and successful, this club’s mission goes far beyond money and competition. It demonstrated heart and brought awareness to Wildcat athletes that their mothers, grandmothers, and aunts are always proud of them; no matter any game’s outcome.

The moms split into two teams; boy’s basketball moms versus girl’s basketball moms. Taricia Moliga, Wildcat Booster Club President and mother, played on the boy’s moms team. She recalls having a conversation with her son, encouraging him to step out of his comfort zone and give basketball a try. When the time came for her to play, she remembered the discussion and knew she had to do the same. “I will never yell at my kids to hustle up and down the court, rebound, block out, and whatever else I yell at them. I am just going to say have fun,” Moliga said after playing.

A special shout out to the 31 mothers who participated, all Booster Board Members, the Wildcat fans, the Lapwai School staff and everyone who donated and supported the Booster Club. The Wildcat Booster Club plans to provide more activities to demonstrate school and community support for the youth. If you have any questions or want to be part of the Lapwai Wildcat Booster Club, please email Lapwai Wildcatbooster@gmail.com.

A Wildcat Booster Club Fundraiser

Battle of the Moms

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KIDS WHO ARE ENGAGED IN MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES ARE LESS LIKELY TO DRINK UNDERAGE. Active youth develop new skills and more confidence, and stay safer than their peers who drink.

YOU CAN HELP KEEP YOUR CHILD ALCOHOL-FREE IN TWO EASY WAYS:
1) Keep your child consistently engaged in their favorite activities.
2) Contact a local prevention coalition to learn more and get involved.

Find a list of local prevention coalitions at BeTheParents.org/prevention.
NASA Presents ANGLEs Challenge to Nimipuu Students

If Nimipuu students could put anything on the moon to represent the Nez Perce Tribe, what would you want them to choose? Students across the country are taking on a challenge, and each will answer that same question. Each group will take into consideration their own culture and their communities in which they live. The challenge celebrates the anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission and ensures the community’s identity is expressed amid the science.

The Apollo Next Giant Leap Student (ANGLEs) Challenge is a national challenge honoring the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission. With the anniversary in mind, the NASA educational program, titled Northwest Earth and Space Sciences Pipeline (NESSP), has created the challenge to provide accessibility using drones and robots for tribes and communities to represent themselves. The ANGLEs Challenge is primarily focused on including students from underserved communities to give them the opportunity to recreate and experience the landing on the moon for themselves.

NASA-NESSP aims to tackle perceptions many communities have about space science and technology. The program was designed to create enduring relationships with Native American and underserved communities so that a co-creation model is primary when engaging youth with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) skills that relate and address local priorities.

The NASA ANGLEs Challenge involves participating student teams to use drones to deliver a team-designed lunar lander on a floor map of the moon's landscape. It will represent the Apollo 11 landing site, then place a payload representing their tribe or community to leave behind on the moon and also complete other science activities. Next, they'll program a LegoMindstorm EV3 rover robot to deliver a scientific payload and collect moon surface samples created by ANGLEs. Finally, high school student teams will need to retrieve their team’s lunar lander using a drone. The challenge is designed to mimic some of the efforts during the Apollo 11 mission. Student teams will also engage art by first creating a mission patch then design and build a lunar lander. Throughout the challenge, NASA – NESSP are hoping Nez Perce Youth will connect with spaceflight without feeling like it is separate from their communities, perhaps participants will see themselves as engineers and scientists without feeling like they need to abandon their identities to succeed in STEM fields.

Professor Robert Winglee is a space plasma physicist at the University of Washington and is the director of NASA’s Northwest Earth and Space Sciences Pipeline outreach program. Winglee and his colleagues wanted to design an Apollo-inspired challenge for middle school, high school and undergraduate students. Particularly students in underserved communities, making the program accessible while retaining all the original mission’s excitement. Fifty years ago, the Apollo astronauts left plenty behind as they prepared to leave the moon—more than 100 objects total. Much of that was done for utilitarian reasons, a way to lighten the astronauts' load before their return by removing now-unnecessary equipment. From geological tools to camera gear, and eight bags of human waste; a variety of items were left the astronauts left. Signifiers of their communities we left as well, including a memorial to astronauts who died during the Apollo 1 mission. Items such as a U.S. flag and a disc carrying statements from our U.S. presidents and 73 international leaders. Perhaps the Nez Perce students’ biggest challenge will be selecting just one token to represent their communities. All activities for the ANGLEs will take place indoors. To prepare for the challenge, all practice sessions should be conducted indoors. Teams are required to be affiliated with an organization such as a school, library, museum, after school program, or club. Each organization will nominate teams to participate in the Regional Challenge Hub at University of Idaho in Moscow, ID. The University of Idaho STEM Access project will hold the Regional Challenge and will be the main point of contact for teams (stemaccess@uidaho.edu, 208-885-5819). Organizations may register as many teams as they wish and hold local challenges before May 31, 2019. Teams may register at the following URL: https://nwessp.org/apollo50/registration/

