Nez Perce Tourism Celebrates Grand Opening

The Lewis-Clark Discovery Center hosted the grand opening celebration for Nez Perce Tourism on Friday, March 29, 2019. The event had a traditional ribbon cutting and hosted drummers, dancers, and cultural experts who told stories about the Nimiipuu culture.

Nez Perce Tourism was created with approval and blessings of tribal elders. It will be a way to keep the community updated on events involving Nez Perce and provide a way to help visitors learn about Nimiipuu culture from tribal members.

Stacia Morfin, CEO of Nez Perce Tourism, is set to open this spring and summer with jet boat tours and three-day historical tours around the region. Morfin was aided by several local tourism establishments to move forward a little more than a year ago.

“I am proud to say tourism is not new to our nation. Historically, and from this day forward, people will be reminded that we have and always will be known for our vast connection to the land in which we originated from,” Morfin said, “guiding and sharing our wisdom is in our DNA. I am privileged to witness our ancestors moving. I know with my whole heart they are the drivers of Nez Perce Tourism, anyone who was at the opening ceremony could feel it.” For more information, you can visit Nez Perce Tourism on facebook, or visit nezperctourism.com.
### CULTURAL

#### Nimipuutímtki- The People’s Language
(Nee-mee-poo-timt-key)

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**NIMIIPUU TRIBAL TRIBUNE**

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**The Nez Perce Tribe**
Nez Perce Language Department

**presents**

**Adult Language Circles**

Every other Wednesday starting March 6, 2019
6 pm to 7 pm
Wa-A’Yas Community Center Kitchen Hall

This is an introduction course into learning how to speak Nimipuutímt (Nez Perce Language). Everyone is welcome to attend!

For more information contact Stella Penney at (208)494-4232 or email stellap@nezperce.org

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Qeqiit’áal | April
Titwáatit (Story): Blast From the Past “A Journey of Man & Salmon”

The following piece was written by Art Broncheau. This Spring marks the 10-year anniversary of its publication in the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service’s ‘Eddies: Reflection on Fisheries Conservation’. Art is a current Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Member, and previously worked as a Fish Culturalist at the Kooskia National Fish Hatchery on the Clearwater River.

My grandmother used to tell me, “Always remember where you come from, because if you forget - you will get lost.” My life has been like that of the salmon - I knew I was supposed to live in another place, but along the way I got lost in a dark ocean. If I was to survive, I needed to find my true home. But it was a long and hazardous journey.

I am Nimi’ipuu ... a Nez Perce. I was born and raised on the Oregon Umatilla Reservation. I learned the importance of salmon to the Nez Perce people from my grandfather and uncles by fishing on the Columbia River at the historic Celilo Falls. The Dalles Dam flooded that place in 1957. Monuments there now mark the inundated villages, the gathering places and the lost way of life. I remember the aroma of the fish, the sounds of roaring falls and the busy camps where hundreds of Indian families from different tribes came and fished. I often started school a month late because of our traditional cycles of salmon fishing, huckleberry gathering, and deer hunting.

My mother - also Nimi’ipuu - shared with me stories of her childhood in the Clearwater River region of Idaho, about the Nez Perce culture, my family history, and our traditions. After high school, I continued my education in Kansas, and then moved to San Francisco in 1967. In two years there, I experienced a very different world of discordant political groups, war protests, hippies and First Amendment free-speech exercised. Much of the time I felt like I was swimming around, not belonging to any one group or movement. Like the young salmon in the sea, I was unaware at the time that I was growing and learning from these experiences, being nurtured and surviving. Yet these were some of the darkest years of my life. Many of my "brother fish" didn’t survive their journey, and those who did wear deep scars, much like the battered adult salmon returning from their ocean life today. I knew I had to swim out of this ocean and find a better world. I needed to find my home, my mother’s birthplace on the Clearwater River.

On my way home, I stopped once again to continue my schooling, as I had promised my grandmother years before. I entered the University of Oregon, earning a degree in sociology. I also had a baby girl to care for, which gave my life new purpose. I worked as a counselor and social worker because I felt it was my turn to help others, after having others pity and help me through my journey. Little did I know that my social work was preparing me for work in fisheries conservation.