A total of 15 hubs create a network of regional challenges across the continental United States. Each regional challenge hub will offer a trip showcasing NASA’s Johnson Space Center in Houston Texas or Ames Research Center in Mountain View California in August of 2019.
ACTIVITIES

Nez Perce Indian Youth Explorers’ Police Academy

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Encouraging young people to pursue a career in law enforcement is not easy anywhere, but it’s particularly difficult in tribal lands where many young people face challenges such as high rates of poverty, alcoholism, and drug abuse. Though these kids would greatly benefit from the support of Native law enforcement who understand their culture and know the problems they face, many don’t trust police officers. What’s more, they are vulnerable to temptations that can foreclose the possibility of a law enforcement career.

To change this situation, foster a new generation of Native law enforcement leaders, and build strong community relations, the Nez Perce Tribe in Idaho collaborated with its tribal police department to create the Indian Youth Explorer’s Police Academy (IYPEA). Launched in 2014 with support from a COPS Office Community Policing Development microgrant, the program encourages teenagers to consider a career in law enforcement by introducing them to police work through a variety of engaging activities.

Designed to encourage character development, physical fitness, good citizenship, and patriotism, the IYPEPA activities and classes incorporate many components of Police Academy training. Among the law enforcement topics covered are tracking, firearms operations, officer safety, building clearing, tactical medical procedures, and giving court testimony. Physical fitness is emphasized in drills, swimming, and competitive sports; the program stresses the principles of community policing and public service.

Taught and supervised by volunteers from the Nez Perce Tribal Police Department (NPTPD), the Idaho State Police, and the Nez Perce Sheriff’s Office, the academy is organized like a sleepaway camp and is hosted on the Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho. Open to non-Native as well as Indian youth, its popularity has grown over the past four years, drawing teenage boys and girls from areas throughout the Northwest. According to NPTPD Officer Jared Aubertin, who was an instructor in the 2018 program, this is because the participants not only learn a lot, but have a good time learning it. “These kids are very enthusiastic, every morning they were champing at the bit, ready to get started.”

They especially enjoy experiencing “real life” police work in simulated law enforcement scenarios and training exercises. Said Officer Aubertin, “The kids love acting like a police officer, putting on the gear, doing active shooter scenarios, learning arrest and control techniques, even report writing. They really get into the role playing.” One of the most popular activities is the crime-solving scenario, in which each participant takes an active part as lead detective, evidence collector, or another role to determine which of the “suspects” committed the murder.

Along with the law enforcement training and presentations, the participants learn more about their Native culture. They play stick games, a traditional way of resolving disputes that is now played for fun, and develop team-building skills by working together to pitch tips.

There is also an emphasis on Native history and language, with instructors who are familiar with Indian culture sharing what they know. Sergeant John Williamson, a volunteer who has Nez Perce heritage, taught some of the attendees words from this tribal language. Recently, he saw one of the young women who had been a participant. “She greeted me with ‘tots maywee,’ which means ‘good morning’ in our tribal language. I got a kick out of that.”

He also notes that in addition to a greater understanding of their culture, the participants gain a greater understanding of what it means to be a cop. They learned that our mission is not just to arrest bad guys but to serve our community.” One incident he recounts is of a boy he saw leaving a presentation with tears in his eyes.

“I asked what was bothering him and he said that he remembered when his mother was beaten up and the officers who came to the house interrogated her, how angry he was at the time. He kept telling them to stop asking questions and take her to the hospital. He now realized why they had to do that first.”