The final bend in the river of my homeward journey began in 1997 when I came to work in Idaho as a field tech with the Nez Perce Tribal Fisheries Department. A year later, I transferred to the Coho Restoration Project on the Clearwater River, first at Idaho Fish and Game Department’s Clearwater Hatchery, and then across the river at Dworshak National Fish Hatchery. Coho salmon had been declared extirpated from Idaho in 1986, and the Nez Perce Tribe wanted to bring these fish back. Salmon are sacred and salmon mean life for the Nez Perce people - if we lose them, we are lost as a people, a nation. This was our chance now to help the fish find their own way home. A cooperative agreement with the Nez Perce Tribe and Dworshak National Fish Hatchery makes possible the training of tribal fish culturists to rear coho salmon. The fish taught us a lot those first years. I figured if I could find my way back to the Clearwater after so many years away in the ocean, maybe the coho had a chance to come back home, too.

Through the Snake River Basin Adjudication of 2007, the Nez Perce Tribe assumed management of the Kooskia National Fish Hatchery. I finally reached my home here last spring after a long journey. Kooskia National Fish Hatchery sits on the site of the historic Chief Looking Glass village. In the 1870’s hundreds of Nimi’ipuu lived peacefully here to avoid conflicts with the U.S. Army. Just as Chief Looking Glass kept his people safe, it is my job now to keep the young salmon safe. I pray to the Creator daily for strength in my legs, arms, and mind and for good health so that I can do my job well. When I’m at work on the ponds, I listen to the whispering winds in the trees. I look to the hills above the hatchery and hope the ancient ones are proud of what I’m doing to conserve our fisheries and preserve our Nez Perce past.

To me, the future of the coho salmon is full of hope. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Nez Perce Tribe work well together for the future of fisheries in the Clearwater Basin. The trays inside Kooskia National Fish Hatchery are filled with fertile eggs in the fall, hatching salmon fry in the winter, and outside the ponds are full of smolts preparing for their own long journey to the ocean in the spring. My purpose now is to keep the fish cycle connected with nature for as long as I can.

I have come full-circle in my own life’s journey, and like the fish spawning the next generation in the streams, I have years of knowledge for younger generations to learn. In conserving coho salmon, I can slow down. Think. Live. Like my grandmother told me to, I never forgot where I came from, it just took me a little longer to find my way home.
A Night at the Oscars Recognizes Nez Perce Tribe Staff

The Nez Perce Tribe (NPT) Executive Director’s office organized an employee banquet on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the Clearwater River Casino. This year’s theme was ‘A Night at the Oscars’. It was an evening of delicious food, employee recognition, and many laughs.

John Williamson, NPT Police Department Administrative Sergeant, was the official MC for the occasion. The MC introduced and welcomed different folks to the stage to present awards to the recipients. Awardees were then able to give a short speech, accepting their plaque.

The employee banquet was once an annual occasion, but has not occurred in about 12 years. “We used to do this all the time and people loved getting dressed up and spending time together so we decided it was time to bring it back,” stated Rebecca Miles, NPT Executive Director.

The event was organized by a team of NPT staff, who did an excellent job of making all the arrangements. They also collaborated with Lapwai High School seniors to have the event in conjunction with senior project: Adult Prom. All were invited including staff, family, friends, and community members.

NPT staff had an opportunity to nominate NPT employees for each award. Afterward, nominees were collected and the three employees that received the most nominations were placed on the ballot. Staff were then able to cast their vote for the nominee they felt was most deserving. “This is another fun way for us to recognize our awesome employees,” said Miles.

Awardee:

- Roberta Bisee- Pinnacle Award
- Tarcia Moliga- Calmer of Storms Award
- Carl East- Consider It Done Award
- Danee Wilson- Ripple Effect Award
- Anthony Bronchear- “One More Thing” Award
- Dawn Big Han- Rock Star Rookie Award
- Pauline Bisee- Team Awesome Award
- Jim Matuska- Wikipedia Award
- Kaylori Scott- Energizer Bunny Award
- Shannon Wheeler- Tackety-Tack Award
- Cody Hoss- MacGyver Award
- Frank Waasus- It’s 5 O’clock Somewhere Award
- Aqua Greens- Loch Ness Award
- Mark Wilson- Running With The Bulls Award
- John Williamson- Houdini Award
- Bobby Parrish- Duct Tape Award

NMPH Fitness Center Wellness Program

April Fitness Activities

**MONDAYS**

**TUESDAYS**

**WEDNESDAYS**

**THURSDAYS**

**Circuit Training**

12:10—12:50

Location TBA

RESTORATIVE YOGA

5:30—6:15

NMPH Fitness Center

**Circuit Training**

12:10—12:50

Location TBA

SPIN WITH CARA*

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NMPH Fitness Center

For more info, contact Wendy at 843-2271 x 2847

Bikes available for check out at 1:30pm
Mon.—Thurs.
Must sign waiver!

Ask about April Million Mile Fitness Challenge!

Please note:
Circuit Training class will not be available Thursday, April 11th.
Since December the Pi-Nee-Waus and Wa-A’Yas community centers have been under construction, while a remodeling project has been underway on the restrooms and locker rooms. Updates on the facilities have not been made since the community centers were constructed back in the 1960’s.

As with any project, there have been some hiccups causing delays but your patience is greatly appreciated. Overall the work is progressing and the project is still set to have the Wa-A’Yas restrooms available for use during 2019 General Council May 2-4, 2019. Additionally, the delay has not increased the cost for the project.

This project will rebuild interior walls, ceiling, finishes, plumbing, HVAC, and electrical. It will also be bringing the restrooms up to date with ADA requirements. This includes handicap accessibility and family restrooms with a baby changing station. Work is being completed by the National Native American Construction (NNAC) company. Josh Walker is the project manager for NNAC, collaborating with Ann McCormack, the project manager for the Nez Perce Tribe. Mike Walker is the site supervisor in Lapwai, Frank Schmitz is the site supervisor in Kamiah, and the project designer is Dan Whitaker with Womer & Associates out of Spokane, WA. “The company has been very cooperative with the entire project,” stated Terry Kinder, Nez Perce Tribe construction planner and contact person for this project. NNAC is a Native American owned business. The company has worked on several projects for the Tribe and on the reservation. For this project in particular, they have utilized TERO and created over 1500 hours of work at the TERO prevailing wage. This project has been fully funded by the Nez Perce Tribe, with SRBA funding. The anticipated complete wrap up of the project, will be at the end of April 2019.

On February 15, 2019 the transaction was completed for the Nez Perce Tribe’s purchase of the Little Village Mobile Home Court in Lapwai. Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority (NPTH) will manage and oversee the two-acre property, and they have big plans. The first step with this property is clean up and trailer removal. Most of the trailers are outdated and are not considered livable. There is also vegetation overgrowth, and tree removal will need to occur. This process will be completed in phases in order to help relocate current tenants. It is anticipated to begin at the end of April 2019. NPTH is working closely with multiple tribal departments to assess housing needs in the area. Knowing of the vast needs, the primary focus will be on creating an environment of safe and sober living. “We are excited to be working with so many partners and the anticipated services that will be available following the completion of this project," stated Laurie Ann Cloud, NPTH Executive Director. There are different ideas that are being discussed amongst the planning team; NPTH, Uuyit Kimit (New Beginnings), TANF, Veterans Office, Child Protection Services, Adult Protection, Healing to Wellness Court, and Nimiipuu Health Behavioral Health. Some thoughts are new manufactured home lots, rental apartments, supportive housing apartments, or tiny homes. Either way, there is a lot of potential and the team is determined to make this project a priority.
Rip City Nation Honors & Represents Lapwai’s Past

The Rip City Nation basketball team has been successfully representing the Lapwai community and Nez Perce Tribe since 2014. The Team consists of two groups of players; the older group, ranging from 12-14 years of age, and the younger group, 8-12 years of age. They participate in almost all local tournaments and are traveling all over Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and even Nevada. The players on both Rip City Nation teams have all grown up together, on and off of the court.

When asked how many games Rip City Nation has won, coach Ada McCormack-Marks stated she honestly has no clue, “...not even a ballpark answer because we have never kept track.” The two teams have been excelling over the years, and their losses make them work even harder. Though they play in some big tournaments, the players enjoy playing in “rez tourneys” the most.

Lauren Gould, who has played for Coach McCormack-Marks since her first practice, says she enjoys playing with her friends and calling them teammates. “Representing Lapwai is important,” said Gould, “It is something we are always reminded about from our parents, coach, and community because we are proud to be Nez Perce.” Her current goal, is to make the varsity team as a freshman at Lapwai High School, and to win the banner for the Idaho State Championship.