Many of the kids who have completed the academy program have said they want to make law enforcement their career. One teenager has returned to the academy as a counselor, others have become security guards, and several more are starting criminal justice programs in college. Many of the participants’ parents have also reported that they have seen an improvement in their children’s behavior and a greater sense of responsibility, as well as an inclination to get involved in community activities. The effect on the officers was equally positive. Said Officer Aubertin, “It made me more understanding of these kids and put a little pressure on me to be the best I can. I want to be one of the reasons these kids become police officers.”

The officers emphasized that this program would not be difficult to replicate, and the Nez Perce Tribe is pleased to offer guidance to other tribal communities that wish to provide a positive, fun introduction to law enforcement for their young people by creating a Youth Explorer program.

Officer Williamson said, “I feel this is very important for Native youth, who are faced with so many obstacles that it is becoming harder and harder to recruit. There are many disqualifiers to becoming an officer, and I know people now in their mid-twenties who wish they had done things differently when they were teenagers so they could be law enforcement officers today. Whatever I can do to motivate any of our Native young people to move ahead in life, I will do—because in the Indian community if one succeeds, we all succeed.”
Elaine Ellenwood, 76, Lapwai

Elaine Ellenwood returned to the Creator on Monday, March 4, 2019, due to complications with a bacterial infection at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. She was born Feb. 4, 1943, to James Ellenwood Sr. and Elizabeth Crow Ellenwood, in Lewiston. She was one of six children.

Elaine and her family lived in Lapwai, where she would often recount stories of playing and fishing in nearby creeks with her brothers and sisters. After the passing of her mother, she was sent to St. Joseph’s Mission Orphanage near Lapwai and Culdesac. Later, she was moved to Chemawa Indian Boarding School in Salem, Ore., where she met other Native American children before returning to her home.

She participated in a variety of occupations, including a factory job where she sewed and packed baby clothes, as a caretaker at the Midway Home in Winchester, overseeing the Pi-Nee-Waus café with her sisters, Laura Redding and Caroline Ellenwood, and work as a teacher’s aide at Highland School District before finally settling into a 30-plus-year career as a Nez Perce Tribal employee with Land Services.

From her first marriage to Vaughan "Sonny" Bybee came her two daughters, Vonda (Bybee) Moffett and Valda (Bybee) Conklin. And from her second marriage to Floyd Arquette II, came her only son, Floyd (Butch) Arquette III. These were followed by marriages to Willis Humphrey and Cecil Daniels, which ended in divorce, and a relationship with Delmar Wilson that ended in separation.

Elaine had many interests and hobbies, such as spending summer days on the Salmon River with family enjoying the sun and water while reading tabloid magazines and books. She enjoyed gambling and could often be seen playing the slots at the Clearwater River Casino. She loved going to Winchester Days to congregate with family and watch the fireworks, spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, telling stories, singing a mean "Old Time Rock and Roll" at karaoke, and watching her grandson play basketball with the Lapwai Wildcats. She will always be remembered for her ability to bestow everlasting nicknames and to impart her particular style of wisdom.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents, as well as her four sisters, Carmen Ellenwood, Caroline Ellenwood, Laura Redding and Neva Ellenwood; and her two brothers, James Ellenwood Jr., and Julius Ellenwood.

She is survived by daughters and sons-in-law Vonda and Elliott Moffett, and Valda and DJ Conklin; her son, Floyd (Butch) Arquette III; 12 grandchildren: Travis (Tanya) and Levi (Mia) Osburn, Stacy (Eric) Kash Kash, Adrian Miller, Danita Bybee, Julian and Greg Humphrey, Elijah Arquette, Harley Conklin, and Joel, Meredith and Von Moffett.

She also is survived by 10 great-grandchildren: Shane and Malik Osburn, Haley Patrick, Jalen, Jenz, Nadia and Neva Kash Kash, Eva and Jennavieve Osburn, and Riley Hart.

The memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Methodist Church in Lapwai. A funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. Monday at the Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center with burial at Jonah Cemetery in Sweetwater. Food and celebration to immediately follow back at the Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center.

Thank You to the Nez Perce Tribal Community

The family of Elaine Ellenwood would like to send our sincere appreciation and gratitude to those who have offered us support, love and prayers during the last four months while our loved one was in the intensive care unit at Kootenai Health and Harborview Medical Center.