Jordyn McCormack-Marks, says her family keeps her motivated to have a good attitude and give her full effort each game. When her team wins’ tournaments, she is proud of everyone. Jordyn looks up to her mom and would like to give a shout out to her parents who coach her, her grandma and Pooks for always supporting her and her sisters, and her teammates for being a part of Rip City Nation.

Skylin Parrish says she loves to play basketball and hopes the Lapwai community is proud of her and the Rip City Nation team, because they are all doing good things. Parrish feels like her team is able to bond and connect tightly which makes them play together as one. She would like to thank the community for cheering loud and proud for the team, and Ada and Chad for teaching the Rip City Nation team new things when they could be doing other stuff.

Rip City Nation’s newest addition, Ama Creutzberg was asked by Coach McCormack-Marks to play Boys and Girls Club when she was ten years old. “My first practice was so hard, I was nervous,” she said, “but I wanted to keep playing because my teammates were welcoming and my coach had patience to help me get better.” Creutzberg’s whole family supports her, but her Tutu’s encourage her the most. “I feel proud to represent this community,” she said, “I am proud to call my teammates my friends, and my friends my teammates. They have all helped me get better.” Both Rip City Nation teams recently won the Washington Basketball Championship Tournament in Spokane, WA on March 15-17; staying at the top of their brackets and remaining undefeated. The following week, the players adjusted from AAU State basketball to “rez ball”, with their most recent tournament.

Rip City Nation traveled to Pendleton, OR during spring break to compete with other Natives in a tournament that promotes Basketball Against Alcohol & Drugs (B.A.A.D). Both teams came out on top. For the older team, Soa Moliga and Kendall Wallace each received All-Star awards, and Jordyn McCormack-Marks earned the MVP award. For the younger team, Skylin Parrish and Lexi Villavicencio received All-Star awards, and Jaelyn McCormack-Marks earned MVP. Rip City Nation now focuses...
on their next tournament, their big hometown tour-
ney, Play in Your Moccasins.

Over the years, the
team has changed their
name from Lapwai to Rip
City. Adding "Nation" to the
name, was about carrying
on a legacy left behind by
Coach McCormack-Marks'
grandpa, Esky McCormack.
Nez Perce Nation was a
traveling basketball team,
started in the 1950’s by
coach McCormack-Marks’
great-grandpa, Harry Pete
Fox McCormack. On the
first team, Nez Perce Nation
players such as Lee Roy
Seth, Charley Taylor, Art
Reuben, Gary Broncheau,
Kenny Broncheau, Badge,
Cal Wilson, Ed Madsen, and
Jimmy Arthur, just to name
a few. On the younger Nez
Perce Nation team, there
were players such as Josh
Leighton Jr, Felix McGo-
wren, David “DC” Cunning-
ham Jr, Johnson Leighton,
James “Jambo” Matheny,
Littlefoot Ellenwood, Bob
Sobotta Jr, Greg “Spoon” Jose, Mike “Spider” Leslie,
and Gem “Kota” Leighton.
“i grew up watching my
grandpa bring his team all
over the Indian basketball
circuit,” said Coach McCor-
mack-Marks, “I wanted my
girls to have something of
their grandpa to always be
with them.” Before Rip City
Nation’s games, they all yell
"Nation!” just like the guys
did for Nez Perce Nation.

McCormack-Marks
would like to thank her
husband for being a great
supporter through all of her
coaching years. “I know it
hasn’t been an easy task,
me not being home until
late during game nights,
or being away on week-
ends throughout the year,”
coach McCormack-Marks
said, “but he makes it so
much easier for me to do
something i am passion-
ate about.” Coach McCor-
mack-Marks would also
like to thank her mom and
grandma for supporting
their granddaughters and
traveling all over with them.

Shout out to all of
the Rip City Nation girls
and their families for be-
ing a part of the journey,
“I hope they have enjoyed
the ride just as much as I
have and I can’t wait to see
what the future holds for
all these girls,” coach Mc-
cormack-Marks concluded.
North Idaho College Cardinals - 2019 NWAC Champions

Congratulations freshman Emmit (Mitaat) Taylor III, 2nd Team All Conference

Congratulations Koyama Young
Spokane Community College
Freshman of the Year & 2nd Team
2019 Sleeping Chief Shootout Champions

50 and Over Champions: Nations

40 and Over Champions: Webb City

Young Men’s Champions: Lapwai

Women’s Champions: Butterflies

Nimiipuu 2019 Golf League

Every Thursday!

Thursday, April 11, 2019
At 5:15 p.m.