We would like to especially thank Tarcia Moliga and Social Services for their help with planning efforts, Brooklyn Baptiste for assistance with the grave and burial, Ryan Oatman for help with donations and presence during burial, Mary Jane Miles, LeRoy Seth, Vera Sonneck and the Methodist Choir for all of your help with the coordination of services.

Thank you to those who were willing to join the choir in song during the services. Thank you to the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) for the Pendleton blanket and plaque honoring Elaine’s years of service to the Nez Perce Tribe.

Thank you to the Executive Direction department for their help with memorial cards and the Land Services department for their help with photos and any information we needed on behalf of Elaine. Thank you to the Head Cook, Ms. Tina Guzman, and those who assisted her: Lana Rickman, Marjorie Eccles, Jackie McArthur, Christa Sobotta, Renee Holt, Paulette Smith, Phil Allen, Clarice Holt, Daneta Jabeth, and others. Thanks to the Nez Perce Tribal Police department for providing officers to escort Elaine home. Many thanks to the pall bearers, who were all of Elaine’s grandparents and great-grandsons, she would have been proud to know you carried her to her final resting place. Thank you to those who sent flowers and cards and those that shared stories of Elaine, her siblings and her family. Sorry if we missed anyone on the memorial card. We know Elaine had many friends and relatives that meant a lot to her. Elaine knew many of the farmers who work with the Tribe, numerous tribal employees from an array of departments, and many elders who attended schools with her. Her list of friends was extensive, and even though we cannot think of everyone by name, we still thank you for being a part of her life and for being a part of ours.

Thank you to those who continued to pray for Elaine while she was at Kootenai Health and Harborview Medical Center. It was very hard on our family to have Elaine so far away in Seattle, and every prayer and well-regard sent to us helped us to get through our trying times. Although we lost our mother, our grandmother, our family leader, our matriarch, the last of a generation, we are forever grateful for all of the support from our community and Tribe.

Himéeq’is qe’ciyéw’yew’!
The family of Elaine Ellenwood
For questions or inquiries, please contact Melissa King Council (Attn: Election Judges), P.O. Box 365, Lapwai, Idaho. or US postage. Please submit all applications and a for Applications is Wednesday, March 27th, 2019 by 4:30PM. Applications are also available at the three Tribal communities: Kamiah, Kooskia, and Nezperce.

Election Day, Saturday - April 6, 2019  (6:30am-9pm approximately) (18) years or older. College students and/or unemployed individuals who be an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe and age eighteen or older. The KSD Library Services Coordinator. "We hope the Native People in our community will take pride in the exhibition, and that all visitors will enjoy learning about these powerful concepts.”

An opening ceremony will be held at the Kamiah High School Library on Wednesday May 1st at 3 PM. Darra Snyder, Kamiah School District’s health educator and school nurse will be the featured speaker. The exhibit will be open to the public from 3:45 PM to 7 PM. Wednesday, May 15th the HOASA (Future Health Professionals) will present their state competitive event projects from 3 PM to 6 PM. The HOASA project topics include vaping, suicide prevention, and rural communities and the issue of opioid addiction. The exhibit will be open to the public from 3:45 to 6 PM. If you have any questions please contact Colleen Olive at 208-935-4040. The U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM) developed and produced Native Voices: Native Peoples’ Concepts of Health and Illness. The American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office, in partnership with NLM, tours the exhibition to America’s libraries.

EVENT

The 20th Annual Tuxpinenu Powwow, April 6-7, 2019 Grand Entry Starts @ 1pm, Moscow, Idaho Kibbie Dome

TEMPORARY JOB

The Nez Perce Tribe General Council is currently seeking dependable, hardworking Tellers/Sergeant-At-Arms to assist with the 2019 Non Partisan Primary Election. Applicants must be an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe and age eighteen (18) years or older. College students and/or unemployed individuals preferred. You must be able to commit for the entire Election Day, Saturday - April 6, 2019 (6:30am-9pm approximately). Applications are available online at h t t p : / / b i t . l y / G C T e l l e r s A p p 2 0 1 9. Applications are also available at the three Tribal community centers and Human Resources Office. Deadline for Applications is Wednesday, March 27th, 2019 by 4:30PM. Applications can be submitted either in person, via email or US postage. Please submit all applications and a copy of two types of identification to Melissa King, Attn: General Council Tellers/Sgt. Arms OR mail to: General Council (Attn: Election Judges), P.O. Box 365, Lapwai, Idaho. For questions or inquiries, please contact Melissa King at 208-843-7307 or via email at melissak@nezperce.org.

2019 NPTEC Candidate Forum

March 28, 5:00-7:00, Clearwater River Casino Event Center Meal and Shirts or water bottle provided

Prairie River District Library (PRDL)

All eight Prairie River District Librariey (PRDL) branches will celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Week, March 18-22, with various activities. All PRDL locations, hours and events can be found at prdl.org. All events listed are free and open to the public.

Craigmont Library

now offer a Game/Craft Day from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. every Friday for people of all ages. Bring your favorite to share or play what the library owns. 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

offers Adult Game Day every Thursday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Bring your favorite or play the library’s games. Bring a friend! Thursday afternoons from 3:30-5 p.m. there is a free kids’ movie on the library’s 65” HDTV. 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 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. Writing Group will meet on March 12 at 4 p.m. to give feedback for pieces on the theme water. A new book club called “Open Books Open Minds” is forming to help us talk about hard topics like racism, gender discrimination, and more. The first meeting will be April 2 at 5 p.m. Contact the library with questions or suggestions. Preschool storyline 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 a volunteer playing wonderful acoustic guitar music most Friday afternoons from 4-5 p.m. Dena host Messy Mondays from 2-5 p.m. where she provides a messy art project for teens and adults. Stop in for free coffee and help finish the current puzzle. Follow Kooskia Library on Facebook and Instagram or call 208-926-4539 for info on programs and more.

Lapwai Library

has Random Acts of Kindness cards you can pick up for yourself or a friend (or a stranger). There’s a new free book sharing site in town with a Little Free Library located at the Pi Ne Waus Community Center. Gifted to the community through the “Impact Library” program and part of the worldwide network (littlefreelibrary.org), books here are free to take. Donations are also accepted. There is a flyer with more information inside the Lapwai Library at 103 N. Main. Contact Julie at 208-843-7254 for details or find the library on Facebook.

Nezperce Library

will offer an Adult Movie Night on Friday, March 22 at 7 p.m. Hors d’oeuvres will be served and the film The Book Club (rated PG-13) will be shown on the 65” HDTV. RSVP to the library to ensure enough food for all. Fiber Arts Group meets on March 13 at 5:30 p.m. Bring a project to share or get advice! Call 208-937-2458 for more information or find the library on Facebook.

Peck Library

has a makerspace for the kids, computers, and homework help that is tied into the school’s curriculum. The Peck Library now also enjoys Tunes on Tuesdays, as a few patrons are getting together to share and learn from one another. The guitar strumming is enjoyable, as is the banter about favorite songs and experiences. Call Doreen at 208-486-6161 for details.

Winchester Library

recently received a couple of great Lego sets donated by Airbridge Broadband. Along with other STEM gadgets like Snap Circuits and Ozobots, you can learn basic coding at the library. For more information, call Chris at 208-924-5164 or find the library on Facebook and Instagram.

Kamiah High School to Host Native Voices

Kamiah High School has been selected in a competitive application process to host Native Voices: Native Peoples’ Concepts of Health and Illness, a traveling exhibition. Native Voices explores the interconnectedness of wellness, illness and cultural life for Native Americans, Alaska Natives and Native People is tied to community, the land and spirit. Through interviews Native People describe the impact of epidemics, federal legislation, the loss of land, and the inhibition of culture on the health of Native individuals and communities today.

KHS is one of 104 grant recipients selected from across the country. KHS Library will host the traveling exhibition for a six-week loan during its tour of the United States from April 24th to June 6th 2019. "We are so pleased and honored to have been selected to host this fascinating exhibition” said Colleen Olive, KSD Library Services Coordinator. “We hope the Native People in our community will take pride in the event.”