League Play every Thursday (except July 4th) from April 11 thru August 8, 2019 (Start time will change to 5:30 p.m. in May).

NEW Location: Clarkston Golf & Country Club (now owned by the Nez Perce Tribe)

$60 per 4-Man team or $15 individual
Registration and Warm up game April 11, 2019!

We welcome individual players who would like to join a team or sign up as a substitute player.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS & HAVE SOME FUN!

Weekly $20 Long putt & KP awards.

For registration form or more information: Dean Cloud 790-7093
Debra Kipp 799-2181
Laurie Ann Cloud 790-3664

Lapwai Alumni Basketball Game
Proceeds go to Garret Leighton Scholarship Fund

When: April 17, 2019
Where: Lapwai High School Gym
Time: Women 6:00 PM
Men 7:30 PM
Admission: By Donation

Please Pre-Register by April 8th, 2019

Kendall Leighton’s Senior Project
★ $10 Player Fee ★ Raffle ★ Shirts $20 ★ Concessions
Two Lapwai High School Seniors organized an ‘Adult Prom’ for their senior project. The event took place on March 23, 2019 at the Clearwater River Casino. This year’s theme was NightLightz and featured an assortment of music, spanning across the decades, and unique lighting on the dance floor. The night primarily consisted of dancing. As folks arrived they were completely dressed for the occasion. Some couples went all out with a tux and gown, corsage and boutonniere, and even unique prom-posa-l stories. Of course, the night could not be complete without selecting a prom King and Queen.

Congratulations to Randy and Hattie Brown on being selected as the 2019 Adult Prom King and Queen. Prom prince and princess, and prom court were also awarded. The selection was completely random, with each guest entering their name into a drawing. Following selection, prom royalty shared a special dance just for them.

Kelani Smith, daughter of Antonio and Vestal Smith, and Jaylie Hillman, daughter of Jared and Kelly Hillman, decided to plan the event in an effort to raise funds for Business Professionals of America. The final total of funds raised has not yet been determined, but door sales alone were around $800. They also were taking photos and had a small charge for prints. Overall it was a success and attendees are looking forward to, hopefully, next year’s prom.
On Thursday, March 28th the Nez Perce Tribe Solid Waste and Recycling Program hosted the Lapwai Community Recycling Kickoff. The program partnered with the Nez Perce Tribal Police Department to bring recycling accessibility and lunch to participants. This event was the kickoff to a month long event of recycling. The Solid Waste and Recycling Program will have recycling receptacles from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. in the Pi-Nee-Waus parking lot on April 11th and April 25th. Please save your items and bring them by! Acceptable recyclable items include #1 and #2 plastic bottles, empty and rinsed; aluminum cans, empty and rinsed; office paper; envelopes; catalogs; magazines; shredded paper; newspaper; used printer/ink cartridges; used candles; cardboard, flattened; tine cans, empty and rinsed; and car batteries. A special thank you to tribal police for cooking!
Making Learning Fun for Parents & Children

The Kamiah Mamáy’asnim Hitéemenwees (Head Start) Family Engagement Team, in collaboration with the Nez Perce Tribe State Tribal Education Partnership (STEP) Program, recently hosted a Family Learning Series Training called "Ready Here I Come (Pre-K)." The Academic Development Institute in Lincoln and East St. Louis, IL, developed the curriculum. The training is designed to help parents and families support their children's education at home and school. It also improves a pre-K child's readiness for Kindergarten. The class made learning fun for everyone! Participants learned skills within the context of play, everyday tasks, and preparation for school. "Congratulations Kamiah Mamáy’asnim Hitéemenwees for your participation, commitment and dedication to complete the series," said Tess Woodward, STEP Family Engagement Specialist. "Working with the staff and families made the training fun and rewarding. Qe’ci Yew’Yew!" The Kamiah participants who completed all three (3) workshops, facilitated by Tess Woodward, include Sapsis Moses (Teacher), Carmen Bullock (Parent), Perry Green (Teacher), Stella Penney (Parent), Lonnie Sammaripa, Jr. (Parent), Deleane McGowen (Community Member), Alethia Oatman (Staff), and Veda Pfefferkorn (Administration).