Practiced Storytelling

Latíit’al | March
**TERO is Hiring**

Nez Perce Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is now seeking Tribal Members skilled in the following jobs for upcoming projects in 2019-2020:

- Asphalt Experienced Workers
- Rock crusher (w/stock piling experience)
- Guardrail Removal and Installation experience
- CDL (w/Medical Card and endorsements)
- Sign Removal and Installation
- Tree Planting
- Seedling Protection and Herbicide Applicator
- Laborers in Construction
- Laborers (w/ experience in MSE wall and gabion baskets)
- Lead Carpenters
- Carpenters
- Flaggers (w/ valid certification and current card)
- Concrete Finishers
- Heavy Equipment Operators (w/ at least 3 years of verifiable experience)
- Iron Workers (w/ certification)

Applicants must have a current 2019 Skills Bank Application with TERO and be signing in at least once a week for the type of work you are seeking. Must list experience and previous job duties, if you have a valid driver's license and all jobs require drug testing prior to employment. Must have a working contact phone number listed.

Training and Certification opportunities for Tribal Members who want to make a career in the construction field are available and are dedicated for personal growth in their chosen field. There will be opportunities for Certified Indian Businesses (CIB) who are approved by the Tribal Employment Rights Commission (TERC) for the Nez Perce Tribe and registered with the TERO office. Call (208) 843-7363 or stop by the TERO office.

**THANK YOU**

Since November NPTE with our new NPTE Recycling Committee push has recycled approximately 300 pounds of cans and 75 pounds of plastic. Thanks to all who have collected, sorted and cleaned the recyclables. Please join us as we continue to improve this process by removing caps and rinsing out cans and bottles.

**SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES**

One, two, three – Spring Break! Despite rain, snow or gloom of night, spring break occurs on March 25-29, 2019. Students for Success will sponsor classes throughout the week. Area youth are invited to attend any of the sessions. Students which successfully complete classes may attend an incentive trip to Planet 3 Extreme Air Park in Moscow (space is limited). For more information and questions, please contact Loraine at (208) 621-4612 or email: loraine@nezperce.org.

- * Monday, March 25, 10 a.m. - Self-Defense class in Lapwai
- * Tuesday, March 26, 10 a.m. – Self –Defense class in Kamiah.
- * Wednesday, March 27, 11 a.m. –Northwest Ball at the Lapwai B.I.A. Grounds/Figure 8
- * Thursday, March 28, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – LAPWAI, Gaff Hooks and Spears, Ttecukwenwees Training Center, Social Services Building
- * Thursday, March 28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - KAMIAH, Regalia Making (Continuation Class) at the SFS office
- * Friday, March 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – LAPWAI, Regalia Making (Continuation Class) at Ttecukwenwees, Social Services Building
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**BOOK REQUEST**

The Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School is requesting Books. A book (or books) about the Nez Perce Tribe’s history or culture, including works of literature written by and about tribal members. Titles of books that the school might purchase, would also be helpful.

The Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School was recently replaced after a long fight to receive funding for the dilapidated and unsafe school. The old school’s floors weren’t level, the sewage backed up, the tin walls and ceiling leaked so students had to wrap themselves in blankets during the cold winters.

The original library was the size of a closet with two shelves. The new library now has space for over 14,000 books! “I would love for the students, faculty, and community at Leech Lake to have access to a comprehensive collection of books about the history and culture of Native Americans, so that they can study the rich, proud history of America’s tribes,” stated Al Franken, Minnesota Senator.

You can mail books directly to the school’s Media Specialist, Laurie Jo Villwock. Her school number is 218-665-3000, extension 2139, or you may leave a message on her cell phone at 218-469-1686 if needed. Her email is LaVillwock@bbugschool.k12.mn.us. Her school address is 15353 Silver Eagle Drive, Bena, MN 56626.

**REMINDER**

JOIN US FOR OPEN GYM AT 360 GYMNASTICS
Monday, March 25, 2019- 10:am—12:pm
Sign Up TODAY!!!
there will be 11 spots available for transportation. There will be 8 spots for those who want to transport their own child. First come first serve. Parent must sign consent forms before transport. Please bring your own money for lunch or snacks.
Van will leave the Wa-A’Yas Community Center at 8:15am. Return will be between 2:30pm & 3:pm
Contact: Etta L. Axtell
Office: (208)621-3624
Cell: (208)935-5261

2019 Earth Day
Protect Our Species
Earth Day 2019

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
Lapwai Community Garden
@ Nimiipuu Health

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

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Monday, March 22, 2019 @1:30pm-3:30pm
Where: Tamarack Lanes-Kamiah
Contact: Etta L. Axtell
Email: ettaa@nezperce.org
Office: 208-621-3624 Cell: 208-935-5261

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MONDAY APRIL 1, 2019
9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM
BUSINESS IDEA GENERATION
LOCATION:
Wa-’A’Yas Community Center
401 Idaho Street Kamiah, Idaho 83536

Lunch and snacks provided!