The Nez Perce STEP Program works with Family Engagement teams at Kamiah and Lapwai public schools and Head Start programs. The Family Learning Series covers topics to help families improve the education of their children in Pre-K, K-3, and K-12 grades. Similar Family Learning Series classes were offered at Lapwai Mamáy’asnim Hitéemenwees and Lapwai Elementary School. Upcoming sessions are being finalized with the Kamiah School District.

If you are interested in hosting a Family Learning Series or joining a Family Engagement team in Kamiah and Lapwai, please contact Tess Woodward at (208) 621-4704. Qe’ci Yew’Yew

Tribe Purchases Zims Hot Springs

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"This is an exciting opportunity for the Tribe. As the original people of this land, the Hot Springs and the entire area are an important part of our culture and history. In addition to the Tribe’s Fisheries and Wildlife Departments in McCall, we look forward to continuing our stewardship in the area through management of this wonderful amenity," commented Shannon Wheeler, Nez Perce Tribe Executive Committee Chairman.

Dixon noted that his dad purchased the Hot Springs in 1976 and the family has been running it ever since. It features two outdoor pools fed by natural mineral water from an artesian well, cooled by the waters of the Little Salmon River. The pools are open year-round. The property also features a lodge, RV park, and campsites. "Thanks for the business after all these years and we want to wish the Tribe luck," stated Dixon.

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Qe’ci Yew’Yew

There are roughly two million women veterans, making up ten percent of the veteran population and growing. Yet they continue to face significant barriers and challenges in accessing health care and other services, while experiencing a lack of recognition. The I Am Not Invisible (IANI) project, developed in Oregon, aims to increase awareness and dialogue about women veterans, and open viewers’ eyes to the myriad contributions, needs, and experiences of women who have served in the military. In support of Women’s History Month 2018, this virtual IANI exhibit celebrates and honors women veterans who are still serving – all of the participants are VA Central Office employees.

WE ARE NOT INVISIBLE

WE ARE ROUGHLY 2 MILLION STRONG.
WE ARE MOTHERS, SISTERS, FRIENDS, PARTNERS, AND WIVES.
WE ARE ADVOCATES, BOSSES, STUDENTS, AND SURVIVORS.
WE ARE ALL ERAS AND BRANCHES OF SERVICE.
WE ARE WOMEN. WE ARE VETERANS.
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Seats**

**SATURDAY APRIL 6TH, 2019**

**Polling Stations Open: 7:00AM – 6:00PM**
- Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center in Lapwai, ID
- Teweeppu Community Center in Orofino, Idaho
- Wa-A’Yas Community Center in Kamiah, Idaho

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**Vote Sam Penney**

Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee

POSITION 3

- Leadership/Experience/Commitment
- Decisions made from integrity, honesty, and experience
- Supports educational and job opportunities
- Will protect and promote the interests of the Nez Perce Tribe.
- Hold U.S. Federal Government accountable to uphold it’s federal trust responsibility

“Let my experience work for you”

NPTEC Primary Election Saturday April 6th, 2019

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**Final Listing**

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**Seat 1**

- * Liz Arthur– Attao
- Christi Lussoro

**Seat 2**

- * Shannon Wheeler
- Quintin Ellenwood
- Leslie Randall

**Seat 3**

- *Arthur Broncheau
- Douglas Delorme
- Samuel Penney
- Louis Harris

Read candidates biographies online at [http://nezperce.org/government/general-council/](http://nezperce.org/government/general-council/)

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Let’s work together, Now! Ask yourself, "What can the Tribe do for me?" and then ask yourself, "What can I do for the Tribe?" Vote! Voting is a process to elect your leadership and a way of supporting your leaders. I’m asking for your support by voting. With compassion and hard work I will fight for our treaty rights and continue to protect our sovereignty. Together, this can be done. Qe’ciyéw’yew, Qe’ciyéw’yew, Qe’ciyéw’yew, Qe’ciyéw’yew

Yox Kalo! Arthur M. Broncheau
## TERo Job Announcements

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 may be 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.

## Prairie River District Library (PRDL)

All PRDL locations, hours and events can be found at prdl.org.

- **Craigmont Library** hosts a game and crafting day every Friday for all ages. Call 208-924-5510 for more info or find the library on Facebook and Instagram.

- **Culdesac Library** offers Adult Games on Thursdays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Bring a friend and play cards, dice, board, or other games. A free kids' movie is shown weekly on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. and popcorn is provided. All ages are welcome. Call Lynda at 208-843-5215 for more information on the library's programs.