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

REGISTER AT NATIVEBIZ.ORG

Nez Perce Tribe Water Resources Division
Solid Waste & Recycling Program
‘apaqa’ánn’ee ka’a ‘epeqilxímu’ wéetesne
Respect and take care of the earth.

You’re Invited: Lapwal Community Recycling Kickoff!

What?
Help us kick off our Lapwal Community Recycling Program!
Bring your cleaned and acceptable household recycling and have a hot dog. First twenty people to bring clean and acceptable household recycling get a free tee-shirt!

Where?
Lapwal, ID
Pi-Nee-Waus parking lot

When?
March 28
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Why?
Help us maintain the Nimiipuu tradition of respecting and caring for the Earth and our community!

‘apaqa’ánn’ee ka’a ‘epeqilxímu’ wéetesne

What Can You Recycle With Us?
- #1 and #2 Plastic bottles - empty & rinsed
- Aluminum cans - empty & rinsed
- Office paper, envelopes, catalogs & magazines
- Shredded paper - in clear plastic bags
- Newspaper
- Used printer/ink cartridges
- Used candles
- Cardboard - flattened
- Tin cans - empty & rinsed

Car batteries

Lunch & snacks provided!

LOCATION:
Wa-A’Yas Community Center
401 Idaho Street Kamiah, Idaho 83536

Lunch and snacks provided!

Indianpreneurship
A Native American Journey into Business

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

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

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Eligible voters may vote at any polling place, but will only be allowed to vote once.

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* Denotes incumbents

Seating:
- Seat 1
- Seat 2
- Seat 3

SILENT AUCTION* DANCING DINNER & SHOW

$30 per person* $300 VIP table for 8

Luau attire if desired

Clearwater River Casino Event 17500 Nez Perce Road
Lewiston, ID

For tickets please contact Social Services at 208-843-2463

You are invited to attend a LUAU for:

The 3rd annual Nez Perce Tribe’s Children’s Home Banquet

Friday, April 12, 2019 6PM

Hosted by:
LHS student Tui Moliga for his Sr Project

Ta’c Mey Wii. My name is Louis “Louie” Harris. My parents are the late Carlos Harris & Mollie Cline (Ellenwood). My maternal grandparents are the late Richard Ellenwood Sr. & Freida Ellenwood (Hayes); Nez Perce tribal members. My paternal grandparents are the late Raymond James Harris Sr. & the late Amy Writing Bird. My family includes my spouse, Jessica Ford and our four children Michael, Jaycee & Lakollahin Harris; Nez Perce tribal members and our expected child.

I am currently running for Seat 3 for NPTEC.

Some of the visions for the tribe I would like to implement include:

- Youth. Leadership, empowerment, mentorship, educational opportunities, positive recreational activities.
- Drug/Alcohol Prevention & Recovery. Prevention education, support groups, resources, recovery supports, substance-free activities.
- Elder Advocacy. Resource development & supports.
- Cultural Preservation. Horse program(s), language, ceremonies/prayer, traditional medicines/foods, hunting/fishing/gathering.
- Law & Order Code Revision.

Please feel free to contact me at (208) 848-6166 or email me at LouisHarris2012@gmail.com
ANNOUNCEMENTS

STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS has limited scholarships for interested Native Youth, 8-12th grade, to attend the IDFY summit.

Please contact Abraham Broncheau, as soon as possible, for more information, (208) 621-4613, abeb@nezperce.org.
NELLY
April 13th & April 14th

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SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH • 7:00PM

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1pm-6pm
March 24th & 31st

Spring Fever Machine Tournament
Signups 5pm, Start 7pm
EVERY THURSDAY IN MARCH!
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2nd - $500
3rd - $250
4th - $100
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