- **Kamiah Library** has a new book club tackling hard topics called Open Minds Open Books. At the first meeting on April 2 at 5 p.m., books on compassion will be available to borrow and future topics will be discussed. Bring a finger food or appetizer to share if you like. Preschool story time continues on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. each Friday. April 9 is the next Writing Group meeting at 4 p.m. Follow Kamiah Library on Facebook and Instagram or call April at 208-937-2458 for more information on the library's programs.

- **Lapwai Library** is planning an Open Mic Night for next month! Contact Julie at 208-843-7254 for details or find the library on Facebook. Nezperce Library hosted a Movie Night for Adults on March 22 and attendees enjoyed a selection of hors d’oeuvres during the film. On April 2 at 7 p.m. the book club will meet to discuss My Name is Mary Sutter by Robin Oliveira. April 10 at 6:30 the Fiber Arts & Folk Crafts people will meet and show off their projects. Call Terra at 208-937-2458 for more info 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. Call Doreen at 486-6161 for details.

- **Winchester Library** has homework help available for kids who come in after school. On Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Ladies Coffee Time meets at the library for socializing. There are a variety of STEM gadgets at the library including Snap Circuits and an Ozobot for people of all ages to get hands-on experience with technology. The library is also on Facebook or call Chris at 208-924-5164 for more info.

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### MILLION MILE CHALLENGE

**WHEN**
April 1st to April 30th, 2019

**WHERE**
www.HealthCode.org / events

REGISTER UNDER THE “BRONZE” OPTION—make a donation for $20—this challenge is free. • enter your email & create a password • enter your info then scroll the groups option for Nimiipuu Health/Nez Perce Tribe • Click • You’re in the challenge!

**PRIZES**

- Over 25% of Native Americans smoke. That’s more than any other race or ethnicity in the U.S.

**ALL AGES EVENT**

**IT’S FREE**

You can donate if you want when you register but you don't have to.

**CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR ALL THE DETAILS**

**GET SOCIAL**
Share your activities on social media
Follow the leaderboards to see our group’s progress

**USE YOUR FITBIT OR MAPMYFITNESS APP**

CONTACT WENDY STRACK AT WENDY@NIMIIPUU.ORG FOR MORE INFO!
CRITFC Job Announcements

**Victim Assistance Advocate/Coordinator,**
Regular, Full-time

**Job Summary/Primary Responsibility:** This position provides immediate on call assistance and follow up support to victims of all types of crimes. This advocate position ensures that victims understand the criminal justice process and have access to all services available through the CRITFC Victim Assistance Program and various federal, tribal, state and local victim’s assistance programs. This position is the primary on-call advocate for victim needs related to CRITFC enforcement matters. Advocates for culturally based services, including information and referral services. This Advocate position in the justice system of this police department is not entitled to advocate/client confidentiality and privilege. Job Requirements/Qualifications: Bachelor’s Degree in criminal justice, criminology, social work, sociology, Native American studies, psychology, public administration, or victim assistance advocate work experience equivalency. Starting salary range of $51,244-$54,659 (CRITFC scale of GS9/1 to GS9/3; DOQ). Closing date: May 3, 2019. Employment application and full job announcement located at: https://www.critfc.org/blog/jobs/victim-assistance-advocate-coordinator/

**Genomics Researcher,**
Full-Time, Regular,
Non-Exempt

**Job Summary:** We are seeking to fill the position of Genomics Researcher. This position is part of CRITFC’s Fishery Science Department, but will be located within the genomics group at the Hagerman Fish Culture Experiment Station in Hagerman, ID. This research group is involved in testing conservation, evolution, and ecological theories related to salmonids and other fishes. The Genomics Researcher will work under the Lead Geneticist and Lab Managers, in association with CRITFC geneticists and other technicians, as well as staff of the Fishery Science Department in Portland, OR. Efforts will focus on applying empirical genetics/genomics data to address questions related to conservation and recovery of steelhead, Chinook, sockeye, and coho salmon, sturgeon, lamprey, and other fishes of the Columbia River Basin. Desirable Qualifications: Previous laboratory experience with molecular techniques (e.g., PCR). Experience with database imports, exports, and queries. Knowledge of genomics and next generation sequencing.

Starting salary range of $39,738-$45,034 (CRITFC scale of GS7/1 to GS7/5; DOQ). Closing date: May 7, 2019. Employment application and full job announcement located at: https://www.critfc.org/blog/jobs/genomics-researcher/

**Fishery Technician III,**
Full-Time, Regular,
Non-Exempt

**Job Summary:** The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission assists four tribes in the co-management of their treaty rights within the Columbia River Basin. The position offered is associated with the Commission’s Fish Science and Management Departments. These departments are engaged in several investigations of salmon abundance and distribution, salmon predation, salmon and sturgeon production, sturgeon abundance and distribution, and invasive species management and research within the Columbia River Basin. Specific projects include, but are not limited to, sea lion hazing, Hanford fall Chinook tagging, invasive species monitoring, parental based tagging, and sturgeon monitoring and research. The Fishery Technician will be responsible for collecting a variety of biological data and samples for these projects under field and lab conditions and will be required to work with other agencies. Work locations vary throughout the Columbia River Basin.

**Closing Date:** April 30, 2019. Employment application and full job announcement located at: https://www.critfc.org/blog/jobs/fishery-technician-iii-4/
Pinwheel Parade
April 26th, 2019

- All are encouraged to come up with a creative way to join us in 3rd Annual Pinwheel Parade/Community Demonstration to take a stand against Child Abuse/Neglect/Drug Endangerment.
- Nez Perce Tribe Law Enforcement will escort students and staff from Lapwai Elementary School to Lapwai City Park.
- Lineup begins at 11:30 in the Elementary School parking lot.

2019 Earth Day

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

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT REBECCA LEHRER (208-790-2965)

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

Saturday, April 13th
10:00am - 2:00pm
Pi-Nee-Wass Community Center

Painting Positive Affirmations for Community & Youth Empowerment!

All Painting Supplies Provided! Posters will be put up in the community
FREE LUNCH & DRINKS

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新兴药物趋势
及药物鉴定课程

时间：4月29日 星期一
地点：NMPH 大会议厅

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month
Lapwai High School presents “Designs by Della”

FASHION SHOW

APRIL 15, 2019
LAPWAI HIGH SCHOOL GYM
TIME: 7:00 TO 8:30 PM

Admission $5.00
Proceeds go to the Lapwai Branch Boy’s & Girl’s Club (Donations accepted)

We would like to have 10 to 15 models for the show. If you are interested, contact Chloe Thompson by April 8th. (Email your age, measurements, height & weight.)

If you are a Designer and want to showcase any of your designs, (clothes or beadwork) please contact me.

Chloe’s Senior Project

Please contact me if you are interested in walking, showcasing Designs, or Volunteering.

chloenthompson00@gmail.com or (208)553-9195

Lapwai High School Gym
Time: 7:00 to 8:30 pm
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEZ PERCE TRIBE**

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING

ALL NEZ PERCE TRIBAL MEMBERS WELCOME TO ATTEND!

**APRIL 8th, 2019: FWC Office 5:00PM**

**APRIL 22nd, 2019: FWC Office 5:00PM**

Contact: Nancy McAllaster - Staff Member
208-843-9375 | nancy.mc@nezperce.org

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION (FWC) OFFICE: 315 B Street, Lapwai, ID 83540

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**NASA Regional Challenge**

July 15th – 16th, 2019

University of Idaho – Memorial Gym

Middle/high school teams compete with drones and robots to win trip to NASA’s Johnson Space Center, August 5th-7th, 2019

FREE lodging and meals. Stipends available.

More details and registration: https://nwessp.org/apollo50/hubs/idaho/
Priority registration April 15

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**Positive Indian Parenting**

Attention Parents!
Interactive Parenting Class that are specific to Native Americans!
COME LEARN & HAVE FUN! BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROVIDED!!

When: Friday, April 5, 2019
Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm
Location: Teecukenwees (271 B St. Lapwai, ID)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Contact: stemaccess@uidaho.edu
(208) 843-5819

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**LHS student Tui Moliga for his Sr Project**

**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

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**Qeqiit’aal | April**
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Nelly Night Out
NMPH Scholarship Committee Raffle

Concert Raffle
$5 Per Ticket or 6 Tickets for $25
(2) $50 Nelly Concert Tickets
(2) $25 Meal Coupons

Drawing at 12PM on 04/12/2019

Proceeds benefit the Nimipuu Health Scholarship fund—a fund that promotes members of Indigenous Nations to pursue careers in the health field. To purchase your raffle ticket(s), please contact the NMPH Community Health Department or call (208)843-2271.

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